



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Finance & Administration Council Committee

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Tuesday, November 3, 2009

6:15 PM

Huntington Building

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### Special Called Meeting

#### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

**Present** 5 - Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

#### 2. New Business

**RES-09:183**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE, YEAR 14 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2010 ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [Coun.Com.-Res.-Table](#)  
[2010 ACTION PLAN](#)

*Community Development Director Gayle Vickers explained most of the projects are the same as the previous 4 years, but 3 new projects was added for 2010. She added the new projects are Land Acquisition, Property Disposition/Maintenance and Economic Development Pilot Program. She also discussed each new project.*

*Ms. Vickers explained she will present the Neighborhood Revitalization Project at the next City Council meeting. She noted the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and HUD will also be present at the meeting.*

*Councilman Hargis inquired if the City receives the same amount of funds from HUD each year. Ms. Vickers answered yes due to the City being classified as an entitlement City. She noted the funds are governed by HUD.*

*Councilman Hargis asked if other cities receive more money due to their quality of life being lower. Ms. Vickers answered it is a combination of factors, which includes the number of low income citizens in each city.*

*Councilman John Street moved, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this resolution be sent to the City Council meeting on November 17. All voted aye.*

*Ms. Vickers asked if this resolution could be placed on tonight's Council agenda because the due date for the grant is November 15. She added she could request a 3 day extension if needed.*

*Mayor Perrin inquired if this resolution needs to go before the Finance Committee. Ms. Vickers answered this is her Finance Committee meeting.*

Councilman Hargis inquired if the grant's funding would be affected if the resolution was held till the November 17 City Council meeting. Ms. Vickers answered she would prefer to make the November 15 grant deadline. She added the resolution is in Legistar. City Clerk Donna Jackson stated the resolution is not in Legistar. Ms. Vickers noted her assistant was having problems with Legistar and that may be the reason why it was never added in Legistar.

Mayor Perrin noted due to the information not being in Legistar before the meeting the Finance Committee would like to review the projects. He added that is why the resolution needs to wait till the November 17 meeting.

Councilman Hargis stated the bridge on Bridge Street does not have lights and should be included in the revitalization grant. Mayor Perrin explained he had spoken with CWL concerning lighting on the bridge, but the bridge needs to be brought up to standard before lighting can be added. He noted he would like to add funds for this project in the Capital Improvement fund. He added the City should have the bridge up to standard in the early part of 2010. He noted he will talk with CWL after the bridge is brought up to standard and he believes they will be open to add lighting to the bridge.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the unprogrammed funds could be used to add lighting on the bridge. Ms. Vickers explained the unprogrammed funds are used for public facilities projects that cost more than anticipated so the City does not have to ask HUD for an amendment to the project. She noted CDBG currently has unprogrammed funds in the amount of \$200,000 that can be used for sidewalks.

Councilman Hargis asked why the City received no sidewalk funds in 2010. Ms. Vickers answered the majority 2009 funds came from the CDBG-R grant in the amount of \$148,000, which was in addition to the regular funding.

**Councilman John Street moved, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, to amend the previous motion and place this resolution on the next Finance Committee agenda.**

**Aye:** 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

**RES-09:181**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [Amendment](#)  
[signed amendment](#)  
[resolution](#)

Ms. Vickers explained the City has received the final bill for the ice storm damage and since the City is having financial issues, CDBG wanted to help out with the ice storm damage bill. She stated CDBG will transfer \$54,000 which is the amount leftover from a sewer project, 100% of the 2008 unprogrammed funds and 25% of the 2009 unprogrammed funds into the General Fund account to be used for the ice storm damage bill. She noted the total amount that will be transferred is \$116,580.99.

Councilman Hargis inquired if the sewer project is complete. Ms. Vickers answered yes and the funds being transferred is the amount left after the project was paid for.

Councilman Hargis stated he was told a part of the sewer on Patrick Street was not

*connected. Ms. Vickers noted the sewer project is complete, but CDBG could look at doing another sewer project in 2011 if the project can be justified.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

### **3. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears