



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

4:00 PM

Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Councilman Woods arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent 1 - Todd Burton

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-15:074](#)

Minutes from Finance Committee meeting on July 28, 2015

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

[COM-15:052](#)

Presentation by Mayor Perrin concerning proposed 2015 sales tax election

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Mayor Perrin presented information concerning the proposed sales tax, how much money will be generated and what it will be used for. (See attached presentation)

He explained the 0.875% sales tax will be project specific tax that will be used to improve the infrastructure in Jonesboro. It will be a two-ballot. In addition to the 0.875% tax, they will also be proposing a 0.125% sales tax that to benefit The Economic Development Corporation of Jonesboro to secure and develop industry in the city. He then outlined the projects that they are looking at funding with the tax. Fisher & Arnold was hired to look at the 20 projects proposed by the city and confirm

costs and designs. That project is still ongoing with Fisher & Arnold, but should be completed within the next few weeks. The final list of projects include \$187 million in improvements.

This item was Read.

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-15:041

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Finance

Harold Carter stated he sees the necessity for the money being raised, but expressed concern about increasing sales tax. He noted this will be a flat tax that everybody will have to pay as opposed to an income tax. He stated taxes approaching 10% is a lot of money, collectively, and its being taken from people who need all of their money to live on, but not from the wealthy. This tax is an imposition to the poorest of citizens.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

ORD-15:042

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

ORD-15:043

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

ORD-15:044

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-15:113

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH CITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [City of Ministries Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:115

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Habitat Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:116

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES INC

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [HCSI Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by

Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:117

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS CENTER INC

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [LSC Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:118

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH NEW LIFE EMPOWERMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [NLEDC Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:119

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION OF ARTS

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [FOA contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:120

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE

PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [West End Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:121

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH JONESBORO NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [NJNI Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:122

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH 1ST SECURITY BANK, INTRUST, N.A. AND NESTEGG CONSULTING INC, TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO NON UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 401 (a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND 457 (b) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Sponsors: Finance and Human Resources

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro 401\(a\) DCP - Cycle E 2 Restatement \(2\)](#)

HR Director Gloria Roark explained this ordinance along with RES-15:123 will clean up the 2012 contract with NestEgg. It will add a couple of changes to allow employees to get distributions monthly, quarterly or yearly instead of all or none. Also, it will change the force out from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:123

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH 1ST SECURITY BANK, INTRUST, N.A. AND NESTEGG CONSULTING INC, TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO NON UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 401 (a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND

457 (b) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Sponsors: Finance and Human Resources

Attachments: [Amendment One to COJ 457\(b\) Plan](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE FY 2015 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [FINAL submitted action plan 2015.pdf](#)
[CDBG Agreement 2015.pdf](#)

Councilman Woods asked if the agreement is on the website. Mayor Perrin stated he's not sure, but he'll check.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:127

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY FOR EXCLUSIVE POURING RIGHTS AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Southside Softball Complex Pepsi Contract.pdf](#)

Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler noted the city's contract is up at the end of the year, so this will renew the contract for five years. Pepsi also helps with sponsorships and promotions. The contract for Southside is for five years, while the contract with the Miracle Field is for ten years.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

RES-15:128

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY FOR EXCLUSIVE POURING RIGHTS AT JONESBORO MIRACLE LEAGUE PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Jonesboro Miracle League Park Pepsi Contract.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Chairman Dover asked that a date be set for the next Salary/Longevity Committee meeting within the next week or so. Most of the data has been received, so a meeting needs to be held to review the information before the city starts the budget process.

Further discussion was held concerning the proposed sales tax. Mayor Perrin stated he hopes Jonesboro will get more than a 25% match from the state on the projects, but he wasn't sure so he is only budgeting for a 25% match.

Councilman Woods addressed Mr. Carter and referred to his earlier statements. He stated we are living in a whole new economy and while he's not for more taxes, the community is changing from day to day. He thinks everyone should look at how they can help the community move forward. Mr. Carter stated there is nothing wrong with graduated taxes based on income. He is against taxes in this way.

Chairman Dover noted there will be numerous public hearings regarding the sales tax. There will be plenty of opportunities for people from the public to ask questions and have discussion concerning the tax.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton