



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) INITIATED AND CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 12 - Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; David McClain; Joe Hafner; Kevin Miller; Anthony Coleman; Janice Porter; John Street; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Danny, if you would please come forward. Council, I think it's an integral part and I think it's important every year that we do a proclamation on behalf of a Park and Recreation month that we have had in the City of Jonesboro. So, Danny, if you had would. This is for you and all your staff and everybody that assists throughout the year, as we have a lot of part-time's and volunteers. Recreation is an integral part in communities throughout this city, including Jonesboro, Arkansas. It promotes health and wellness, physical, and mental health of people who live near parks. Parks encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles. Our Parks and Recreation Department is a leader when it comes to healthy meals and nutrition services and education in the city of Jonesboro. We educate through activities, such as out of school timing program for youth sports and environmental education. They are critical to childhood development. It is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change. The parks and natural recreation areas ensure an economical beauty for our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors. The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month, and so, I, therefore, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of this great City of Jonesboro, by the virtue authority vested me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do declare, July 2025, Parks and Recreation Month in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Thank you, Danny. We appreciate all of your employees and your service. Thank you.

[COM-25:027](#)

PRESENTATION DISCUSSING A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER GROWTH PLAN BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM DPZ AND CRAFTON TULL

Attachments: [Comprehensive Master Growth Plan](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, okay, Council, thank you for allowing me that time of

that presentation. Now, we'll move on to special presentations on item number four. And this is something that has been in discussion for many, many years. And in 2022, the city began the process of selecting a firm to produce a master growth plan for Jonesboro and to help provide a roadmap for sustainable, smart growth for our community. The last comprehensive plan approved by Council was about 30 years ago. After a firm was selected, the project was ultimately tabled as a piece of a capital, larger improvement plan to focus on finishing some long standing projects that were included either and have been recently passed by revenue bond or funded via ARPA funding or budget funding. Now, as we turn the page toward the next step, and planning for years to come, I believe it is critical that we invest in a comprehensive process that includes professional research, indepth public input, stakeholder feedback, and Council and city staff participation to craft a vision for what we want Jonesboro to look and operate like as a city for the next 15 to 20 years plus. Over the last five years, we've made wise investments in road maintenance program, a master parks plan, revisited, updated, and began implementing our connectivity plan. A plan is no good, though, if you don't follow it. And, so, we would certainly need to work together to create a plan that is attainable and practical. Jonesboro faces some unique challenges, but we can't just use them as an excuse and not find ways to invest long term. Tonight is just a presentation about the process, what we can expect to get out of the comprehensive plan and some clarification on what makes this plan a worthwhile investment. So, now, over to the floor, the representatives. I would like to have them come up from DPZ and Crafton Tull. We have Julie Kelso, Dave Roberts, and Matt Lambert is joining us, I believe, online from DPZ. You do have the floor.

Dave Roberts said, thank you, Mayor. We've got some slides I think. Matt, are you going to run the slides on your end. Sorry for the hiccup. We apologize for this. Technology is great when it works. My name is Dave Roberts. I am with Crafton Tull. We are going to tap dance just for a few minutes while we get everything straightened out. This is Julie Kelso. We both work for Crafton Tull in the Little Rock office. But, if you remember, we've got a Jonesboro office here. So, we are your local on the team. The face that you saw earlier is Matt Lambert. He's with DPZ. DPZ's going to be the team that leads this effort. Their firm does these all the country. He's actually in Bentonville right now. He flew into Bentonville for some meetings and couldn't get over here in time. So, yeah, he landed at 4:30 p.m. So, I'm sure Matt will probably tell us when he can hear us speaking. So, we have a short presentation just to show you the process of a comprehensive plan. You may remember seeing me two years ago. I was in front of some of you that were on the council back then. Matt can hear so now we just need to see our slides. Matt, can you share the slides? And since we have introduced, we can skip to the second slide. Okay, so these are the team members, DPZ is Matt Lambert. They will lead the planning effort. Julie and I are with Crafton Tull. And, then, Urban 3, they'll do the economic analysis, and they work with DPZ all over the country as well. And, by the way, DPZ and Crafton Tull have worked together on three or four comprehensive master plans now. So, it's not that we put the team together just for this. We know your town from doing work here and we work with them on other projects. So, Matt, next slide.

Matt Lambert said, we also happen to be working right now with Urban 3 and Crafton Tull over in Northwest Arkansas, which is where I had to be today. So, I just had to get out of here, out of meetings here in Bentonville. But, DPZ, just for a little bit of background, we've been focused for a long time about 45 years or so working on cities and downtown revitalizations, new neighborhoods, neighborhood revitalization, transportation, corridors, all sorts of things related to the built environment, but really with the focus on just finding the ways to make places work for the people that live there and make places that people love and that is really our focus. We've written all about it. To share this sort of information to try to help folks, cities across the country

and internationally, make changes so that they can improve, they can thrive. And, so, we've worked in all sorts of places, big and small, towns with universities, places without, rural, urban. Really, with this focus on the quality and character and place and the people that live within them, so they can really have places to thrive, to gather, to build community. And, that involves a whole bunch of technical stuff, so it's not always, you know, happy pictures, it's all the technical comprehensive plans and zoning codes and engagement strategies and all that sort of stuff that goes behind it. So, you know, we thrive at doing this, working in this technical realm so that we can bring the engagement and the sort of quality outcomes and goals for for the community.

And again, my name is Julie Kelso and I'm with Crafton Tull. As Dave mentioned, we do have an office here in Jonesboro. Dave and I are located in our Little Rock office and that's where our planning team is located. So, Crafton Tull is a multidisciplinary firm. We have about 300 employees and our planning services, we do comprehensive plans, urban design plans, corridors, active transportation, lots of things that would go into a comprehensive plan. We do those specifically separately from comprehensive plans, including things like Parks and Recreation plans like you all just recently completed. So, we have about ten offices across three states and we're located all around you. So, we're here boots on the ground. As I mentioned, we are a multi-disciplinary firm. So, we have architecture, engineering, landscape architecture survey. We do active transportation planning, education. We offer environmental services. So, really we are a full spectrum multidisciplinary firm. But, in terms of this project, we'll really be looking at from our perspective, balancing the natural cultural and built environments in and around Jonesboro. So, you know, while we've got all of the growth and development strategies that are vitally important, we also focus on a lot on placemaking and what your natural environment says, what culturally you all are as a community, and how those things, and infrastructure things all tie in together to create your comprehensive plan.

Mr. Lambert said, so, from the data perspective of Urban 3, we include them because they bring this valuable analysis that really looks at the way that your land uses and comprehensive plans have a lot to do with land use and also transportation which go hand in hand. But, they really look at land use, what's built on the ground, and whether or not those are contributing financially to benefit the city. So, overall, are your buildings producing the right amount of property tax and sales tax to pay for city services, police and fire, for the parks and transportation and maintenance that you all need. So, they bring this analysis parcel by parcel, looking at everything in the city so we can see, you know what places perform and how we also compared to other places in the state. How might these places perform better and how does that engage the bottom line for the community? So, one example is looking specifically at the property and the sales tax return on different formats of housing and commercial and mixed use development to determine what really is best for the bottom line in the city. So, I do want to touch on some work that we have done with Urban 3 recently here Bentonville, where I am right now. We looked at their future land use plan, that growth, and this set of images projects their population growth that their current pattern, which would add about \$1.6 billion worth of new infrastructure liability in the future and basically take up the entire land of the city as opposed to other forms of growth, which cut down that amount of long term infrastructure liability and leaving some open space in the city. But, combined with our work, we're able to sort of visualize how might that work today, the existing land use, what is the city look like from that perspective of growth in different places and patterns? And, if we continued the growth as we have or grow in different future scenarios, what does that mean in terms of the character of the community and the bottom line? So, in this case, we built a fiscal balance sheet for these four scenarios of growth, the existing conditions, which was negative as there's a lot of infrastructure liability on the line. But,

continuing to grow as they had been, would have continued that further into the hole, but we can take a strategic path forward, which we've done to exchange land use patterns and provide a fiscal surplus to pay for future city services. We look at from the municipal budget standpoint. What's coming in and where is it going? And, then the amount of land in the city that's developed to determine, you know, are we getting the types of development that's going to pay for the roads and water and the stormwater, parks, police, fire, and so forth.

We looked at different types of housing at all different scales and in Arkansas sales tax really drives quite a lot. But, we did find that property tax even here was able to begin to pay for housing once you got to a certain scale. So, there's really a balance between your future land use and if we grow in one way or another. So, for that we looked also at housing supply and demand. This has due with who's living there now. What is the projected growth and what sorts of, sort of breakdowns of that population. What are they looking for? Are they looking for homes for sale or rent, or are they looking for townhomes or apartments? Do they want to be near downtown or do they want to be further away? And, really look at this sort of land use zoning condition is the market operating properly here? We saw it oversupplied in one area by a land use, not footing the bill and supplied by another land use which is actually able to pay its fair share. And, we broke that down in the future land use categories so the future plan looked at neighborhood centers and walkable neighborhoods or their traditional and suburban neighborhoods and the sort of data supplied with that houses, the infrastructure and the tax balance that they got from those. And, we really found that it's true investing in your downtown pays dividends because this will help overcome even areas that aren't providing sufficient tax revenues to cover their needs. So, overall, we looked in this condition, in Bentonville, we are doing this sort of analysis elsewhere. Two, the future land use to see, can we get a balance? Can we get a cash surplus by providing housing and places of the type in the future growth of the city that are what people are looking for, but are also footing the bill. And, again, investment in places that people love like downtown. And the goal is really building some fiscal policy that's based on instituted growth. Are we growing in a way that supports the city long term? And, that's really why we looked to that data from Urban 3 because it helps us really get to this purpose of why are we looking at comprehensive growth? What does future land use really mean? The types of places, you know, those sorts of illustrations? What is the character of the city in the future? But, also is that going to be a fiscally responsible way to grow? And, then, in addition, how do we support that with transportation and parks and all the other things that we focus on quite a bit in master planning? So, you know, that's one example of many types of sort of comprehensive master plans or zoning codes that I'll tie into this land use zoning market, but also community character mix that we have to sort of analyze and work with you all to determine what's the best outcome? What is it that Jonesboro is looking for to become in, you know, 20 years, what is the trajectory so we can set the right path? So, we are going to walk through the work plan phases and Julie's going to start us out with the first phase on community engagement.

Ms. Kelso said, so as you see here, we've got the project broken into four phases. The reason we have community engagement is that phase zero is because everything else works chronologically, but community engagement happens throughout. How do we start to answer these questions? How do we decide what scenarios need to be tested? How do we want the community grow? That's not something that we as a team, bring in to you all. That's something that is 100% community driven. That's something that is part of a very robust community engagement process. And, so, we will work with you to develop a public engagement plan and strategy. That happens in a couple of different ways. Number one, in person engagement opportunities. So, as you see here, we've got a lot of different formats that we'll use for public engagement, whether it's a formal public meeting or whether

it's popup events at festivals or other community gatherings, whether it's one on one stakeholder interviews, or walk audits, things that get people out in the community looking and thinking about the community on the ground. Or whether we are meeting people online. So, on the next slide, we show us some of the tools that we'll do for online engagement. We can use GIS story maps and get interactive engagement through mapping where people who can go in and place points and draw lines and leave comments and say, here's what's an issue in my neighborhood or here's what I would like to see in downtown. We also have community surveys and all types of exercises that we will run in that online format, so that people have a way to engage with us, that they're comfortable with doing. And, on the next slide, we have the ability to offer project dashboards or websites where we can take those metrics, we can take those, that data and that feedback that we receive and we can push it back out in the public, so everyone can see what the outcomes are of what we're hearing. And then that's a nice, really kind of checks and balance of, are we hearing correctly what the community is saying and what the community really wants to see? So, in the next slide, some of are in person engagement, we will be talking with different types of groups of folks whether that is our community leadership, whether that is technical groups that maybe have a specialization in things such as public safety or health or education, and then as well, as our community advisory groups. So, advocates and other community stakeholders. On the next slide, this project is really built around the community charette, and that's another word for community workshop. And we'll talk about that here in just a few more minutes. But, that is a seven day week long, on the ground, here in Jonesboro workshop where we've got design professionals setting up the studio and doing work and interacting with the community for the entire week. And so, we'll talk more about what that looks like here in just a minute. So, that's the first piece.

Mr. Lambert said, the next piece is inventory analysis outreach. This is really understanding the data of the community and that really begins with all the plans that you all have already done and a lot of what a comprehensive plan is about. The reason it is comprehensive is that we need to pull all of these plans together and see what have you done, what have you not done? Why? Are they still going to make sense once we're engaging with the community going forward? And so, rather than having a series of plans that are not fully coordinated, we are coordinating those together with community engagement. We're also doing diagnostics of the physical reality of the built environment. What is it like to walk in downtown? Is every block great? Where are there are opportunities for improvements? How about other portions of the community? Is it easy to or safe to walk to school for kids or to go to the park? And, how does that differ in one part of the city versus others? Growth over time, access to amenities, these sorts of built environment types of analyses, and also demographic analyses and projections. What is housing and income and population look like? How are people moving around the city? Where are they coming from? How is the population changing over time? Those sorts of background demographics that help us understand where you're at and where you're going from a data standpoint. And, as I discussed from Urban 3, looking at that, that value per acre, or you're like, what is being produced? What is most productive and how do we provide more of that and sort of balance out places that may be less so? A big piece on this first phase and it's really tied to engagements. As Julie said, engagement is all the way through. This is kind of breaking down in this first phase, what are we doing on engagement? This is 101 meetings, so with the specific individuals, community leaders, organizational leaders during ward meetings and public presentations and the surveys that Julie had mentioned. And then, on from there into a short planning. This isn't the charrette, but figuring out what do we do during the charrette? It's not a canned thing we want to learn from all those focus meetings, the one on ones, what everyone's goals are, what the concerns are so we know where to focus because we can focus on lots of areas. We focus on downtown and health and wellness as shown

here, on mobility and connectivity and technology. We will focus a lot on special projects during that phase two. So, Julie's going to walk us through phase two.

Ms. Kelso said, okay, so thank you, Matt. So, now we're actually getting to the point in the process where we're actually scheduling that seven days charrette, that public workshop. So again, like I said, we're on the ground and we've done the diagnostics of your community, the existing conditions. So, we have a good understanding of where you are today. And so, we come into this and we have a series of meetings are hosted throughout the week and we'll have various types of public meetings and group meetings because what we're doing is formulating ideas with the groups live. We're drawing up concepts and we're testing those ideas. And so, everything's happening on the ground and it's a really cool process because folks can come in after work. They can come in on their lunch break. They can come in and see what we're doing, talk to us and give us their input throughout the week.

And so, again, like I said, we're hosting all of this in one very large room if all is according to plan. So, we've got folks that are actually drawing ideas that they're hearing as people in groups that are from the public having these group meetings, and we're trying to reflect that back to the community. And so again, those preliminary ideas will be formulated. Those will be both at the city wide level as well as for special focus areas through your community. So, if there are wonderful resources that Mike could accommodate infill development or, you know, special concern areas, things like that, we'll zoom in. We'll be working in a variety of scales from city wide to very specific issues during that week. And so, all of that will be reflected back out to the community at the end of the week. We have a large public meeting to really present all of the findings and all of the ideas that were generated. And then, those are tested. We test those ideas out to, again, make sure that we heard the community properly and that we're on the right track. And so, after that charrette, we go back, and we refine those ideas. And, this is really where the plan components start to take shape. And so, each one of the different planned elements, whether it's a focus on infrastructure or focus on housing, or on economic development, all of those different parts and pieces start to take shape, including your Master Street Plan. Once that is ready to go, and those ideas are looking really good and this is the direction that we want to go, then we move into implementation. So, we start doing prioritization, phasing. We start identifying actions and strategies. We develop tables and implementation tables that show who the responsible party is, what the timeframe is. So, for every single strategy and action that's identified, we've got that information. In terms of infrastructure, other specific components of the comprehensive plan will start identifying projects and prioritizing and phasing those. And so, you'll really have a road map to move through whenever you're finished with the comprehensive planning process. You'll have a tool that you can use for the next 15-20 years.

Mr. Lambert said, and so, the last section is really revisions and adoption. In the plan draft creation, in addition to sharing out the sort of shared outcomes and getting feedback from that to set our direction, we also have engagement opportunities with a steering committee and with you all and lots of time with staff to take direction and refinement on the materials as they are coming together. In this stage, we have a reviewed and finalized document that's now ready to go through the adoption process and public input hearings and input from you all to get to your direction on final revisions towards adoption. So overall, the timeline can vary. In this case, we had put this somewhere in an 18-month period. Sometimes it goes a little bit longer or shorter. That depends on how long you all want for review and refinement, and with the steering committee and staff. So, we'll put together a more refined overall schedule and timeline, but this just illustrates that really up front, we have a whole lot of work on analysis and engagement and background, surveying, and then a

conserted effort on the charrette and the purpose of doing drawings and getting that feedback lives that we're in the right direction. So, it's smooth sailing through the plan details of preparations and adoption process.

So as I mentioned, it's really about pulling together everything that you've already done, but then engaging the community and setting that vision for the future and ensuring that we have all these elements coordinated together. One aspect of this is also updating the Master Street Plan, so the prior Master Street Plan in 2020, that's coming up for update, and it's really a best practice ideal that Land Use and Master Street Plan are done together are coordinated because land use on the wrong chassis of a street doesn't work. So, you actually have to do them together. At the same time, if there's new growth in one area, transportation really needs to react to that. So, an update to the Master's Street Plan is also part of the process that comes in response to the community include and so forth. And, overall, it's really about pulling everything together, getting that input and setting forth the implementation toolkit that Julie discussed. So, it's both vision, which is drawn and connecting and emotional and it's also about all the technical stuff that needs to be put in place to underpin it. So, that's really an overview of the process and the purpose. And I'm sure we're open for all sorts of questions.

Mayor Copenhagen asked, Matthew is that the end of your presentation? Okay. Well, first of all, I appreciate you all coming, and I know that you had done it before, but I think it was all zoom at that point in time. And, I think it's very important for the community to understand. We need that road map moving forward for many years to come. And, this will incorporate, as I understand, previous plans and coordinate those efforts, but more importantly, the community engagement. I know Council will have some questions, and I want Council to know that we'll go through the normal process. And, I want Council to engage themselves with the administration on questions that we can pour it onto them as well, after the meeting, but I think it's important to know that it'll come in front of one of our committees and it'll go through a normal process. But I would like to, if you have a question or two, please feel free, I'll go ahead and recognize those as they would like to speak. Does anybody have any questions? Okay, I don't see any. All right, well, thank you so much. I appreciate it very much, and we look forward to further conversation. Mr. Roberts said, thank you Mayor. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you very much.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[MIN-25:058](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 1, 2025

Attachments: [CC Minutes 07012025.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-25:063](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 593 S MADISON STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Premanent ROW - Carmel Moon.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2025

[RES-25:065](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM PATSY SUE BROWN THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement - 641 W Cherry.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2025

[RES-25:069](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM JAMES KELLER, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES KELLER LIVING TRUST, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Permanent Right-of-Way .pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2025

[RES-25:073](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AT 1509 WOOD STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Permanent Construction Easement - 1509 Wood Street.pdf](#)
 [POA.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2025

[RES-25:074](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 101 MARK STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 101 Mark Street.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-090-2025

[RES-25:075](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 715 N. PATRICK STREET, PARCEL 01-144074-01300, OWNED BY ARETHA & CLARENCE FOX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,565.00

Attachments: [01. 715 N Patrick St Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 715 N Patrick Clean Up Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 715 N Patrick Clean Up Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 715 N Patrick Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-091-2025

[RES-25:076](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD, PARCEL 01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275.00

Attachments: [01. 2612 Crawford Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 2612 Crawford Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 2612 Crawford Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 2612 Crawford Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-092-2025

[RES-25:077](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF TWO BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [ASU Baseball Contract.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-093-2025

[RES-25:078](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE SOCCER FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [ASU Soccer Contract.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-094-2025

[RES-25:079](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, AR TO CONTRACT WITH DENVER'S REFRIGERATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [Denvers Refrig - Signed by them.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-095-2025

[RES-25:080](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, AR TO CONTRACT WITH COACH JOEY'S FASTPITCH ACADEMY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [Coach Joeys Fastpitch Academy - Signed by them.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-096-2025

[RES-25:087](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY25 ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-097-2025

[RES-25:088](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY25 ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-098-2025

[RES-25:089](#) A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE THE FY2025-2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE FY2025-2026 CDBG PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

Attachments: [Public Service Organization FY20252026 RFP Grants Handout for 07082025](#)
[FY25-26 CDBG Annual Action Plan Draft.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-099-2025

[RES-25:090](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), FY2025 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339 FORMULA GRANTS FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION (JET) SYSTEM

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-100-2025

[RES-25:091](#) A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 11 VEHICLES UNDER THE 2025 BUDGET

Attachments: [July Vehicle Purchase Attachment.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-101-2025

6. NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORD-25:026**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SLATE ASSOCIATION DBA ROCK N ROLL SUSHI

Attachments: [Private Club Permit_Redacted](#)
 [Publication Receipt](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:026 by title only. All voted aye.

James Elywn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, last night, the Quorum Court showed great respect for the voters of Craighead County in rejecting a permit for a club to be located in Craighead County because the voters of Craighead County have repeatedly by large margins, expressed that they want Craighead County to be dry. I urge you to show a similar respect for the voters and to not pass this ordinance.

Held at one reading

ORD-25:027

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-2 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500. N. CULBERHOUSE ST. AS REQUESTED BY 1ST PRODUCE AND FOODS.

Attachments: [Zoning Application](#)
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 [Redemption Deed](#)
 [Rezoning Plat](#)
 [Rezoning Signs](#)
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Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:027 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORD-25:018**

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Held at second reading

[ORD-25:023](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-4 TO RS-7 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 SARTIN LANE AS REQUESTED BY DAT NGUYEN

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Held at second reading

[ORD-25:024](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM AG-1 TO RS-7 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT KATHLEEN STREET

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Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-25:019](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SHJ HOLDINGS DBA THE DEN-ZONE OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [SHJ Holdings dba The Den-Zone of Jonesboro Private Club Application_Red](#)
 [Publication Receipt](#)

James Elywn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, I want to remind you of a couple of things. One of which is the large number of underage people that are located near this location who have no adult supervision. If you vote, if this thing passes, it will increase the amount of underage drinking in City of Jonesboro. And, don't deceive yourself by saying, well, I didn't vote to have underage drinking because if you pass it, if you vote for it, that's what you're voting for. Second, I want to remind the City Council that a few years ago, the city, and I know it was, you might say, well, that was a different City Council and it was a different Mayor, but some of you were on the City Council back then when the deal was cut for a group because it determined that the permit they had might allow them to sell liquor anywhere on the ASU campus.

And the deal was cut that they would limit it to the three main sports complexes. That the deal was made. We need uphold it. Also, I want to mention, ironically, this one, there were places that people who were concerned that it could have been, that we could end up with liquor, and I think if you pass this thing, we will end up in all three of these. And this was one of the three things places they mentioned that they were concerned that it might be sold. The other one was at the student center and the third one is in dormitories. And, yes, I think if you all pass this, it will not be very long until those kids, some of those young people who are too young to drink are going to love it, but I do believe they'll have their own place to buy the liquor, unsupervised in the dormitories. Mayor Copenhaver said, all right, thank you for comments.

Jason Willett, 1804 Starling, said, thank you for allowing us to be here tonight. I've worked on several of these licenses over the years. Going back to the Arkansas State license and I can say 100% that no deal was ever made of anything I've been involved in to what that was speaking about. SHJ Holdings is doing business as the Den Zone that's a nonprofit private clubs that was founded on February 27, 2018. I find it to be a really great project. And, here a minute, Jerry Rapart would like to speak a little bit about it. So, you have a little more about the menu items and really kind of what the concept is. The officers of the nonprofit are Jerry Rapart as president, his son, Jed, is the vice president, and Robin Quick, his sister, as the treasurer. And, he'll speak more to their relationships with ASU and it's a bit of a family affair, which is nice. The pavilion location where we were talking about there on ASU campus and I know many of y'all have been there before, and Jerry will speak to that a little bit more as well. I always read the charities because I think it does matter, and it makes the difference in that SHJ holdings is doing business at the Den Zone of Jonesboro. It is a nonprofit private clubs that exists for the purpose of common recreational, social, community hospitality, and benevolent purposes, including, but not limiting supporting 501-C3 entities in and around Jonesboro. This charity, the charities they are looking at are very much prone to Arkansas State University, whether it be the Red Wolf Foundation, or whether it be the University System Foundation, and they'll support this, and some other charities as it relates to helping out the community. I would like to ask Jerry to come up if that is okay.

Jerry Rapart, 2008 Durango Cove, said, thank you, Mayor, City Council. I would just like you tell you a little bit about myself. I graduated from Arkansas State University back in 1993, along with my ex-wife now, but we have three beautiful kids. She graduated from there as well. All three of my kids attended Arkansas State. I've been a fan, an avid fan since 1985. My daughter, she finished her undergraduate studies here, went on to pharmacy school at UT Nashville, and will graduate in the spring. My oldest son, He will be a senior this year at Arkansas State, and hoping to get into the new veterinary program. My youngest son, he went to play football at a school in Iowa in the fall of last year. He will be a sophomore. He transferred to Arkansas State last spring. They were all in the Greek system. My daughter was a Zeta, both sons were Sigma Chi's. Both of my boys hope to play a role in the Den Zone provided it happens. A little bit about myself, my work history, my wife and I opened, she is a pharmacist. We opened a pharmacy in Osceola. We had it for almost 12 years before we sold it. I was Street and Sanitation Superintendent in Osceola for 9.5 years prior to that. And once our kids got big enough to play travel sports, we decided we were driving back five or six times a week to get them over here. We wanted to get them into a better school system as well. I also have a real estate license. My sister and I opened the OnQ real estate property management about seven years ago. I just sold it as of two weeks ago. She wants to retire. I also have experience in law enforcement. I was a cop for a year in Osceola before taking over as the Streets and Sanitation Superintendent. I also worked for my brother in his restaurants at one point. As for the Den Zone itself, it's under renovation, as we speak. I've been speaking with Dr. Todd Shields, the Chancellor, since August of last year and we just

had a vision of putting something there for the kids in close proximity, where they could have a place to get good food, reasonable, reasonably priced, drinks, entertainment and not have to venture out off campus to do those things. I believe you guys all have a copy of menu. Obviously, we plan to add some items provided this works out. We plan on having appetizers, burgers, pizza, all at an affordable price, especially for the students. We plan to hire 20 to 25 employees, predominantly students, either past or present. There will be no underage drinking allowed. We'll have state of the art ID scanners for that. I've probably talked longer than you wanted me to. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. Thank you. I appreciate your time. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember David McClain said, I was curious. Are we able to ask him questions? Mayor Copenhaver said, what is your question? Councilmember McClain said, I was going to ask who owns the property that they're going to use? Mr. Rapart said, I'm sorry, I didn't hear the question. Councilmember McClain asked, who owns that property? Mr. Rapart replied, Arkansas State. Councilmember McClain said, okay, ASU owns it. Mr. Willett said, yes, this is no different from a property perspective. You will see that you already got licensing, some on campus, whether it is the university property with the sports complexes. So, it's very similar to what that would be at the end of the day. So, yes. Mayor Copenhaver asked, Mr. Willett, is that much like the Centennial Bank Building, a lease type agreement? Mr. Willett said, yes, you have a lease agreement with Centennial Bank. For instance there, it's really Sodexo and the Red Wolf Foundation. They have a lease agreement with baseball, basketball, football, obviously, the Convocation Center for all concerts. So, there's no difference to what that agreement is that would be based there. Of course, you've also have Embassy Suites sitting there with Houlihan's also there and you have got The Yard and a couple of other places there. But, this is more centric to also do events, things campus generated, things like that as well. Councilmember McClain said, thank you. Mr. Willett responded, thank you David.

A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Nay: 1 - Anthony Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2025

[ORD-25:020](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4700 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

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A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by

Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: O-EN-025-2025

[ORD-25:022](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO TC-O FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2800 & 2809 GREENSBORO ROAD

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 [Greensboro Road Letter](#)
 [Notification Letter](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Site Layout](#)
 [Staff Summary](#)
 [Publication Receipt](#)
 [14106-SDP - UM-R3.pdf](#)
 [24155-CSDP-1U.pdf](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to amend the language of ORD-25:022. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Mayor, before we vote on that done on that, on behalf of the proponents, I'll make a motion that we amend ORD-25:022 by striking Section 2, Subsection 6, and replacing it with the following language: Section 6, upon the transfer to Hammerhead Contracting & Development, LLC of Lot 38, Greensborough Village Phase I and IA, move 10 acres of multi-family on the northeast corner of Greensborough Village to commercial and then the 10-acre tract on the southeast parcel will be multi-family. If Lot 38 of Greensborough Village Phase I and IA does not transfer to Hammerhead Contracting & Development, LLC, the 10 acres of existing multi-family will remain in its current location on Lot 38 of Greensborough Village Phase I and IA.

And, to add the additional stipulation of Section 2, Subsection 9, that adds the following language: Section 9, the net impact of multi-family zoning as a result of this ordinance within Greensborough Village, Town Center overlay will be zero new acres.

Councilmember John Street and Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman seconded the motion.

A man in the audience got up to speak. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, right now it is just on the amendment. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, this is just on the amendment, just speaking on the amendment only. The man said, okay. Ms. Duncan said, right now, they are voting on that amendment. Then, they will vote on the ordinance as a whole. The man said, okay. Ms. Duncan said, I think you are wanting to talk on it as a whole. The man replied, so my concern is for someone to tell me when to speak. Mayor Copenhaver said, we will come back as a whole. Let us vote on the amendment. Councilmember Moore said, Mr. Mayor, I spoke with this

gentleman earlier. He's actually going to speak under public comment about tree removal and a tree ordinance. So, under public comment, if you will be sure to call on him. Thank you.

Gary Harpole, 512 West Jefferson Avenue, said, thank you guys very much. I am here on behalf of both Greensborough Investments, LLC and Hammerhead Contracting & Development, LLC. I appreciate your consideration of this amendment. I tried to reach out and make sure everyone understood. I know it's a fairly simple process, but a lot of moving pieces. But, just for the benefit of people that I may not have talked to earlier today, just very quickly what this does is it places a triggering event in Subsection 6, where if the rezoning passes that movement of the multi-family that has been approved since 2014 in the northeast corner will not move to the new 10 acres until the property closes and becomes property of Hammerhead, until Lot 38 is bought by Hammerhead, and he owns both pieces of property. What that does is it just protects the current owner of Lot 38 Greensborough Investments so that if for some unbeknownst reason it doesn't close, then the multi-family just stays right where it's at. So, it's pretty simple that just builds in a triggering effect. There's no new multi-family being added as a result of this ordinance or this amendment. It just triggers the timing of when we scoot the ten acres from the northeast corner to the northwest corner. And that that's the function of the amendment. And we did place the second piece in, again, Subsection 9, explaining that the net effect of multi-family in Greensborough Village is zero new acreage, just so that we could reiterate that as part of this process. Mayor Copenhagen said, okay, alright, thank you, Mr. Harpole for your explanation. All voted aye to accept the amendment.

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to adopt ORD-25:022. (Mayor Copenhagen said, this is open as a whole for discussion. Any questions by Council? I don't see any. Anyone in Council Chambers? I think he's going to speak on something later. Okay, alright, thank you.) All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed as Amended. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: O-EN-026-2025

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhagen reported on the following:

So I wanted to update you on the current situation at our Justice Complex on Washington. Everyone with offices in that building has been relocated primarily to the Municipal Building, with the exception of the E-911 Center. Now, anybody can come by and visit Carol in her new office. I know she'll be happy to entertain you. (Ms. Duncan said, we are almost unpacked.) Yes, almost unpacked. While under the same roof, it's actually a separate building, the E-911 Center. It'd be cost prohibitive for a temporary move. At this point, we estimate that the repair to reinforce the immediate area of concern, the broken truss, the estimate has been given to us around \$115,000. But that doesn't include any possible repairs needed to the metal roof or any other damage that will be found as professionals continue examining the structure. There is no assurance at this time that a broken truss is the only problem, and hence, it's hard to say that a simple reinforcement of the failing truss is a viable solution for any length of time. So, as the information comes to us, I'll pass that along

to you as soon as I get any updates.

I hope everyone was able to celebrate Independence Day. We had a lot of festivities going on in Jonesboro. On the 3rd, we had food trucks and fireworks providing an evening of entertainment at Nettleton Baptist and fireworks displays at Joe Mac Campbell Park was also lit up in the evening sky. And, then on the 4th of July, we had several area sponsors that entertained us with Freedom Fest, including a fireworks display set to music and it was held at the Southside Complex. Now, earlier in one of our previous subcommittees, we have brought forth discussion on fireworks for next year. And, I think that conversation will be greatly appreciated by the public.

Another significant celebration of rich history is the unveiling of St. Bernards's anniversary book, detailing 125 years of compassionate healing. St. Bernards's has truly been a significant contributor to the success of Jonesboro over the last century and quarter. In fact, if not for St. Bernard's, Jonesboro may not have survived the plague, which is what brought the Benedictine Sisters here in the first place.

Last Saturday, our Code and Sanitation Departments held the largest neighborhood cleanup of the year at Rains and Highland. 13.33 tons of trash was brought in. Also, 138 tires. We're a little more than halfway through the year, and we've collected nearly 68 ½ tons of junk. The number of tires for the year to date is 549. Our 20th class of the Jonesboro Citizens Police Academy starts on August 14th. That Academy meets from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Thursday night for 13 weeks. So, if any of you in the room have not participated, it's a wonderful thing for you to go through. It does take a little commitment, but you learn a lot about our force and about the commitment of our officers and Fire Department in those training classes.

For those who enjoy hot sun in the summertime, I'm happy to report the splash pad at Allen Park is almost complete. And for those of you, who are more of the summer night's person, please be able to check out the beautiful lighting on Creath. So, if we stay here much longer, it'll be dark and you'll be able to see it.

On a somber note, though, I want to say in closing, we lost a true pillar to this community yesterday with passing of our dear friend, Charles Frierson. When I first became mayor, Charles was one of the first visitors I had, and we talked often, and we shared our stories about Jonesboro. Even after he stepped away from his official position as councilman, he still enjoyed giving advice, and I knew I'd be a fool not to listen. I've kept those notes that he has written me in letters, and he was quite the individual. When a person of his standing tells you something, you take it to heart, because you know it came directly from his heart. Charles has a list of contributions to Jonesboro that would take me hours to read, and I can promise he would hate that. He didn't like the public knowing anything about him. He was a very private individual. But I do think he would appreciate me saying that all of us remembering that he gave his all to the city. Maybe the most lasting contribution is he showed us what a model of an elected official should be: honest, caring, deliberate, informed, and dedicated, and, again, honest. To Charles' family, we mourn with you and thank you for allowing him to serve along us. We will miss you, Charles. Thank you for your lifelong commitment to the great city of Jonesboro. (Councilmember Chris Gibson said, he would also say, "Mayor, would you just shut up already?") He would. Shut up and sit down, that he would. (City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I mean, that's accurate.)

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, I would just echo what you said Mayor. Charles was one of a kind. He was a great citizen. He will be missed. He truly will.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Webb, 3101 Carnaby Street – Apartment H205, said, I brought a bunch of photographs because I didn't know about the whole scenario here. So, I'm here because I feel like forest does not have any spokesperson or a representative that's surrounding. I'm not sure that people understand the importance of the forest. As far as what a contributes to global warming, what keeps your community cool. I went down into the forest to see what it could teach me and I could learn. The aquifer depends on the water getting down to it. And, the only way you can do it is through the forest system. And also, the forest plays a major role in keeping the community cool and planet, for that matter. The United Nations did an evaluation that said that the temperature should rise no more than 1.5 degrees over the PI, the time period pre-industrial. And currently, the pre-industrial level is 13.7, currently it is at 14.7. So, we are reaching critical mass on planet warming, is my point. I have never done this before. And, the forest plays a major, major role in keeping the planet cool and keeping your community cool. When that's gone, I can guarantee you that the temperature of this community will go up, especially in that area where I live, in Greensborough Village. When I went down into the forest, let me put it this way, every morning I get up on my porch because it looks to the east, and I see the forest on the side where because they clear cut everything in front of me. They are clear cutting and get ready to build the cottages. And I can see the forest and I can see what goes on in the morning. There's these two dead trees. The crows come in. They rest on it. Sometimes a hawk comes in and sits, perched on the very top of it, and looks out for whatever, and then he flies off. The crickets, at night, in the forest, chirp and carry on like crazy. And, also, there's some songbirds in the forest. What's going to happen is, because I've seen it, they're going to go in, they're going to without warning, the creatures of the forest are defenseless. We are the only things standing between them and them and annihilation. And, I can't imagine a more horrible death than to be there and to just especially have something come in and just roll over you. I think it's a real tragedy that this forest will be lost to construction so that people can make money. And, the temperature, I can guarantee, I don't know, I'm not a scientist, but it has to happen that the temperature of this community is going to go up, and especially that area because it's going to have lost the cooling effect of the forest that surrounds it and covers it. You guys are just talking about what's going to be important in your system, in your city design, and how it's going to be incorporated. Give me a moment, I have a quote here that says, the coolest cities, worldwide, have dense parks and wooded areas that control temperature. Trees shelter a range of birds, animals, and insects, contributing to the delicate balance of urban ecosystems. I really would like for you to consider what's happening at Greensborough Village and also to incorporate exactly what they're talking about, lots and lots of parks. Look at Central Park in New York, Balboa Park is kind of an example in San Diego. I feel like it's just so important. And, somebody needs to stand up for those that can't stand up. Thank you. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you Mr. Webb. And, just to follow up a little bit about what Mr. Webb is also saying, and I'm really proud of what we're doing with the new area out behind Journey Campus. With that, the whole structure will be associated around the trees and nature. I believe we had 140 trees that we will be putting in our park around that and it will incorporate Mother Nature in that atmosphere. So, again, I'm looking forward to that, and we'll bring that to the attention of full council and the community as that continues to move forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk