



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 16, 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 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

[MIN-25:076](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Attachments: [CC Minutes 09022025.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-25:112](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH URBAN SDK FOR COMPREHENSIVE SPEED AND VOLUME DATA

Attachments: [Jonesboro, AR - 5 Year Renewal \(1\).pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-127-2025

[RES-25:113](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 654 W WASHINGTON, PARCEL 01-144183-16600, OWNED BY MICHAEL AND BARBARA PEARSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 654 W Washington Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 654 W Washington Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 654 W Washington Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 654 W Washington Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-128-2025

[RES-25:114](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 MELODY, PARCEL 01-143244-27500, OWNED BY IGNACIO AND EMILE PATINO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 700 Melody Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 700 Melody Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 700 Melody Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 700 Melody Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2025

[RES-25:115](#)

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

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-130-2025

[RES-25:116](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4713 YUKON DRIVE, PARCEL 01-144154-00912, OWNED BY RICKIE LYNN SIMS, JR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 4713 Yukon Dr. Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 4713 Yukon Dr. Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 4713 Yukon Dr. Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 4713 Yukon Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-131-2025

[RES-25:117](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 808 1 & 2 RICHMOND, PARCEL 01-144191-15300, OWNED BY E&C INVESTMENT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 808 1&2 Richmond Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 808 1&2 Richmond Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 808 1&2 Richmond Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 808 1&2 Richmond Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-132-2025

[RES-25:118](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 PECAN, PARCEL 01-144074-08400, OWNED BY SKY PARK HOLDING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments: [01. 212 Pecan Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 212 Pecan Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 212 Pecan Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 212 Pecan Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-133-2025

[RES-25:119](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 PECAN, PARCEL 01-144074-16800, OWNED BY SKY PARK HOLDING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments: [01. 215 Pecan Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 215 Pecan Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 215 Pecan Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 215 Pecan Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-134-2025

[RES-25:120](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW STREET, PARCEL 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 1313 Pardew Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [02. 1313 Pardew Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [03. 1313 Prdew Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [04. 1313 Pardew Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-135-2025

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-25:030](#) AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ORDINANCE 24:037 WHICH ESTABLISHED AND CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL TRAFFIC PATTERNS NEAR JONESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (JPS) CAMPUSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Held at second reading

[ORD-25:031](#) 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

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-25:032](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM PD-M, MULTI-FAMILY USE AND OFFICE/SENIOR LIVING USE TO PD-M COMMERCIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3412 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JEREMY BEVILL ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN HILLS REAL ESTATE, LLC

Attachments: [Rezoning Application](#)
 [Southern Hills PD Amendment Pattern Book_R](#)
 [Block B Rezoning](#)
 [Block K Rezoning](#)
 [Publication Receipt](#)
 [Minutes from MAPC.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-035-2025

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

So tonight, I'd like to share several updates on projects and developments across Jonesboro. So first of all, I'm going to start with the Justice Complex. I think it's just one of those things for 40 years being in the insurance business, I felt it necessary that we look into the structural component of our downtown Justice complex, to see if it was a weather related. The insurance adjuster deemed that it was not, and so it would not cover the structural repairs. So structural engineers have advised that wooden beams need to be reinforced with steel. Those repairs could make the building safe or occupancy for two to three years, but not for 5 to 10. Until repairs are made, the building is unsuitable for use, and while the repairs are not a permanent solution, they will require short term decisions by relocating our workers currently in community centers. So what we'll do, council, is provide you with the options that are available here by the end of the week now that we have this information and then we will come back and discuss those options at what city council would like to do in moving forward.

Also, we received yesterday, finally, an appraisal of the Citizens Bank property, and now, keep in mind that is just the corner lot only that the Citizens Bank Building structure was on. The appraisal came in at \$ 307,000. So we're exploring the next steps to turn this into a vital revenue producing part of town. So as talks turn into hopeful negotiations for redevelopment, I'll keep this council informed as well. And Carol might have a future comment, if need be, on that, as well.

So in addition, you've probably heard that the Turtle Creek Mall has sold. That's exciting news. That's a really big news. We look forward to the redevelopment of this property as a regional economic boost for Jonesboro. Again, you were all here, many of you, when the tornado occurred, and we know that it's a slow process, but I'm excited that now we've got a turning point, and I think we're well planned for development here in the near future.

The Christmas parade, it's hard to believe I'm already talking about that again, but we're excited to announce that the City of Jonesboro will again host the Christmas parade. And this year, the route will remain on Main Street. Thank you to Heather Talley for serving once again as the parade chair and what a difference a year makes.

So let's move into neighborhoods and community. The Jonesboro citizens continue to support a neighborhood cleanup, led by Code Enforcement and Sanitation, and recycling participation is growing. Now let me just shoot this from the hip. Four and a half years ago, we didn't even have any of this in place. And it has come now to last year, we had over 100 tons of trash being taken out of our community. Now we're at 150 tons for this year. So bulky junk, we're at 75 tons, glass, which was initiated just this year, were already at 10 tons. For the neighborhood cleanup, almost 80 tons. So as we continue to grow with this, I think we could approach almost 200 tons of trash cleanup in our community. So our next cleanup is October 4th at the Rock Church on Johnson.

We had a great turnout for Paint the Town Red for the first ASTATE Football game, and because of that success, we'll now host a downtown event every Friday evening before an Arkansas State home game supporting ASTATE. And as always, it's an honor, and our growing partnership benefits both the university and our city in our

downtown community.

Parks and recreation, I can't say enough about this, but I want to bring it to council, to reiterate again, the activities that are going on in our community. And I'm sure I'm going to miss a few, but they've been very active. Joe Mack Campbell Park hosted a recreational soccer event this past weekend. Many of the first time soccer grandparents, myself included, with over 1,200 players. We had flag football, 350 players. We had cheerleading, 52 participants. Last Sunday at Joe Mack, then we hosted a baseball tournament with 34 teams, and that was just on Sunday only. So it was a one day event. We're seeing that being done more frequently, but that was 34 teams, so again, many of those individuals came the day before to enjoy our community. Southside Complex hosted 43 teams over the weekend. Miracle League also opened its season with the Jonesboro Fire Department serving as buddies. And, in this coming week, it'll be the Jonesboro Police Department. So it's critical that this community realizes that not only do we have many of our city employees doing their job every day, but they also volunteer their time and efforts back into our community that they love and serve. Craighead Forest Park hosted "Market in the Park" with vendors, food, trucks, and live music, and then the Earl Bell Community Center was packed with a trading card show that drew strong attendance all day.

And one thing I really want to talk about to reiterate to city council. Relationships are important, and those relationships that continue to build on our community. So partnership and services, a lot of it has to do with traffic and safety. You know, those are our priorities. I visited with Jared Wiley last Friday on moving Jonesboro forward in many different directions. There's been hundreds of millions of dollars that the State of Arkansas and the City of Jonesboro have participated in and are working together. We need to continue that partnership wholeheartedly. I'm very pleased that Director Wiley immediately granted our second HAWK Light after asking for a period of time, and I know Craig's pleased with that, but our second HAWK Light now has the approval. That'll be done at Parker Park and it'll be safety for all of us there. Now, I'm going to give you a little teaser. I can't tell you exactly what it is, but I'm really excited about it. And Director Wiley will be making this announcement next month, but I think there's going to be hopefully an ARDOT presence here, not only in Northeast Arkansas, but in the City of Jonesboro. Now, what that'll provide us is immediate engineering capabilities, and I'm real excited about that announcement. So when that announcement comes about, I want Jared Wiley to make it formally, but I'm very pleased that's taken years of request, but we'd be the only second facility in the state of Arkansas outside of Northwest of Little Rock to have that. So I'm looking forward to that announcement.

Finally, today, we did a ribbon cutting in St. Bernard's New Recuperative Care Center. It's a grant funded program that bridges hospital, behavioral health, emergency care, and homeless shelters. It provides not just housing, but ongoing medical and mental health support, with follow up for a full year permanent housing that can be obtained by those that attend. We heard the program and its graduates today, and it's clear this is an initiated event and initiative that we both need, and it is deeply appreciated.

Now, Counsel, I'd like to finish my comments here, and I think it's really important. Next, I want to take a moment to thank each and every person who serves on this city council, or serves on one of our city committees. Out of roughly 82,000 people in Jonesboro, roughly 200 have this distinct honor, and thankfully, we have a waiting list of people who'd like to join them. I take personal offense what it's implied or outright stated that a council, city, or committee action is claimed by someone to be corrupt or unethical. The most recent example of this was a claim that BZA committee acted

unethically to show favoritism. So I want to say to the public, please, if you have any questions about any item or action by the city, reach out to us and get the information firsthand, and don't assume everything you read on Facebook is true. And to the city council and our volunteer committee and commission members, while we may disagree occasionally on an item, I understand your opinion comes from a place of what you feel is the best interest of this community. Each of you take pride in your role. I appreciate that. Please know that myself, this administration and the vast majority of Jonesboro residents appreciate the work you do, and any time we hear an agenda based misinformation being circulated, we will do our best to make sure the truth is available and transparent. So thank you, counsel, for allowing me time for that.

[COM-25:037](#)

JULY 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachments: [July 2025 Financials.pdf](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, you made my day earlier, Mayor when you told me a gate was the coming soon to Craighead Forest. I pushed it that for a long, long time, but not be an aggravation, but protect the people who are in there that come as our guests and stay in our RV Park, but also the millions of dollars of investment we've got. It's a beautiful park and I hate to see people come in later at night and trash it. It's impossible to provide police protection to tactically cover it. So I think that's going to be a big deal. And I really appreciate your efforts on getting that done. That's all I've got. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman? Yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. A couple of things. One, you mentioned, about the park, and when I say the park, I'm talking about Joe Mack on Saturday and I too was out there, and granddad got a chance to see both of my grandchildren play soccer and that was a first time for me. Unfortunately, my granddaughter, I think she's a little too girly and too prissy. She got out there hot and said she's done. So she went and set herself down on the bench. But, It was fun. It was beautiful. It was nice, all the people there were nice, and it was great time. I do have a question. I know that and It had been talked about before, and I don't see Danny, but we had talked about the audit and other things that was going on and all that, and I don't, if y'all did it, I apologize, I just haven't seen it, I don't remember, but I'd like to see where we are on that and what the outcome was because I do know that funding is there with parking and well, the gate, rather, and concessions and so and so for. And I just kind of want to get my head around how it's benefiting Jonesboro more, even financially. I know the park and all of that, but just thinking how that partnership works, financially. And then the other question was about Eastside Park, and I had not heard much about where we are on that, so if y'all can kind of get that to me, it'd be great. Mayor Copenhaver stated, Danny's behind the pole, I think, so we'll get that to you, as a matter of fact, Danny and I had that discussion as well after I attended the event on Saturday so we'll follow up with you on there. Thank you for your request.

Councilmember David McClain said, the only request Mayor, do we have where we are as far as on the Aggie Road Trail? As far as I know we've had some discussion about I believe we have a set of plans, if I'm not mistaken. When do you think we'll see movements as far as dirt or where we are in that process? Mayor Copenhaver responded, and I will say, too, as we continued the director and myself discussed the intersectional change there at Aggie Road and RedWolf Boulevard, and not only for an

overpass option, but a possible another option that the State of Arkansas might be very interested in looking at for that as well as connecting the trail, from one side of the University to Aggie as well. So, yes, those conversations, but Craig, we'll get him an update on it. Councilmember McClain said, you can email it to me, yeah, that's fine. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, thank you, council.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, speaking of a project, we had a review today at MPO of some major projects coming up, and it's really exciting including that one and I think it's going to be really good for this whole area putting the pedestrian overpass over RedWolf, which will make a significant difference as far use of that area, So and also, Craig indicated and this was great news as far as the completion/permission to go ahead with the completion of the sidewalk on the south side of Johnson, there between Marion Berry and Melrose leading up to that light at Marion Berry, because I think this is something I've been mentioning for a long time because even though it's not a huge link for sidewalk, it's significant stretch of sidewalk as far as the terrain and the fact of the slope and ADA accessibility, which is a bit concerning now. This will enable a lot, that passage for that area and make it navigable. And so I think this is a huge step, and I think that I've been missing it for a long time because I had felt that that is very important for that whole area, for pedestrians. Mayor Copenhaver stated, well, in adding to what councilman is talking as well, even the Hawklight there is up to 30,000 within a year of ticks on the Hawklight. So as the community gets adjusted to it, they're using it more. Yeah, and that is great, great news as far as Parker Park because we've noticed and anecdotal, but I think there's some validity to it, that it has had a calming effect on traffic speed there on Johnson. So that has led to overall safety for that stretch of Johnson. And I'm thinking that would carry forward to Parker Park in that area. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Chris Moore, I just want to comment, I'll be looking forward to your negotiations on the Citizens Bank property. I'm pretty excited about the redevelopment possibilities on that whole corner. So, thank you Mayor.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, sure, the only thing I have this evening is an update for the Bond Task Force. I know that we had tentatively set that meeting time for today. However, some of the information that was coming in from our engineering firm Brackett-Kennerich. We were made away of those findings yesterday. They are currently in the process of finalizing that report, which we hope to have by this Thursday and getting that information out to the committee members along with getting its scheduled out. We are currently looking at and it's actually been booked as of today for September 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. I just wanted to get enough time for everybody to go over that information to be able to digest it and also give plenty of time for the public to make any kind of arrangements in their schedule to attend that meeting. So, September 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. will be the next set meeting for the Bond Task Force. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, councilman.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, I would just to echo thanks for the citizens who serve on our committees. They donate their time. They make hard decisions, and it's often a thankless task and I would like to just again, thank them for their service. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, Councilman.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road said, and I have to say what a lot of you have said is that there's a lot of really good news. What's happening with Craighead Forrest Park with the gate and the Citizens Bank Building and the land right there. The one thing that I want to bring up today is talking about how Jonesboro, the City of Jonesboro,

needs to go cashless with their functions that they have. On August the 9th, there was an article in the newspaper that said that Jonesboro Public Schools announced that they were transitioning to a cashless ticket at their gates, and this is the last team in their conference to go cashless at their gates that they have. I like this because they have plans for even people who struggle with purchasing things online. You know like a 60 year old, they're going to make an exception for Jonesboro taxpayers, grandparents in the district, any volunteers, they are going to make a golden pass or a lifetime pass. And I think that's what needs to be done also to with our facilities that we have. They have a website and then also too, I think all of you are probably familiar with a GoFund.com, what a lot of schools and colleges are going to right now to purchase tickets for different functions that they have at their facilities. In the last week, the First National Bank Arena announced that their concession stands were going to go cashless. And the reason for that, I don't know. You know, is it going to be the conveniences because of faster service, or is it going to be maybe probably, maybe a little bit less of, maybe money being stolen? Who knows the reason why. But, they're going to go that cashless system. The Sportsplex that we have on Parker Road. I know that. I talked to the people in the A&P, and I learned that they're going to be hiring a company. It's an expensive company, to manage their fees, entrance fees, their concession fees, and everything. So they're going to be in charge of that. I don't know if that's something that maybe we can look into, that we look into the parks and recreations, that we join them, because we're all under the same dome. So the only thing that I heard from them was that it was expensive. In the past months, I know that we questioned the accounting and the numbers of the local soccer group and the city youth group, and it's really unfortunate that needed to be done. But in the past, and even like tonight, Mayor, you said, we had a bunch of people here, which was awesome this weekend because it kind of spotlights Jonesboro as a community, and that's what we want to do. But there's a lot of questions and concerns that people have. And one of them is that you say there was a lot of people. What was the actual count of those crowds that were out at Joe Mack this weekend? You know, do we know that? What was the total amount collected out at Joe Mack or the other parks? What were the amount of money that was sold at the concession stand and did it all balance? And I think that's what all of us need to be concerned about. An example of this and I think this is where it's a concern of the people is that I have a ticket here that some friends of mine went to an event at Joe Mack and it was on May the 31st, and it was a parking pass on this right here. How many passes were sold that weekend? How much money was collected that weekend on this? We don't know, because there's no number of how many tickets were sold, and that's a real concern, you know, if we can say exactly what it is, but we don't know, and I think that's a concern, that I think all of us should have. On this last weekend, some friends of mine went out there, and they were showing pictures and stuff. And I just said, I've got a couple questions for you. I said, how much did it cost for you to get in? And they said it was \$3 a piece. They said that they had a friend of theirs that walked to the gate or walked in to pay the mission fee or entrance fee, and they did have enough money because they were used to paying online or going through goFundMe, not that we don't have it here. They went back to their car. They actually found a dollar, and they persuaded the two people at the gate that they would let them in for a dollar on that. So if we look at the amount of money that would deposited on the gate fee, it should be in an even number if you add three and three, and then you have one, so it should be an even or an odd number with that. I asked him what the ages were of the people collecting the money at the gate, and they said that it was probably a lady in her mid 40s and a college aged man. They said that last year when they went through, it was just kids that were collecting the money. I asked them if they had any ID that they worked for the city, and they said that there was no name tags and no vest. And the last question of what they said that they had a red shirt and a white shirt on. The last question that I thought was really important was

is that did you get a receipt for the payment for going in? And the answer was no? So the question to all of you is that, how do we know how many people are seeing in this city, how many people are going to the events? And I think it's important as far as a budget for the parks is that we see how many people that are bringing in and what we're doing is right. And as far as, I guess the question would be is that, why are we so behind everybody else? Because when I look at this sign right here is, it says progress. So I hope all of you find enough time and concern that we change this. So thank you.

Hi, I am in Jordan Carlo. My address is 575 Jill Drive. And I am the founder of the NEA Children's Museum along with the my partner, Kristen Amick. For those who don't know, who are a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to creating a children's museum that focuses, and highlights our regions, interests and industries, in a way that our children can get hands on experience. In the beginning of this process, we were able to get a feasibility study with the help of the City of Jonesboro and the A&P Commission. This study supported a children's museum in various different parts of the city with downtown being a top contender. The city has been wonderful in helping us explore different options, but we have been unable to find the perfect's location within the specifications of our visibility study in regards to visibility, accessibility, the size, and adjacent amenities. In regards to 410 W. Washington or the Justice complex, I know these conversations are just beginning to happen, but it may be the only location in the downtown area that takes all of these boxes and we would just love to learn more about this site as a viable option if the city is unable to utilize this site as it is. Right now we have received our master plan, which was funded by Jonesboro Unlimited, which includes our exhibit renderings, a cost analysis of these exhibits. We have found an architect. We have been working with them on what the bidding process looks like. So we are fully prepared to begin our capital campaign and apply for capital grants upon securing our location. And so this conversation comes at a pivotal time in this process for us. So again, we would just love to be considered in this conversation. We thank a children's attraction would be a great in addition to downtown if the city's unable to utilize the site, in the near future. So, just a thought. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you, Mr. Jordan. We appreciate your comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

_____ Date: _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

April Leggett, City Clerk