



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, August 13, 2007

5:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Tim McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:1665 Minutes for the July 9, 2007, Public Services meeting.

Attachments: [070907](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Faye McCall, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:183 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM'S OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the City applies for the grant every year and this application is for the 2008 budget year. He added it is a 50/50 match. He further explained the big project for the grant money in 2008 is the greenway by the retention pond. Mr. Wilkie briefly discussed other projects that the grant money would be used for. He noted there is an August 31 deadline for the application.

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

RES-07:213 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID MONEYS TO CONSTRUCT THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Mr. Wilkie explained the grant is an 80/20 match and the funds are already in the budget. He noted this grant also has an August 31 deadline. He further explained the money would be used to construct a walking bridge from the retention pond area to the Nettleton School area.

A motion was made by Councilperson Cecil Province, seconded by Councilperson Jim Hargis, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

RES-07:216 A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NETTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY SPUR

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Memorendum of Understanding Nettleton Public Schools \(2\)](#)
[Nettleton School Minutes](#)

Mr. Wilkie stated the money would be used to give students access to the greenway. He added it is part of the Safe Routes to School program.

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

RES-07:527 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF ONE LOT AND TWO HOUSES ON HIGHLAND DRIVE FROM THE TURTLE CREEK PARTNERS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [TURTLE CREEK PARTNERS](#)
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Mr. Wilkie explained this property was supposed to be deeded to the City with the previously deeded 9 acres, but somehow it was left out. He noted Turtle Creek Partners put in a stipulation that if the City did not use the property for public use then the property would be deeded back to Turtle Creek Partners.

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Jim Hargis, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Earl Bell Community Center on Historic Registry

Mr. Wilkie stated they have not submitted the application yet. He added the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had concerns with the facade easement. He explained they do not want the City's options limited in the possibilities with Earl Bell.

Lights on Bridge Street bridge

Chairwoman Williams questioned being able to light up the lights that are in the Bridge Street bridge. Councilman Province noted several years ago someone looked at lighting up the bridge, but found it wasn't feasible. He added it might be feasible today, though. Mr. Wilkie stated he would look into lighting up the bridge.

Discussion concerning Allen Park skateboard park

Mr. Wilkie discussed a recent meeting with parents of skateboarders concerning the skate park. He noted they agreed in the meeting to make renovations to the area. He also stated they discussed at the meeting the possibility of using the rest of the restitution money on the skate park. Councilman Hargis noted the recent letter in the Jonesboro Sun from one of the parents did not mention that tennis players had previously complained about the distraction the skate park was to those on the tennis courts.

Highland Drive fire station

Councilman Province discussed the Mission Outreach group's proposal to lease or purchase the fire station on Highland for their program. He expressed concern over the amount of money the property might be worth. He also expressed concern over whether that was the best location for the Mission Outreach group. Discussion was held concerning leasing or selling the property. Councilman Province asked the committee to look at the information for further discussions.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Cecil Province, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall