



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:25 P.M.

No one spoke for or against the public hearing regarding an abandonment of a portion of right-of-way along undeveloped Bonaparte Cove as requested by Horizon Land Surveying on behalf of Curtner Asset Management, LLC.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

[MIN-23:014](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Attachments: [CC Minutes 02072023](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-23:015](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 WITH FISHER ARNOLD, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO DOWNTOWN TO ASU CONNECTION PROJECT (JOB 100971)

Attachments: [Supplemental Agreement No. 3](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2023

[RES-23:033](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ATLAS ASPHALT INC. FOR THE 2023 ASPHALT MILLING AND OVERLAYS SELECTED CITY STREETS PROJECT - JOB NO. 2023:02

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[2023 Asphalt](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-028-2023

[RES-23:016](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRACKETT KENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PARKER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER POOL AND RESTROOM FACILITY PROJECT

Attachments: [Parker Park Contract](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2023

[RES-23:017](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH RITTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO INCREASE STORAGE CAPACITY AND HOST THE CITY'S FIREWALL

Attachments: [Quote City of Jonesboro Increase Cloud Services Storage 02 03 23](#)
[Quote City of Jonesboro Palo Alto Firewall Solution 02 03 23](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-030-2023

[RES-23:034](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE SANITATION REAR LOAD TRUCK

Attachments: [Arvest Proposal 2023 Freightliner 20 yd RL](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-031-2023

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-23:004](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 116 Chestnut St. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel #: 01-143134-38700; OWNER: Miguel Oyervides

Attachments:

- [116 Chestnut Inspection Report](#)
- [116 Chestnut Map](#)
- [116 Chestnut Notice of Violation Affidavit](#)
- [116 Chestnut Notice of Violation Certified Letter Returned](#)
- [WIN 20221214 11 32 53 Pro](#)
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Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, I apologize, 116 Chestnut, the owner is starting repairs on that property so we anticipate that hopefully being put back together. We would ask for that to be tabled for six months. Councilmember Joe Hafner asked, do we need a motion to reconsider? Councilmember Chris Moore said, well, before we have a motion to reconsider, I mean, the reality is he can still buy a permit and he still has that amount of time. So, if we are going to reconsider our motion, I mean, what are we really gaining? Why not just move forward? If he has it

completed or if he makes substantial improvements, we can make a motion on the back end instead of the front end. Somebody can make a motion to reconsider. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, we do not have a second on that. (Councilmember Hafner is inaudible.) Mayor Copenhaver, said, thank you Scott.

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

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

Enactment No: R-EN-032-2023

[RES-23:005](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 201 W Forrest St. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel #: 01-144073-2190000; OWNER: Vicki Ghant

Attachments: [201 W Forrest Boarding & Securing Affidavit](#)
 [201 W FORREST Inspection Report](#)
 [201 W Forrest Map](#)
 [201 W Forrest Notice of Violation Affidavit](#)
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Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, Mayor, this is another property that the homeowner has pulled permits for. I don't know if you want to leave it as, but we are working with the homeowner. Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked, you have already pulled the permits on it? Mr. Roper said, yes sir, they have. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay. It hasn't been voted on yet. Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Mayor, just for some clarification, I want to make sure that everybody understands that even if we condemn this property, you still have the ability to come in, buy a permit, or continue. If they make substantial improvement, Mr. Roper has the right to extend that time period at his discretion. So, condemnation tonight is not the end all be all of the process.

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

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

Enactment No: R-EN-033-2023

[RES-23:006](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 904 Logan Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401
Parcel #: 01-144184-25000; OWNER: Barbara Butler

Attachments: [904 Logan Affidavit B&S Letter](#)
[904 Logan Inspection Report](#)
[904 Logan Map](#)
[904 Logan Notice of Violation Affidavit](#)
[904 Logan Returned Certified B&S Letter](#)
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Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, I apologize with have a little bit of activity on all of these properties that are coming before you. We have had a lot of activity very recently. This property has been demoed by owner. Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked, it has already been demoed? Mr. Roper said, yes sir. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, alright. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, so are you asking to pull that resolution? Mr. Roper said, yes ma'am. Ms. Duncan said, we need a motion to table indefinitely. Councilmember Chris Moore said, well, we can make a motion at any time, but I would like to ask Mr. Roper one question. So it has been cleaned up to your satisfaction? Mr. Roper said, yes sir. Councilmember Moore said, the entire lot has been leveled, ready, mow able condition? Mr. Roper said, yes sir. I have not personally been by this property, but the officer that is involved, I feel very confident in his ability to not sign off on the property if it wasn't cleaned up. Councilmember Moore said, with that I will make a motion to postpone indefinitely. Councilmember David

McClain, seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

[RES-23:007](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 3600 Beacon : Parcel 01-134033-03600; OWNER: Shinice Walker

- Attachments:**
- [3600 Beacon 8-12-21 Inspection Report](#)
 - [3600 Beacon 12-7-22 Inspection Report](#)
 - [3600 Beacon Map](#)
 - [3600 Beacon Notice of Violation Affidavit](#)
 - [3600 Beacon Notice of Violation Returned Cert Letter](#)
 - [WIN 20221207 10 35 29 Pro](#)
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Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked, Scott, do you have the same thing on RES-23:007 as well? Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, yes sir. This property, again, the owner has hired a contractor and has pulled permits. Mayor Copenhaver asked, so, he has already pulled the permits? Mr. Roper said, yes sir. City Attorney Carol Duncan

asked, that is not demolished? Mr. Roper said, that is correct.

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

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

Enactment No: R-EN-034-2023

[RES-23:008](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 4205 E. Nettleton Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel #: 01-144223-10800; OWNER: ARLANDS, LLC

Attachments: [4205 E Nettleton Map](#)
[4205 E Nettleton Notice of Violation Affidavit](#)
[4205 E. Nettleton Inspection Report](#)
[Notice of Violation Letter](#)
[Notice of Violation Returned Sig Card](#)
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Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Mr. Roper if you please make a comment. Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, yes sir. We would like to recommend that this be tabled indefinitely. This property just sold. So, we do believe the new owner will be pulling permits, but since it is sold, we would actually have to restart this process over. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I hate to sound like a broken record, but just as a point of order, Carol needs to read it and then we can make that motion. I mean you are having discussion before anything is on the floor. (Resolution read by City Attorney Carol Duncan) Ms. Duncan said, I do believe a motion to table can be done before that happens. Councilmember Moore said, well, what we will need is a motion and a second to adopt and then if somebody wants to make a motion to table it will have precedence on the order of motion. So, I'll make a motion to adopt. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, second. Councilmember Moore said, now, before we vote, if Mr. Roper is asking for it to be tabled, he can explain why and then if somebody wants to make a motion. Mr. Roper said, we would request that this be tabled. The property has sold which we would be required to restart our process over. We do feel pretty confident the new owner is going to renovate this property. But, regardless, we would have to start the process over again because it was sold. Councilmember John Street motioned to table indefinitely, seconded by Councilmember Moore. Councilmember David McClain asked for a point of clarity. I want to check, I want to make sure, was that voting on the original or is that voting on the postponement? Because, I want to

make sure. Ms. Duncan said, you are voting on the postponement. Once it is postponed indefinitely, it kills it. It won't be coming back. Councilmember McClain said, okay. I just want to make sure as far as when we press the button is that voting on the first one or the second one? Councilmember Joe Hafner said, the second. City Clerk April Leggett said, the second. Councilmember Moore said, just as a semi-parliamentarian, it is a general motion to adopt, but a motion to postpone indefinitely has a higher precedence and we vote on them in order of their precedence. So, there may be multiple motions on the floor, but the one that has the highest precedence will be postpone indefinitely. Councilmember McClain said, okay, got it.

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

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

[RES-23:035](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2023 RAISE GRANT FOR THE NORTH SECTION OF THE ONE JONESBORO QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN

Attachments: [new mou.docxFINAL](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, this is a grant that the city has applied for the last two years. I want to say that we were at a very high level of succeeding with this application. But, in order to get this application over the top, we also have a fellow community in Paragould that applied last year as well. In doing so, I thought that it was a good effort that the City of Paragould Mayor Josh Agee and both county judges and the Mayor of Brookland, we all visited about coming together to bridge our communities. In doing so, we pulled our portion of the flyover of the grant in order for others to participate. As you can see in the numbers that pretty much fills in the holes. We did have a public meeting this afternoon from 3-4 at the Chamber. It will be the first of many public meetings to inform the public. Again, this is just an ask for the opportunity for the grant. A lot of hard work has gone into this from each of the communities. We will be having a meeting in Paragould as well, Brookland. And, the nature of this is to collaborate support from all of our communities together, individuals, businesses and the Arkansas State ARDOT along with the Parks & Tourism. And, by collectively incorporating our parks north of our community and west of Paragould and then allowing a public transit system from Paragould down to Brookland down to Jonesboro and back and forth. For paratransit, our hospitals are all in favor of this as well. We hope that you are pleased with this application. We are as well. We are needing your support by letters. Regina, will you come forward and add any further information or answer any comments from Council? I will open it up for Council at this point in time.

Councilmember David McClain said, a couple of questions real quick. We talked about it a little bit at Finance, but I just want to get clarity on the Bridge NEA. Who makes that up, but then, also, what they will decide or determine or is it just a group to make the application? How does that work? Mayor Copenhaver said, Bridge NEA consists of Paragould, Jonesboro, and Jonesboro is the lead on the application, obviously because the size, we are asking for higher funding than anyone else, Brookland, and the two counties. Also, in that process, there will be a committee representing each of those communities in this process. Number one, that committee will be announced. They will be challenged to go out and ascertain support from each

of their communities. And, then once and hopefully, if we receive that funding, then that committee will stay intact to represent and on getting public opinion and where we are going to actually provide that once it's in its place. Now, Regina, if you would, also, may Council aware that in this grant request, what goes into that grant request as far as the funding portion of that.

Community Development and Grants Director Regina Burkett said, so, the funding portion will be just like any other federal grant that we received. Each partner will have their own responsibility and we will have an agreement if awarded. And, each partner will be responsible for that section of their agreement is what will happen with that. So, the City of Jonesboro will probably go ahead and do the financials because we are the lead in that. It is a reimbursement and each community will have to have their own reimbursement. It will not be from us. Once we receive the guidelines, we all have to follow the same federal guidelines. And, therefore, that will cover all of the communities. I spoke at Public Safety today and I was asked to send out support letters and I will be happy to send those out. If you wish to send one, I will send that information out tomorrow. Mayor Copenhaver said, and it is very competitive. The City of Helena received one two years ago and then, Conway received one last year. What we see is the involvement of the communities effort together and we thought outside of the box this time with this application and involving other communities.

Councilmember McClain said, I think that is a great idea to connect all the communities. I think that is smart for us to work together. I just wanted, again, clarity on who, what, when. If we are going to have two representatives from each community or be if it's going to be we are going to have more because we are the larger city or what. And, then, again, will they have any kind of authority to apply for more grants or apply for grants in the future from maybe the state or private foundations or anything like that. Mayor Copenhaver said, once again, we are adding that into the application that that committee will be formed and then if and when we hopefully would be able to receive that funding, then more of that role will come into play with that committee. But, yes, we will have the larger number because we are the larger city and then Paragould obviously following along with Brookland and the two county judges. Councilmember McClain asked, any timeline as far as when that committee may be formed? Mayor Copenhaver said, that committee will be formed within the week. Councilmember McClain said, okay. Ms. Burkett said, it is a requirement that we have to be the lead applicant in the grant because we are asking for the larger sum and with the largest population. We have the larger of the all of the other partner's populations so it is a requirement that we have to be the lead. Councilmember McClain said, thank you.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I think my only comment would be that it is smart to partner with others. That was very smart and it's exciting. I think just as you consider appointments, and hopefully as the other communities consider appointments, they will consider the folks that are going to use the trail. It will be important to have elected leaders and civic leaders and all of those things as well, but it will be important to have the folks that are actually going to ride the bikes and run the trails. Mayor Copenhaver said, I would say at our public comment today, we did have three, at least three City Councilmembers, there might have been more, along with about 50 people present and that was very promising. Ms. Burkett said, it was a large turnout today and a good response back from the community. And, we hope for that to continue with the other public comment hearings that we have. Councilmember McClain said, so we will construct if we get the grant, we construct our portion, the county constructs their portion, are they responsible for their portion? Mayor Copenhaver and Ms. Burkett said, yes. Councilmember McClain said, okay, thank you.

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

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

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2023

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-23:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AN ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG UNDEVELOPED BONAPARTE COVE AS REQUESTED BY HORIZON LAND SURVEYING ON BEHALF OF CURTNER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

Attachments: [signed petition.pdf](#)
[Opinion Letter](#)
[Plat & Utility Letters](#)
[resolution](#)
[Publishing Receipt](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:008 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-23:003](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES, FROM R-1 TO RM-12 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 BELT AS REQUESTED BY WESTON WAGNER

Attachments: [Staff Summary Report](#)
[Plat](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)
[Petition Against Rezoning ORD-23-003](#)
[Certified Mail Receipt](#)

Billy Brown, 814 Mays Road, said, I am here to speak on behalf of the neighborhood that is going to be directly affected by this ordinance. More specifically and I think I heard you say R-1, more specifically we want to deal with that because we want to watch out as a neighborhood for and protect those R-1 zonings so that don't face the possibility of high density housing in there. We represent the Northside Coalition for the Betterment of Jonesboro and as information for us, we went around and directly interviewed the neighbors that are immediately adjoining these properties and ask if they would be in support of or opposed to rezoning that were multiple housing could be

built in that area, and we overwhelming got a no. So, I do have a petition signed for this. This is the original copy that I will make available to you. The reason we dealt more specifically with the traffic in that area and I know that you are aware of where that property is located and it has one entrance in and out. It will have to come across that Belt address and wind up on Belt Street and come out on Belt Street. That property has not been cleaned up in a number of months. It seems that it has been a dump site for construction material. What I noticed most apparent is that Belt Street when it comes down and turns down Fisher Street is right there at that school and there is a lot of traffic. That's a really tight street in there anyway without bringing traffic off of two lots and additional traffic from high density housing. So, we have a petition against that ordinance based on the effect that it will have on the neighborhood. And, we actually ask if anyone would be willing to come that is directly affected, that is across the street from this and support us and they did. Just raise your hand if you are here based on this. These are the families that will be directly affected and they are opposing it based on traffic. I wonder if any consideration has been given to the school. That traffic two times a day is only one way and so it is going to have a traffic backup there. I also noticed in I think the last meeting that there was that registered notification was sent to those that are directly affected by this rezoning and when I did this survey, no one received those letters. And, there is a property that is R-1. They are a homeowner and it butts up immediately to this R-1 and they did not receive a notification. So, we are concerned that also the postal receipts that we can see online, none of them had names on them. We are concerned did anyone contact the school district about what that's going to do in that area and so we ask that you not approve this rezoning. Thank you very much. Any questions?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Mr. Brown, if you would, I would like to ask you a question. Mr. Brown said, yes sir. Mayor Copenhaver asked, did you, were you able to attend the MAPC meeting when this first came up? Mr. Brown said, no, I did not. I missed the MAPC meetings. Mayor Copenhaver said, I noticed they voted seven in favor and zero against on that. Mr. Brown said, right. So, yeah, I missed it. I only caught it on the last chamber meeting that you had, this past chamber meeting, that is when I caught that this was happening. That blue sign for rezoning has been up there for quite a long time. So, we were kind of watching what is going to happen there and I missed it on MAPC. I apologize. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments Mr. Brown.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, last night when I was putting this and writing this up for my Facebook page, I thought, I didn't see this at the last MAPC meeting and I thought, when was it up. Well, it came up on June 14, 2022 so it came up eight months ago. So, that sign has been up there, the rezoning sign has been up there for eight months. And, normally is that after the MAPC meeting is that it usually directly comes to you guys. So, I am not understanding why the delay for all of that time. And, I think also too is that when you see that rezoning sign for that long of time, I think that people just get numb to seeing that sign up there and they don't know what is going on. So, it has been eight months since it has been up there. All of you have the responsibility to just decide whether to make this an RM-12. There are two lots there and I did watch the MAPC meeting. I did not attend it, but I watched it today. And, what happened is that I heard Derrel Smith say is that sometimes when we request an RM-16 is that the City Council usually denies it. So, they put it to an RM-12. So, this is going to allow the builder to put, he could put 24 of them, but he is going to put 18. So, when I looked at the approval criteria is that one of the marks that they did not get is that it said that it was not consistent with the future land use plan. So, my thing is that you know what on the form it said, yeah, there's other apartment units on there, but it doesn't mean that we have to continue to build apartment units. When I looked at and

listened to the MAPC meeting is that they asked the gentleman to go ahead and replat. And, like, my copier is not well. On his first replat at the MAPC, he got the seal of approval down here at the bottom. When I looked up the replat that is shown on the attachments here, there is no seal of approval. Does that make a difference? I don't know, but one has it and one doesn't. So, I don't know why that is done. Mr. Brown had said something about the notifications that went out. Again, my computer is not very good, but if you look on and you can go to your computer is that there is no addresses. So, who did these go out to? You know, it is just a question about what is going on here. So, I guess what I am saying is that if you look at, there is a time and a point I guess we all have to decide how many apartments do we need in this community. And, I think if you look at all of the shootings that we have had lately is that there was this address here is 809 Belt. There was a shooting just a couple of days ago at 900 Belt Street and it was in the apartment building. And, they said that there were children there. So, I hope you guys consider that just because someone wants to change it and build some more apartments, they could build some nice houses. And, I think we need to get to a point that enough apartments is enough. Let's start really focusing and making this a nice town, especially on that. And, one last point is that with the school is that there was no, I understand you don't have to get approval from the school, but it is nice to have a letter sent to them to notify and that letter is not attached to anything on this ordinance here. So, I ask you guys to go ahead and deny this when it comes up for vote next week. Thank you.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I met with the Northside Coalition, but I also live right down the street and that problem, that whole area is a problem area between Belt and Patrick and that little area right there is a problem. But, I remember taking you Mayor up there to look at that place where they were dumping all of those items there that was supposed to have been looked into. I never heard anything else about it. But, at the same time, even though the MAPC may vote 7, you know a lot of these people don't live in these areas and a lot of these people don't go into these areas to look at what is happening in that neighborhood. That whole corner is a problem, period, and it is right next to that school. That is just an issue that needs to be looked at a little bit further, okay.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I have a question for Carol. Carol, I know we have a time limit when a rezoning comes to the City Council, it has to be settled in a certain amount of time. Is there a time limit from the time that the MAPC approves an item until it appears on the Council agenda because it does seem kind of strange that you might get approval at the MAPC and then have an eight month delay where everybody kind of forgets about it. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I was just trying to quickly research that because I had the same question, but Derrel is shaking his head no over there that there's not a timeline. Mayor Copenhaver asked, Derrel, would you like to comment and also a little background on that lot as well because I know we did go out there and look at it and discuss that.

Planning Director Derrel Smith said, this did come up and we did look. I can find nothing in there where there is a time limit set that once it is approved by MAPC, it has to go to City Council. Now, there is a time limit, you know, that after City Council, but nothing before. So, I looked and I couldn't find anything that said six months, a year, whatever, just wasn't anything written in the ordinances. Councilmember Moore said, I don't want to get off in the weeds tonight, but we ought to consider once something is approved at the MAPC, it should appear on the next regular Council agenda and that away all of the people who are involved in that. Mr. Smith said, we have had a lot of them not go to the next Council meeting. I mean, there has been a lot that take a month or two even to get to the council, but I haven't had one that has lasted since

June though, no. Councilmember Moore said, that was the only question I had for counsel. Ms. Duncan said, and we will look more closely before the next meeting to make sure, but I don't remember anything, but I was trying to look. Mayor Copenhaver said, Derrel, I think we also went out. I know Craig and I went out and looked. Mr. Smith said, I think that was you and Craig. I didn't get out there on that. Mayor Copenhaver asked, is Craig here? I don't think he is. Mr. Smith said, no, he is off this week. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, well, we will have to follow up comments on that for Council as well on that on that lot, Councilmember Coleman. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, but I hope we do more than just talk about it. We have talked about this once before, that same area. I guess specifically when I asked for people to look at that corner and look at that area, it's not so much that I am against apartments, but what I am against is putting them in certain areas and that area is just a bad area. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have a question, both of them. I think Mr. Brown and then Ms. Lack mentioned something about mailings and something about no address and so on and so forth and they asked the question, but we, I know this is a reading, but I think at some point, it's at least between now and the third reading, we need to answer that what exactly is that you know. Just answer that question when it comes to that. Ms. Duncan said, the general rule is that they are required to notify all property owners within 200 feet by certified mail. Councilmember Coleman said, okay. Ms. Duncan said, they are also required to notify the school district, just to answer that question. Mayor Copenhaver said, the school doesn't have to reply. Ms. Duncan said, they don't have to reply. Mayor Copenhaver said, good discussion Councilmember.

Weston Wagner, 336 Natchez, said, good evening. I'm actually the owner and going to be the builder of that property. The reason, as far as why it took so long, took the eight months is because once I got approved at MAPC, I had to go through and get a replat and turn two lots into one. That took a little bit of time. I build several properties here in Jonesboro, houses, duplexes, different stuff like that. I got busy doing that. This got kind of put on the backburner. So, to answer your question, this took me a little bit longer than I had originally anticipated on getting that done. What I am trying to do is my first section is zoned R-3. An R-3 can do 18 units per acre. So, the first section, if it didn't pass, the first section is R-3, you could build still several apartments there on it, go high on it. The second section is the R-1 lot, so what I would do, there has been pictures and documents and everything of a site plan layout similar to what I am going to do or plan on doing 18 units which would be nine different duplexes. There would be a road right through the middle. The land makes an L shape. There would be a road through the middle. L shaped down with duplexes as laid out for variance purposes. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments sir. Ms. Duncan said, I see no timeline as far as our ordinance. Councilmember Moore said, I didn't think there was a timeline, but what my point would be the same timeline that applies to the Council once it appears here should apply to the MAPC to get it here I would think. Mr. Wagner said, like I said, I do build several properties here in Jonesboro. I would be happy to share any addresses with the stuff I build. I build higher end properties. Everything has soffit lights on there. I started putting in photo eyes. Everything is very well lit with security lights. With 18 units here, I plan on putting a security system on site. One of the buildings will actually have a garage you would say for storage and office so I could have security systems there as well as anybody that is not familiar with it, soffit lights go in the eaves of the building all away around and come on every single night. It's not only the whole area to be parked be lit up, but I would also have security lights as well. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you sir.

Held at second reading

[ORD-23:004](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; MODIFYING THE INTEREST RATE ON THE CITY'S TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (COLSON CASTER PROJECT), SERIES 2022B ISSUED ON APRIL 19, 2022; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2022-15 \(Colson 2022\)](#)
[ORD-22-015 BONDS_Colson_Redacted](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-23:005](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 1657 AND 1717 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD CREATED IN SUCH ORDINANCE TO THE "CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD"; EXPANDING THE POWERS OF SAID PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY AND POWERS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARDS ACT; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending Powers of Jonesboro Public Facilities Board](#)
[Ordinance 1717](#)
[ORD 1657](#)

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-23:001](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5618 SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AS REQUESTED BY WESCOTT ENTERPRISES, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Plat](#)

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

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

Enactment No: O-EN-004-2023

[ORD-23:002](#)

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 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-4 LUO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1916 DISCIPLE DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Plat](#)

Jim Gramling, Gramling Law Firm, said, I represent the Church Cornerstone United Methodist Church. I have here with me Jonathan Griesse, the pastor and Shannon Davis from the Board of Trustees. We did have a neighborhood meeting. I expanded the radius to 400 feet and we had a grand total of two people show up. None of whom objected. The other important thing is because the church is still going to be there, this is an extremely limited use overlay. If you will look, you basically limited everything that would be fast food. What you are looking at there is essentially nine to five businesses that won't be a hindrance to the neighborhood. We have had no objection. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

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

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2023

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

I would like to update you on the progress on the Johnson Avenue Safety Initiative. We have been doing saturation patrols and writing a lot of citations and warnings. Chief and I have agreed that the fatality and other incidents on this stretch have been unacceptable. I want to invite him to briefly speak about JPD's approach and results over the past month or so.

Police Chief Rick Elliott said, good evening Council and thank you Mayor for this opportunity. Just briefly, since January 10, 2023, we have been trying to do saturations on this stretch of Johnson to well call it our driver reeducation program. We try to get drivers to pay attention to the posted speed limit that is now 35 mph. Our efforts, as of today, have yielded 422 traffic stops, 129 tickets, 282 warnings, 50 arrests, and 1 crosswalk violation, pedestrian not using the crosswalk. So, not only are we targeting the motorists, but the pedestrians trying to encourage them, reeducate them into using the crosswalks in this area. Once we get the new island up in the center, hopefully that along with new lighting along Johnson, we will see some significant differences in things that are going on. I will note that Johnson and State Street intersection in the past year, we only had five accidents at this intersection, but unfortunately, two of them involved pedestrians, one which is fatal. Just up from that, we did have a child struck on a bicycle the other day. Fortunately, that child was not seriously injured, just very minor injuries. There is a lot of foot traffic. Again, we are trying to take a positive approach and reeducating our drivers and our pedestrians. With lighting and safety equipment in place, we hope to make a big difference along Johnson.

Mayor Copenhaver said, and I might add Council, as late as last week, we were doing additional, not only the patrols, and hopefully, you were able to see that as well, but additional lighting upgrades. We have already visited with City, Water and Light on at least 40 poles being addressed for additional lighting. And, then, our traffic signs that I believe we mentioned earlier as well, those will be installed. We have gone ahead and provided that permit to ARDOT and so, hopefully, we will be hearing back from them this week for us to be able to move forward. Chief Elliott said, yes sir. Thank you, Mayor. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, you have to get permission from ARDOT for any signage at all, right? Mayor Copenhagen said, that is correct. Thank you Chief. I would like to conclude by saying that I was horrified by the accident that happened on Johnson. I think we all were. We do have fears about bad driving all over our city. And, I want to say that Chief Elliott and JPD do a wonderful job. We have to educate not only vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, but we need to do it in a safe way. We need to provide them with affordable access and respect our byways for all. So, I commend our JPD for keeping our streets safe and enforcing our laws. Again, speeding, texting, driving recklessly, and other vehicle offenses, they are saving lives and maybe our own one day.

There is a family that I would like to thank you. I can't name them because they chose to be anonymous, unnamed. This family gave me a \$10,000 check this weekend for Project CARE, which as you know, is a non-profit this administration created to serve for special needs population who can and want to work. We held a jobs fair a couple of weeks ago and it was a big success. And, I know the young men and women who will now have jobs feel empowered by their contributions and the rewards that the working career offers. I know all of Jonesboro is better with the service of Project CARE. And, if you want to donate, hire, or get involved with Project CARE, please call my office or Shelly Anderson or Tonya Hottel or Mary Housewright and others who volunteer to make Project CARE so valuable in our community.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, we had our MPO meeting today and we were talking to Brad Smithee, District Engineer with ARDOT, about our HAWK and the progress we have made on Johnson and what we need to do. He did indicated they had approved the city to put in a HAWK. They were waiting for the equipment that is going to be used. For approval, apparently, it is a formality, but he talked like that would be forthcoming very quickly as soon as we got that information to them. I think that is going to make a difference. We will have to see. The lighting at one of the meetings earlier, just general information, City, Water and Light has been for over two years I guess, replacing these sodium lights with LED's. They are a little over 70% traded out now. Those are brighter lights. They provide a lot better security. As the sodium burnout or several along an area burnout, they replace them. They have been made aware of the outages on Johnson. There are several places where lights are out. We will see that they are notified about the ones on Main as well. They have a crew at night that does nothing but go around and replace those lights out. But, as someone, I think Tony Thomas said earlier, there is a spot on the website where anybody can report an outage of street lights if you want it faster. They are very good about getting to those and getting them on a list and getting them changed out. Hopefully the increased lighting on Johnson will make a difference as well. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you councilman. I will say that yes, we sent a diagram because we are actually installing our equipment instead of ordering the equipment from ARDOT. So, they do have to approve that. So, that is what we are doing.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Mayor, you already addressed this, I mean I think you know we started looking at a multifaceted approach to helping JPD because JPD is doing all that they can. So, whether it is lighting or public policy or whatever it might be. I know in the past there has been court orders and all of the things that have happened on the north side of Johnson on apartment complexes, but Ms. Lack will share her spot crime thing and I live in Rossland Hills by Central Baptist and I think we know, you know, the complexes we have there and the crime and the shooting that we had at the Exxon recently. So, do we need to look from a public policy perspective? I

mean I look at the regulations we have on Airbnb's. You know, if you misbehave and JPD comes out a couple of times, we can do something about you not having an Airbnb. So, at what point can we do something to these bigger apartment complexes that are putting such a strain on city resources? So, I don't ask that for an answer tonight, but just something for us to consider on how we can help JPD. Mayor Copenhaver said, I can promise you Chief Elliot and I have had those conversations on the pressure points on those complexes. So, we are going to be using additional ways to apply that.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you to the Mayor and everyone. I just want to make a public statement in that it's February which is Black History month. And, I would be reposed or remiss if I did not at least acknowledge it because I haven't personally heard anything stated in that regard, but being a proud citizen here in Jonesboro, but also a victim of profiling back when I was in college. I do want to acknowledge the fact that our policing and others have definitely improved since then, but we do have a ways to go in certain areas. I know even legislation now is being talked about and is being presented about affirmative action basically being eradicated. I just want to make a public statement that it does affect more than we would know or even like to recognize. So, I just think it is important that we make that statement, that we also as a city recognize those minorities, not just blacks, but our Asian community, our Hispanic community, and others that are doing a great work. They are also sowing (I am using a preaching term here.), but giving and of course submitting resources into our communities. I think we ought to continue to recognize that and make some open statements about it.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, well, I am wearing out the City Attorney tonight so I might as well continue down this trail. Earlier there was a comment made that if you transfer the title of property, condemnation has to start back. Is that an affirmative defense to condemnation, you simply sell the property. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, if you sell the property prior to us granting the condemnation. Now, after the condemnation, it would transfer with the property. If it's sold prior to Council acting on it, then yes, we would have to start the notification process over. Councilmember Moore said, so as long as you sell it prior the adoption of the ordinance? Ms. Duncan said, right, we would have to start over and notify the new property owner. Councilmember Moore said, well, I am pretty disappointed, there's not another avenue. Maybe we need to look because it is pretty easy to issue a quitclaim deed. And, we could actually do that back and forth between me and John Street until the Council gives up. Ms. Duncan said, we appreciate you publicly giving people that idea. Councilmember Moore said, there is no need to hide a problem. We might be aware of that and if there is something that we can think about or another alternative, we might want to consider that.

Ms. Duncan said, I will say that I did a little more looking while everybody was talking on and talked to Scott Roper and the fees that we were talking about earlier, we are truly enforcing them as fees and not fines so I don't have any concern with the raise. Councilmember Moore said, that's good news. Anything we can do to help Scott. I didn't want to get off in the weeds tonight on all of the condemnations, but all my efforts are to enable Scott to fulfill his obligations to move forward on this properties and keep people on a pretty tight leash. I am concerned about the title. Ms. Duncan said, it doesn't happen often until now. Councilmember Moore said, I understand. Thank you Madam Attorney. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have a couple of things. To thank the Chief and what they are doing over on Johnson. You can actually see what is going on.

I leave early a lot in the morning going down Johnson and I can actually see the traffic slowing down like it should. But, we are beginning to have another issue on Belt and Patrick. So, if we could get some more patrol out there, I sure would appreciate it.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, I just want to echo Dr. Coleman and applaud the Jonesboro Police Department for their efforts on Johnson. I drove by there twice on Saturday coming from the Hilltop area going towards that area and coming down and I saw multiple vehicles pulled over down there. So, enforcement on Saturday morning, just like the rest of the week. It was definitely stepped up and thank you for your efforts. Along the same lines, I have been contacted by a couple of homeowner associations that are here in the city and they have been asking if we have any updates on any of the speed bumps that can be installed in their neighborhoods. I know that at one time we were working on pricing and getting some policies together on that. Do we have an update on that or anything? Mayor Copenhaver said, we do have price scheduling. Brian, do you have any updates? It is more about instituting and having accessibility to them at this point.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, of course, like anything else, the supply chain disruptions somehow affects rubber. I think average lead time is 12-14 weeks on the fastest one we have found. What we have been encouraging neighborhood associations to do is to reach out to us and to inquire about some speed tables. And, we have some internal metrics that we use to see if that is something to address a larger problem or if it is something that is more defined to a particular neighborhood. Part of that information would help weigh in on if this is something that the neighborhood would be asked to pay for. Or, if, for example, they want to do a concrete speed table, we would need to see the renderings and the actual drawing from an engineer before we would issue that permit. Of course, we are going to want the input from the people that are going to be using it every day in the actual neighborhood. So, I would just ask if there is any neighborhood associations or any particular neighborhoods that are interested in that, you can reach out to the Mayor's office. You can email me directly and I will see to it that we kind of go through the proper processes on that.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, Brian, can't some of that information be put on the web page so people can look at it? Mr. Richardson said, yeah, we can put some pretty basic stuff on there, but obviously it is pretty unique. If we get a request for speed tables on a highway, that is not really something that any of the other regulations that we just talked about would be applicable for. But, we can definitely put out some basics. Are you interested in speed tables in your neighborhood? If so, here's the process and here are some of the minimum requirements. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, do they still have to go through the Engineering Department to get a permit? Mr. Richardson said, correct. Yes, we would have to permit. Even if it was a neighborhood association that was going to pay for the installation, whatever that might be, before you put something on city right-of-way, we have to authorize a permit for that. Councilmember Emison said, Brian, I think that is a great idea and I thank you for speaking to that. I had no idea it was a 14 week backlog on something like that. Mr. Richardson said, actually, you should have seen some of the lead time on some of the longer ones. I think we waited something like 6-8 months for one. We didn't order from them anymore.

Councilmember Emison said, right. To Councilmember Coleman's position there as far as the website, I mean I think putting both that and as far as like the private neighborhoods that are wanting to go out and get their own cameras from the skycops side of it and being able to feed that back to dispatch to have both of those pieces of

information on the same website, I think would at least help answer a lot of the starting conversations for those neighborhoods there. Sure and I would just say as a general statement that someone on city staff is always available. If there is a neighborhood that would like for somebody to come out and talk about some of the other items that maybe they are interested in or just general updates, I would encourage any of those groups or associations to reach out and let us know. We will do our best to get somebody there. Councilmember Emison said, thank you. Mr. Richardson said, thank you.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, I would just like to affirm that city officials did come and meet with our neighborhood association about cameras, license plate readers and it was very helpful and very informative. They were patient and answered every question and I was very proud to be associated with this group of people. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments. I would like to say I think it is really important and I want Council to and I think you all know that my door is open for any conversation. Sometimes, we are not going to hear everything. But, you represent wards and you do have concerns in your wards. I know that Councilmember Williams has come up and visited with me recently. And, that is the way that we learn about how we can address your particular areas that you might hear of concerns that we are not aware of. So, please, please note that my door is open to anybody.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, I must say that those in my ward and neighborhood have been really pleased and have noticed the enforcement of the speed limit. It is quite the conversation at the University Market gas station. I have heard a lot of people. It has gotten their attention. I was having lunch with a friend recently and we were talking about the very strict speed enforcement and my friend informed me that she had gotten a ticket. She said, yeah, it's been real good. But, she said, well, you know, live and learn. It was a learning moment for her. So, it has slowed the traffic down. It really has been noticeable.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, what I want to say is last week or last council meeting, I know, LJ, you mentioned something about the small homes, a lot of them being built and most of them being rentals and I went by that area and there's a lot of small little homes there. In saying that it's out of state builders and then they build them and move on and they don't really care. You know, I think also too is that with the growth of Jonesboro now, you see some complexes that there's even local builders that are selling to out of state people too. And, once again, out of state people don't really care what happens after, you know, what happens after they buy it and they just move on. And, that's where I think the idea of impact fees. You know we talked about it and I know Ms. Williams, you asked the Mayor back in December about an update on the study and all of that and I hope that you can share that, where that is right now. But, I think where people are is that, you know, you look at all of the apartment complexes that are having shootings is that you and I and all of the citizens pay for our police and our fire department to go and protect those people and they are citizens, but, also, too, the people that own those complexes don't live here in Jonesboro. And, I think that with their attention focused on those apartments is taking away from the rest of the community and I think that is where I think that if we really start looking at impact fees and I hope that we do because I think for the growth of Jonesboro right now is amazing. I mean, it is non-stop. It seems something's going up all of the time. And, I think we need to have the developers pay a little bit more. And, those impact fees also, too, not only will help the roads, but they will help with the police and the fire departments. So, I was wondering if you can kind of give us an update on where that

study is. Thank you. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Joe Hafner left the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman left the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Joe Hafner and Anthony Coleman

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk