



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance, but left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-10:075 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on August 10, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

MIN-10:074 Minutes for the special called Finance Committee meeting on August 17, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

RES-10:111 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR CITY YOUTH MINISTRIES SUMMER/MENTORING

Sponsors: Community Development

Grants Coordinator Gayle Vickers explained the Council already approved the contracts and the amounts when the action plan was approved earlier this year. She added everything is the same and the approval of the resolutions and contracts is just procedural.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:112 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM
CONTRACT FOR THE FOUNDATION OF ARTS - EDUCATION ENRICHMENT

Sponsors: Community Development

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:113

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR JONESBORO URBAN RENEWAL HOUSING AUTHORITY - HOUSING COUNSELING

Sponsors: Community Development

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:114

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR JONESBORO URBAN RENEWAL HOUSING AUTHORITY - SUBSISTENCE

Sponsors: Community Development

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:115

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR MID-SOUTH HEALTH - SUBSISTENCE

Sponsors: Community Development

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:116

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR MID-SOUTH HEALTH - EMPLOYMENT TRAINING/ASSISTANCE

Sponsors: Community Development

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

RES-10:107

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: (1) TO ELIMINATE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS ON INTEREST RATES FOR GOVERNMENT BONDS AND LOANS, REVISED INTEREST RATE LIMITS ON OTHER LOANS, AND AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECTS - (ISSUE #2 AT NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION); AND (2) TO MODIFY AND IMPROVE THE FINANCING ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE STATE IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ARKANSAS (ISSUE #3 AT NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION).

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin explained all of the cities in Arkansas are being asked by the Arkansas Municipal League to endorse this resolution regarding bonds and economic development. He stated the measure will be on the ballot for voters.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;John Street;Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

COM-10:086

Financial Reports for July 2010

Sponsors: Finance

Mayor Perrin noted expenditures are down, while revenue is up. He added they are continuing to work on cash management and are \$3.6 million under budget through July. City Treasurer Jim Eagan stated revenues are stabilizing and more attention is being paid to expenditures. Further discussion was held concerning the financial reports and the budget.

Project management reports

Councilman Hargis stated he would like to see reports concerning City projects that detail how the money was spent. He explained this would allow the Council and the public to see where the money goes. Mayor Perrin indicated they could give reports on completed projects and show the projected cost as well as actual costs.

Sidewalk projects status update

Chairwoman Williams asked for an update regarding sidewalks. Mayor Perrin explained they have a map showing all of the sidewalks in the City that can be provided to the Council. He further explained they spent \$400,000 to \$500,000 last year on sidewalks by using capital improvement funds as well as CDBG grants. He discussed the 2009 sidewalk projects and stated each year they are going to look at sidewalks to determine which ones are needed most. He noted they have applied for enhancement grant funding in order to make sidewalks on Phillips Drive from the

Holiday Inn to Stadium. Councilman Hargis noted they should look at possibly using Advertising & Promotions money for those types of projects since they are in the hotel area. Chairwoman Williams discussed sidewalks being put on Caraway so international students from ASU can use them. Mayor Perrin stated in 2011 they will be identifying more areas for sidewalk improvements.

COM-10:089 Discussion of Depository Board release of RFP for Banking Depository Services

Sponsors: Depository Board and Finance

Mr. Eagan informed the committee they contacted 10 bidders that are eligible to hold the City's money. He explained nine banks responded and the bids will be back on September 8.

Principal Financial and the non-uniform pension plan

Councilman Hargis asked for an update concerning the non-uniform pension plan. Mr. Eagan explained they are proceeding with litigation and are considering consulting an outside attorney to assist the City. Chairwoman Williams questioned whether the City will be joined by other municipalities. Mr. Eagan stated it is a possibility.

Bids for communication services

Councilman Hargis also questioned the status of the communications contract. Operations Director Gary Harpole explained City Attorney Phillip Crego is currently looking at the Request For Proposals. He stated they are working out some issues with the RFP, but are getting close to finishing it. He noted the move-in date for the new JETS facility has been pushed back due to not having communication lines installed yet.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Harold Carter referred to the previously discussed financial reports and questioned whether the Sanitation Department has a trend of spending \$500,000 over their revenue. Mr. Eagan answered yes, but since it is a public health service the General Fund as well as other sources combine to give it the funding necessary to function.

Mr. Carter then asked whether the City keeps up with project management. Mr. Harpole stated they use CartoGraph to keep up with construction project hours and they also use the project management module in Springbrook. He noted after the V7 migration is completed in Springbrook, all of the projects will be able to be kept up with in Springbrook.

Further discussion concerning sidewalks

Mr. Harpole referred to the earlier discussion concerning sidewalks and noted that on October 11 the Jonesboro 2030 committee will be holding public participation workshops in seven different locations in the City. He explained before the workshops, they will be handing out surveys at events such as ASU Homecoming and the county fair in order to get information from the public. He further explained at the workshops they will use the survey information as well as other information they gather to discuss recommendations for the City.

Legislative Audit exit interview

Mr. Harpole stated they are waiting on the exit interview. They hope to hold it within the next week or two.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Darrel Dover and Mikel Fears