



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:25 P.M.

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 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant;Brian Emison;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore and John Street

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-21:014](#)

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER TO THE JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor Harold Copenhaver approached the podium, "Council I am here this evening and I'm honored to be in front of this group of fine young student athletes from Jonesboro Public Schools. Alma mater open the roof! I'm proud of ya'll. This is a wonderful accomplishment and as I have followed you through the year, it was an achievement that ya'll did as a team. That is what we at the City are going to do and are doing and it's, we can we will, right. Yeah, awesome job, we're really proud of you, so I'd like to read this proclamation honoring Jonesboro High School girls State Championship. Whereas our own Jonesboro High School girls' basketball team won the 5A State Championship on March 20th, defeating West Memphis 47-39 in Hot Springs and whereas Coach Jody Chrisentberry's teams won 80% of its games including a dazzling 7-0 run to cap the season to bring home their third championship trophy in the past 6 years. Good job well done. Whereas State Finals MVP Ereauna Hardaway, a junior guard, lead the team with 14 points in the victory and whereas the Lady Hurricane's finished the season with 23 wins and 6 loses and featured 4 Seniors. Whereas the student athletes set an example for us all with their team work and commitment by defeating challenges and adversity on and off the court and they have made their home town proud. Now there for I, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the state of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim today April 6, 2021 Jonesboro Lady Hurricanes Day in the city of Jonesboro Arkansas. I have signed documents for each and every one of you. Congratulations, we are proud of the way you represent our town."

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[COM-21:015](#)

PRESENTATION BY BEVERLY PARKER ON THE KEEP JONESBORO BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Beverly Parker with Keep Jonesboro Beautiful Commission approached the podium for an update, "Thank you for allowing me to come and update the council tonight. You'll see on this first slide here our nice new logo and the name Keep Jonesboro Beautiful. We are currently an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful that was a one year journey to get that certification and we are really pleased to get to announce that to you. I want to briefly explain what went into that and also say that we're among 650 affiliates in the United States and only 13 in Arkansas. The reviewers that came to us were very complimentary about our many resources that we have in Jonesboro. We had to provide a listing of resources. I think what that says to me, is that we have a lot of synergy in Jonesboro, a lot of resources that can be brought to bear on making this a more beautiful city. So I think that we're well on our way with some of the actions that have already been taken and I'm really excited about where we are but more importantly where we can go. To be an affiliate it's important because it's based on best practices and I just want to briefly mention that we're looking at individual responsibility, education, public private partnerships and volunteer actions. It's a lot more than going out and picking up litter. It's about planning for betterment of your community with these types of researched based practices. So we're not really starting from scratch, we have resources and we can draw on other states and cities for information. I met with the Mayor in early January and came up with some priorities and we agreed that fighting litter was the number one priority; and he gave me the permission to come up with a slogan, we're very thankful for the solutions group for this slogan. It's Time to Fight Dirty. I think that has special meaning in terms of where we are. I know that coming out of the pandemic we really had a horrible litter problem and some action has already been taken on behalf of the city, we're going forward now with some community clean up's on April 10th, 24th and May 1st. I would just encourage the Councilmembers, if you're so inclined to come out and help us, Councilmember David McClain has one planned over in the Race Street area and of course, Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman is always so good to help in his areas and that will be later in May. It's also important for the citizenry, I want to speak directly to the citizens tonight, we want to encourage more neighborhood action. Whereas they can start their own clean ups and we can help them do that. They can contact us on our Facebook page or on our website. An example of simple acts, for instance, picking up your street after the weekly sanitation route. We all know that sometimes some things fall out, I make it a practice, every house I've ever lived in, I go out when I get my can and I look around and if there is something out there I pick that up and I put it in my can, I don't have to look at it until it disappears. Our vision is that Jonesboro will be Clean, Green and Beautiful and I know that's a lofty task but you have to have admirable vision to move forward and again I feel like it's something doable. I think we're out of juncture in our city that we have to decide what kind of town or city we chose to be. Much of our trash comes from trash cans, blowing litter as its emptied or over filled and I am going to address that, dumpsters that are not covered and moving vehicles. Of course, there are other things but those are some primary reasons, and I am going to point to the photo on the right. That litter was at the front of my neighborhood and I took the time to go out and pick it up. It had been a great big sheet of plastic at one time, when I got to it, it was in hundreds of little pieces and that took about 2 hours to that pick up. I did that because I am proud of the neighborhood that I live in, so I am just encouraging us to be such that we have more civic pride and pride in our neighborhood. We also know that litter can lead to poor drainage and flooding. That's a real issue here and you see that exemplified here. So how must we fight dirty in terms of litter prevention? I've talked about litter clean ups and the one thing I am stressing to everyone is we cannot pick our way up out of a litter problem,

litter invites more litter, it gives permission for people to litter, so that's why it's important that we get the litter removed and then really work to keep our city clean. The Mayor has just instituted a zero tolerance policy for litter and asked law enforcement to assist with that. I think that's a fantastic start and I look forward to working with law enforcement on that. But what we have to have is a behavior change, your work with law enforcement is one of those. Others would be ordinances, do we have the right ordinances and codes and policies, and are we holding people to those standards. Rewards and penalties, penalties for example would be a ticket for not having your truck bed covered or trailer covered and it's blowing out everywhere. Infrastructure, it's questions like, is it easy to recycle in this city, are trash cans in the parks at appropriate distances so people will walk to put stuff in them, butt receptacles downtown, and also I think a real opportunity is how can we turn our yard waste into compost; those are just some things we can look at. Then persuasion, we have to influence our target persons through their attitudes and beliefs and again this is education, waste reduction, social norms and more. An example there is I've already been asked to come out to Embassy Suites next week and talk about waste reduction because that's something Embassy Suites at the corporate level want their hotels and facilities to decrease waste. So I'm saying all this because there's a methodology that we all could use to prevent litter. I'm going to ask all of you to join in this fight. It's important to remember that what we permit we promote and if you evaluate what's working, it's incumbent on this body help us out with knowing your current ordinances, are they working are they not, are we letting the fines that are going to change behavior, etc. Are we enforcing current ordinances for prevention of litter? That would be and I'm going to use the example at the bottom, I go by this set of trash cans daily and I go by them daily because they are always on the curb. We have an ordinance that says trash cans can be on the curb 24 hours after the trash has run, so here is an activity that we really need to look at. This is really making this area look bad, there's another picture I will show you later. It's very important in terms of blight. If you look at places like this, this area was once a very thriving middle class neighborhood and now you see a lot of mattresses in the yards and couches etc. So what litter does is it leads to blight and we really have to think about it in terms of blight and what we can do to prevent blight and take our efforts up stream with Code Enforcement. I've talked about litter and our actions, I've talked about litter prevention and I hope that each of you will join in activities within your purview that will help with litter prevention. Other things that we're working on are the gateway areas to town, the Mayor was very interested in making sure that as people come to town they see the best of us not the worst of us, Tree City USA, Danny Kapales and I will be working on this, you remember we had this once upon a time and we lost that certification but we really need to be more protective of our trees. I say often that Crowley's Ridge is our beach, we need to really care for our trees and our landscape. Another item is our watershed and improving the appearance and cleanliness of what we call ditches but they are actually streams. We really need to rename our water flow, its streams and we really need to take care of our streams. We have 3 watersheds that are going out to the St. Francis, the Cash and L'Anguille so all this water goes somewhere. Also Parks and Recreation, we are working with Parks and Recreation on a greening project, most likely will be down in the courthouse area. I want to encourage people to go to our website keepjonesborobeautiful.com, you can go there and sign up for cleanup. There's a lot of good information there. Keep Jonesboro Beautiful ask that, as individuals- if you see trash pick it up, take pride in your neighborhoods, businesses- if you have dumpster keep it closed, keep your parking lots cleaned, city government- I've already mentioned things here that can help us to forward our move to litter prevention, media- we need media coverage and to penetrate the community and as always we ask our educators to help. Again, I thank everybody here for your support and I look forward to more activities with Keep Jonesboro Beautiful." Mayor

Harold Copenhaver said, "Thank you Ms. Parker for your comments and your efforts in the community and I'm excited about this weekend. I know its downtown and we have several other events going on as well. The bottom line is we just have to just get out and pick it up and we need to help our neighbors that can't help themselves in those areas." Councilmember Bobby Long asked, "When you sign up for a cleanup on the website, what does that involve with the person that's orchestrating the cleanup for their neighborhood, what can they expect?" Ms. Parker said, "Well there's two things, one they can just sign up to volunteer and we can assign them to one of the existing ones but we also have a sheet of paper that says how to conduct a pop up clean up. It's everything from planning the day to notifying your neighbors to notifying sanitation, picking up the bags, it's the whole deal so we do have information available on that." Mayor Harold Copenhaver added, "And for those interested as well, we are providing the city services to provide for those pick up's on the 10th, 24th, and the 1st.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

[MIN-21:023](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2021

Attachments: [CC Minutes 03162021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-21:051](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO AMEND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO REVISE THE LIST OF APPROVED JOB TITLES

Attachments: [Video Analyst](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-054-2021

[RES-21:053](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE AN ASSESSMENT BY ARKANSAS PUBLIC ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (APERMA)

Attachments: [APERMA Assessment Worksheet](#)
[Release of All Claims--JONESBORO](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-055-2021

[RES-21:054](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [Joe Mack Campbell Park Arkansas State University 3 3 2021.docx1 \(002\)](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-056-2021

[RES-21:056](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PARTNER WITH POST FOODS FOR THE RAILROAD TRACK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CRAIGHEAD TECHNOLOGY PARK

Attachments: [03.30.2021 Post Foods -- Exhibit A](#)
[03.30.2021 Post Foods --Partnering Agreement](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-057-2021

[RES-21:057](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET TO ADD THREE ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-058-2021

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-21:049](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3702 MOORE ROAD

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from consideration and voting on RES-21:049 due to the fact that he serves as a member of the CWL Board.

Councilmember Charles Frierson asked to be recused from consideration and voting on RES-21:049 due to the fact that he serves as an attorney for CWL.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant;Brian Emison;Ann Williams and Chris Moore

Recused: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-059-2021

[RES-21:050](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 920 AGGIE ROAD

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from consideration and voting on RES-21:050 due to the fact that he serves as a member of the CWL Board.

Councilmember Charles Frierson asked to be recused from consideration and voting on RES-21:050 due to the fact that he serves as an attorney for CWL.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant;Brian Emison;Ann Williams and Chris Moore

Recused: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-060-2021

6. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:060](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR ELECTING OF THE POSITION ONE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shirley Moore, 1902 Mt. Vernon Drive, called in and said she is so glad that this going to be before voting for people to make a choice. I have served on the City Council and I really believe that it ought to be the people in the Ward that elect the ones to serve in that Ward.

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

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

Enactment No: R-EN-061-2021

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-21:014](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A 5' PORTION OF AN EXISTING 25' DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE BRENDAR VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AS REQUESTED BY CITIFIRST PROPERTY GROUP, LLC

Attachments: [PDF sent from Petitioner](#)

Councilmember Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-21:014 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-21:010](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 117-2 AND ORDINANCE 117-139 TO DEFINE AND PROVIDE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

Held at second reading[ORD-21:011](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SUPPORTING ADVANCEMENT, INC. D/B/A LOST PIZZA CO. AT HILLTOP TO BE LOCATED AT 3410 E. JOHNSON AVENUE

Attachments: [Lost Pizza Private Club Permit Application](#)

Held at second reading[ORD-21:012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 LUO, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, LIMITED USE OVERLAY TO RS-6 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3506 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JEREMY BEVILL OF FISHER & ARNOLD ENGINEERING ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN HILLS REAL ESTATE, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Cover Letter - Rezoning](#)
[Application](#)
[Overall Vicinity Map](#)
[Traffic Volume Letter](#)
[Nettleton School Email](#)
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)

Held at second reading*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*[ORD-21:007](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ACROSS PART OF LOT 1R OF P & H INVESTMENTS, LLC REPLAT, LOCATED AT 2303 E. PARKER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY P & H INVESTMENTS, LLC

Attachments: [2303 E Parker Petition Signed](#)
[2303 E ParkerRd-Abandonment Plat](#)
[Engineering and Planning Concurrence - Parker](#)
[ATT - Utility Release Form](#)
[CenterPoint Letter and Plat](#)
[CWL Letter](#)
[Ritter - Utility Release](#)
[Suddenlink - Utility Release Form](#)

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 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant;Brian Emison;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore and John Street

Enactment No: O-EN-009-2021

[ORD-21:009](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RS-8 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 305 AIRPORT ROAD AS REQUESTED BY TAYLOR MCBRIDE OF MCALISTER ENGINEERING ON BEHALF OF IGNACIO ISLAS

Attachments: [City Council Staff Summary](#)
[Rezoning Application](#)
[Rezoning Replat](#)
[Aerial View of Location](#)
[Pictures of Signs](#)
[Pictures of Signs 2](#)
[School Email](#)
[USPS Receipts](#)

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, steps to the podium and states she thinks she is for it but I think we as a city has to look at what we're doing with as much building and the roads that we have. I know this is going from R-1 to RS-8, there's 7 acres on it and the city is growing and I think right across the street is Willow Point and there are a lot of houses there. During the MAPC meeting one of the issues that was brought up was talking about how the roads are not being unable to handle what we are building these days and they also brought up the impact of the schools. I think this is Nettleton Schools, I think we all know that the schools get money per kid so they're not going to object to any more building, but I think what we're doing is that we're doing a really disservice to our children because when we have overcrowding of the schools, which what I think after the virus, we'll get back to probably, hopefully in September is that Nettleton Schools is overcrowded, I think all of our schools are getting to that point. So not only with the schools but I think we are looking at the roads. This situation here is on Airport Road and I have been on that lately, kind of cutting through to avoid going around by ASU, and it's crowded. You know I think all of our streets are crowded and I think at the MAPC what they were looking at is how do we handle the impact of the traffic on our roads because one of the situations is out there by my house where we have the apartments on Craighead Forrest Road and I hate to bring it up but we have Makala and we have Russell Drive that has not been fixed yet. But we keep on adding more and more traffic and more apartments and more houses. Just as a whole I hope that all of us kind of look at what we're doing with building and what kind of impact it is going to be 5 and 10 years down the line. I know a couple of years ago we talked about a thing called impact fees, I think maybe once again we need to start looking at that to just help out with paying for some of the roads and the conditions and the schools and all that. I'm for it, I think it's going to be affordable housing but I think we have to look at the overall impact of 5 and 10 years down the line for our city to make sure that we are going in the right way.

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

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

Enactment No: O-EN-010-2021

ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL[ORD-21:006](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE COTTAGE HOUSING STANDARDS TO ENCOURAGE AN ALTERNATIVE TYPE OF DETACHED HOUSING BY PROVIDING RESIDENCES FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF TYPICALLY ONE TO TWO INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT UNDERGOING THE SUBDIVISION PROCESS AND TO PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE FOR THE CITIZENS OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [Cottage Housing Ordinance 1.26.21](#)
[Shirley Moore Handwritten Message 03022021](#)
[Cottage Housing Ordinance Revised 3.2.21](#)
[Billy Brown Drop Off 03102021 Cottage Housing](#)
[Northside Coalition Petition 03112021](#)
[Billy Brown email with petitions 03102021](#)
[Cottage Housing Ordinance Final Revised 3.18.21](#)
[Citizen Comments Regarding Cottage Housing](#)
[Citizen Comments Regarding Cottage Housing Updated 04202021](#)

Planning and Zoning Director Derrel Smith approached the podium with the amendments made to the ordinance, "After meeting with several neighborhood associations during this process, we have made some amendments to this. I think everybody has the latest copy but I am going to go over what the amendments are so that everybody's on the same page. Under section A we have added that Letter C- cottage homes shall be developed in clusters of a minimum of 4 to maximum of 12 homes per acre. D- the minimum separation between cottage houses and developments must be 1,000 feet, so you can't have one back to back. Then under L5- we have added variety of detached cottage housing units floor plans and architecture treatments these should be used to avoid the overly use of the same building, design, structural features detailing or finishes among detached units within the cottage housing development. In cottage housing development no two structures shall be identical in terms of exterior finishes. All cottage housing units shall differ by utilizing at least two of the following options: variations in building materials finishes such as clapboard, shake shingles, stone, brick etc. or building color. Variations in adjacent cottage housing unit floor plans that alter the location of the exterior windows and doors. Variations in the size of the main floor area and/or building height of adjacent structures. No structural identical front porches shall be on adjacent cottage housing units. Variations in roof shapes or gables between adjacent structures or other variations as approved through site plan review by MAPC. Then 6- no part of this document exempts the developer from any requirements in section 117 of the City of Jonesboro Zoning Code and The Stormwater Management Ordinance and all building codes and fire and life safety codes. And then finally 7- the development must be submitted for site plan review to MAPC to determine that it complies with the overall characteristics of the neighborhood. So those were the changes, all of those came from meetings with different neighborhood associations that requested those. We tried to incorporate as many as we could so that is what you have before you."

Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, "Mayor as a point of order or just maybe for clarification from the City Clerk, these amendments haven't been read anywhere. Do we not need to make an amendment and bring these up to be read officially?" City Attorney Carol Duncan says, "You do need to make an amendment, yes. It's adopted by reference so I don't know that necessarily that they have to be read but I think

there needs to be a motion to amend and add these changes to the document that's being adopted by reference."

Councilmember Bobby Long asked, "Do you feel the amendments and adjustments made significantly changed the ordinance?" City Attorney Carol Duncan says, "I think we first have to decide if we are approving them or not. I think you need to vote on the amendment and then we can decide."

Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, "I guess to follow up my question, you know I'm not opposed of the ordinance so I just want to make sure that these amendments, have these been publicized Darrel where the public is able to see these?" Planning and Zoning Director Derrel Smith responds, "I got these to April two weeks ago and they have been on Legistar ever since." City Clerk April Leggett says, "They were attached on March 18, 2021." Councilmember Mitch Johnson says, "I guess I'm just a little uncomfortable making a final decision on this when we're just bringing the amendments before us tonight." City Attorney Carol Duncan responds, "I think that was part of the discussion last time, I think most of these changes were read by Derrel last time. There may be a little bit of a difference. It was tabled indefinitely before we got a chance to do the amendment so that the public could see the amendment. But I do agree that the public needs to see the amendment and I think they are significant. Now do you have to go back to first reading, I don't know that they are that significant, they've been publicized for quite some time." Councilmember Mitch Johnson says, "I'm not saying that we need to start all over but I'm just personally not comfortable with making a final decision by just making the amendment tonight." City Attorney Carol Duncan says, "I think that it's important to note that tonight was the first night that Council said yes these are the amendments that we are going to make. Before that they were just proposed amendments, so yes I do think it would be appropriate to hold it for one more meeting if that's what is decided by the Council. Based upon the fact that you have now approved the amendments."

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to amend ORD-21:006 to reflect the following guidelines which are in the adopted by reference attachment to the ordinance: Section A (c) Cottage homes shall be developed in clusters a minimum of four (4) homes to a maximum of twelve (12) homes; Section A (d) The minimum separation between CHDs must be one thousand (1,000) feet; Section L (5) Variety in Detached Cottage Housing Units Floor Plans and Architectural Treatments. These standards are intended to avoid the overly repetitive use of the same building design, structural features, detailing or finishes among detached units within the cottage housing development. In cottage housing developments no two (2) structures shall be identical in terms of exterior finishes. All cottage housing units shall differ from each other by utilizing at least two (2) of the following options: (a) Variations in building material finishes such as clapboard, shake shingles, stone, brick, etc., and building color; (b) Variation in adjacent cottage housing unit floor plans that alter the location of exterior windows and doors; (c) Variations in the size of main floor area and/or building height of adjacent structures; (d) No structurally identical front porches shall be located on adjacent cottage housing units; (e) Variations in roof shapes or gables between adjacent structures; or (f) Other variations as approved through site plan review by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC); Section L (6) No part of this document exempts the developer from any requirements in Section 117 of the City of Jonesboro Zoning Code and the Stormwater Management Ordinance and all building codes and fire and life safety codes; Section L (7) The development must be submitted for site plan review to the MAPC to determine that it complies with the overall character of the neighborhood. All voted aye on the amended guidelines adopted by reference attachment to

ORD-21:006.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, approached the podium, "Right now I am against it and I would really appreciate all of you, and I agree with you Mr. Johnson, is that this be held for another 2 weeks, because the amendments that were made is completely changing this ordinance. You don't think it's very much but it does. And I think the thing is that the public has not had a chance to read it. The two meetings that were held at the neighborhood meetings, the neighborhood requested those, I think there's a lot of other people that know nothing about the cottage homes. And if there so good then it doesn't matter whether we wait two more weeks for people to find out more information about it. I guess where I'm at is that when the ordinance was presented at the MAPC and when Derrel said that several people have requested that developing the city want a different type of housing option to build besides duplexes and triplexes. Then there was a comment by L.J. saying that we can't put a lot of handcuffs on people with standards. I think the thing is where I see this ordinance being is that it's in favor of a lot of the contractors, the developers and not so much of the citizens of Jonesboro because as far as providing affordable housing is that when we were told to look at the places up in Fayetteville and Little Rock, those houses were running in between \$200-\$300 thousand. That's not affordable housing here in Jonesboro, so we really don't know how much these houses are going to cost and I have to tell you just a few minutes ago I talked to Gary Harpole here; I got a whole different idea about the difference between houses, these cottage houses, in the downtown area versus all around Jonesboro and where my concern is that I realize with the rezoning's or the zoning areas and that is one of the things I looked at and you know me, I kind of go out for it. I had that zoning map blown up because I wanted to see exactly where we could put all of these places, so afterwards I called up because I couldn't figure out exactly where the R-1's where because I know R-1's are excluded but where could we put all of these cottage homes. So I got to talk to Ryan Robeson and he told me how to work their site right there and what I saw is that the downtown area was mostly R-1 and I know you say well that's not what it is but me as a citizen when I was working on this map is that is all I saw. So if I wanted the facts to be out there, and at the bottom of the sheet right here it says that everything will be under the old zoning R-1 and R-2 unless it has been rezoned into the new zoning code but the city is still under the old zoning. I still haven't found out where exactly that we can have this, so I would appreciate if I could have two more weeks and I think people would appreciate two more weeks to figure out where, because I don't want to wake up one day and know that there is 12 cottage homes right beside my property that I've spent a lot of money on and where this favors more of the developer verses the citizen. Is it a good idea, I think it is but it's a good idea to give the option to the citizen who's living in that house not to have 12 little homes right beside us. I think that is taking away from us and giving the rights more to the developer on that. I kind of see it tilting more to the developer and the duplexes and the triplexes, I know I got a memo from L.J. today, you know what, there's a lot of really nice duplexes and triplexes down in the downtown area and I know that's where it's focused at. Is it a good idea, I don't know yet, I'm not sold and I would appreciate if we could have two more weeks to look at this a little bit more and the citizens of Jonesboro can have that chose also too."

Scott Darwin, 807 Sylvan Hill Drive, approached the podium, "In principal I am in favor of this and I also agree with Patti, that the final decision should be postponed for a couple of weeks. With that being said I would like to read this statement that I created for you. On behalf of the Northside Coalition for the betterment of Jonesboro I would like to thank the City Council, the City Planners for giving us the opportunity to participate in the creation of a much better ordinance for the development of cottage housing. I hope this occasion will be a harbinger of future protocol that when a

decision of this magnitude that effects the quality of life of the citizens throughout the city is being made then the citizens will be given a place at the table in making these decisions. Ordinances in such far reaching magnitude do not come before the City Council very often but when they do the MAPC, the City Council and the Mayor should be certain that all people that will be impacted will have a chance to participate in the creation of this ordinance. It is a fundamental to a democracy and that such decisions be made openly and with participation of the general public. I hope that we might see this as a turning point in the way that the public's business is conducted here in Jonesboro."

Billy Brown, 814 Mays Road, approached the podium, "I fundamentally do not oppose the concept to cottage housing but I do have some concerns that I would like to bring forth. As a group of concerned citizens we came together and formed officially a Northside Coalition for the betterment of Jonesboro to offer the citizens of Jonesboro the opportunity to come involved and informed of neighborhood developments and area concerns. We've had a couple of meetings and we appreciate the cities participation in those meetings and there has been major changes made to this, kind of open ended, cottage housing as it began and thank you for that. We do not oppose to the fundamental concept to cottage houses, we do however, wish to present the idea full disclosure. When the cottage housing was proposed development we asked that there be a cottage housing zoned designation, kind of like was on the agenda tonight for the homeless shelter, to present an opportunity to know that's what's going in there. We ask that it be comprehensive without assumptions and be certain in areas and not being rezoned simply to qualify for Cottage Housing Ordinance. For example, tonight there was a reading for R-1 to R-8, we know what is going to happen if it goes from R-1 to R-8 because it says it's for 8 units, we know what's going to happen, but what if there's a request for R-1 to R-2? Now that doesn't seem to be much of a change R-1 single family R-2 single family, but what it does is it opens R-2, or that potential change from R-1 to R-2 to cottage housing it's now eligible to go in and build cottage housing which really is a R-8 because you can put up to 12 units per acre. So one of the things that we ask is at least consider the full disclosure so if someone is coming in and they want to change from an R-1 to R-2 or any of those other eligible zonings that it be stated that I'm going to do this because I want to put in cottage housing, and then follow these fine guidelines that have been put in place by the planners and those fully involved. I think we'll have an excellent way to address some of the housing issues that we have in Jonesboro."

David Gatlin, 821 Mays Road, approached the podium, "I am against it for the exact same reasons as Billy Brown just stated. I think it should have its own zone not just being able to change it to R-2 and build those cottage homes. I really don't want to see that going in on any kind of acreage, especially 12 houses per acre, that's pretty dense in there for living. I mean you basically see your neighbor out of your window. That's just my concern about the whole thing right now but other than that I think it would be a good thing for Jonesboro but it would have to be more regulated from what we have at this time."

Shirley Moore, 1902 Mt. Vernon Drive, called in and asked, "I wanted to know if these houses will be rented or will they be sold, I haven't heard that. I am an elderly lady and I see a need in Jonesboro for housing, like cottage houses, for the elderly and I am above Medicaid so there really isn't any place unless you want to live in an apartment or somewhere in the lower part of housing so this would be great if it was run right. So I do think that I would like to see the changes that they are making and we really need a place in Jonesboro that would be run in a really good way for seniors. I moved here in 2015 and I looked around in Jonesboro and all I could see were apartments and

after taking the paper in the town I was from, and looked and saw, most of those I would not want to live in. So I hope the Council will consider houses for the older and the cottage houses would be great if it was run right. Tell me if they are going to be sold or if they are going to be rented."

Planning and Zoning Director Derrel Smith addressed that by saying, "These will be just like any other single family residents, we will not have any control whether they are sold or rented just like the house next to you right now. We can't control that so hopefully their going to be built with a homeowners association and they'll be like a condominium lot where you own the building but not the property and the POA owns the property but if somebody wants to rent one next to you there is nothing that says they can't be rented."

Councilmember Mitch Johnson says, "Mayor, while the time is winding down, I would like to thank Derrel Smith. He's gone above and beyond to listen to these people and go to the meetings and I think addressed their concerns. So I think it has really turned into something that could be positive in a lot of aspects."

Mayor Harold Copenhaver added, "What Derrel has done, he has done excellent work but more importantly there are ordinances already in place to address many of the questions because we want to protect this community. You're exactly right, we need to do the right thing, and we need to get it right. So I want you to know that we are working constantly to do that so all these questions are all good questions."

Councilmember Bobby Long said, "Ms. Moore made a valid point on housing for seniors but I think if you go on the other end of the spectrum it's also affordable housing for new couples. Both my boys are 21 years old and one of them is looking to get married soon and that would be an affordable option for them to get into a single family home rather than other options. I think it's good and I'm not for sure if the homeowners association that may be developed around these can even put more guidelines that would ensure that these stay single family. I'd even suggested for the homeowners association to say that the owner of the resident has to live in the home at least 9 months out of the year. I don't even know if that is possible but if it is that would help make these retain the single family homes where the homeowner lives in the residence. I think that would be the idea and another thing I want to say, a lot of the people that have contacted me are for this ordinance. What they have concern about is the ability of the City and Code Enforcement possible to enforce these ordinances that oversee these consistently across the board and not have one be treated differently than the other but to have consistent applications of these ordinances in a staunch way that would require these to be built in a certain way and things like that. But like I say, you don't abandon a good ordinance and good policy for the onset of the possibility that things might go awry on the city because that's administrative issue, that's not a policy issue. I just wanted to make that clear. That's the consensus that I'm hearing."

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

We're already working with the City of Jonesboro and ASU Coalition. We held our first

meeting and plans are in progress and announcements on certain items moving forward together will be made later.

This week we meet with the Downtown Association and owners of businesses downtown to discuss future plans. Such as – lighting traffic flow, policy making in any other ways we can provide the community better enjoy our downtown efforts.

Chief Elliot and I attended the Elks Lodge to learn about suicide awareness and prevention. Elks Lodge 498 and VFW post 1991 held an outstanding event and I look forward to more events honoring our veterans in the near future.

We attended the NAACP annual Springfest at the Glass Factory on Saturday. It was a great event and I'm thankful for their continued effort to improve Jonesboro and I'm thankful for their dedication.

We appreciate the Jonesboro Residential Housing and Healthcare Facilities Board for \$60,000 contribution to the Veterans Village. It's incredible how many people have stepped up for our homeless veterans and this is truly an important and generous donation.

This weekend starts, as we've said earlier, our first in a series of city cleanups. I encourage you to go to keepjonesborobeautiful.com for more information.

One of my priorities, once taking office, and we've moved into 3 months now, has been to review ways of city staffing, structure and policies, and how we can be more inclusive and diverse. In taking that step further I have tasked Dr. Coleman to put together a small task force to review our policies and recruitment efforts to encourage more opportunity for diversity and equity in our city government. I want to thank Dr. Coleman for his eagerness to help with this matter and we hope ultimately it results in government that reflects the rich diversity of our community of which it embodies.

I would also like to say that just an update. I asked our staff to provide me numbers of our meetings in the first 3 months and they came up with 316 meetings in our first 3 months. I told you that we're working hard and we are. We hit the ground running and we've had meetings from individual youth students in our community to large industries in our community as well. And so the partnerships and buy in of what is building in our community, I hope you're sensing it, we are but we are going to keep working hard and I wanted to bring you up to date with those notes.

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JONESBORO AIRPORT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021

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JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attachments: [Financial Statements Overview January 2021.](#)
[Schedule of Changes in F.B. and Required Reserve Report January 2021](#)
[Schedule of Revenue vs. Expense January 2021](#)
[Schedule of O&M Departmental Overview January 2021](#)
[Schedule of Fixed Asset and Cap. Imp. Detail January 2021](#)
[Deposit Collateralization Report January 2021](#)
[State Sales Tax Report \(Combined\) January 2021](#)
[State Turnback Report \(Combined\) January 2021](#)
[Highway Sales Tax Report January 2021](#)

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FEBRUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attachments: [Financials Overview February 2021](#)
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The sales tax exceeded what we anticipated but I am very cautiously optimistic. That's the way we need to operate. The first 2 months we have stayed in toe with our projections and I'm very cautious again on tax receipts as well moving forward. If you have any questions, I know Steve would be more than happy to go in any detail or particulars.

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Brian Emison said, "I just wanted to say that I'm the Jonesboro Residential and Healthcare Facilities Board, it was a pleasure to work with administration along with Grants Department and being able to allocate some funds we had, a couple of bond issuances and being able to put those funds to use for the City of Jonesboro. Bringing up \$60,000 to finish a milestone out at the Veterans Village is always a great thing and we're always looking for opportunities. Just want to say thank you for everything again.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, "I do have a couple of things that I have talked to the Mayor about before but I need to express a little bit more. One of the things I'm asking the Mayor is to kind of put a time element on trying to get the Johanson people back into Jonesboro to talk about the pay scale. I really think we need to get them back in Jonesboro. The second part of that is, the Sanitation Department and Derrel's, office which the Planning Department and the Police Department, believe it or not, but we need people. We need more people, Inspections needs more people out, especially with this Beautification issue we are having, so Mayor, I know you have a million things to doing and seems like you're running pretty hard here lately but I would appreciate you tying down some dates for Johanson to

come in and talk to us so we can talk with them. I did talk with Dewayne, Dewayne did convince me of a couple of things but there is also some things he didn't convince me of. That's not a negative toward him but I like to face these people face to face and ask them about some procedures. One of the procedures and then I'll close, this software and I'm not sure if the other Councilmembers not it, it makes up the resume of who will be hiring and who's not going to be hiring and part of this diversity issue may be something we need to talk about. That's just things I would like when you get a chance to kind of iron down and have some dates for those people to come in and talk. I would appreciate that very much."

Councilmember Ann Williams said, "Yes, I agree with what Dr. Coleman said and I also think if we could look at having more people in Code Enforcement. I think this has been kind of pointed out that we may need more personal for that. If that could be looked at as well."

Councilmember Bobby Long said, "Just one thing. Mr. Mayor I had sent an email a couple of days ago to Brian Richardson and yourself concerning a citizen at 4116 Hickory Circle wishing us to come out and take a look at the area. As you know during in the past when we had the heavy rains, their flooding almost got to the top of their chain link fence and they have been living there for a couple of decades. From what he is telling me the flooding has gotten severely worse in the last decade or so. I want to make sure and follow up and make sure we have that meeting with that person." Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Let me address that as well. Craig Light, we had some conversations today with some other citizens in the community facing these issues. So we're on top of that and I think it's important that Councilmembers all understand that if we are looking at every department and assessing every department in full detail of where we can make advancements, how we can financially continue with the city moving forward in certain departments areas and needs and concerns. We are assessing those, Councilmembers, and we will lay that out to you in full detail, but when it comes to a catastrophic flood, it's mind boggling that water doesn't go through concrete and it's a situation that we try to address and we will reach out to that individual and follow up. We will have a meeting with them with you included."

Councilmember David McClain said, "The only thing I have is, Beverly mentioned earlier that we have a cleanup on May 1st. I would love who ever can come out to come out and help us clean up."

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Williams, 4126 Hickory Circle, approached the podium, "We have been experiencing flooding on Hickory Circle for about the last 6 or 7 years. Many residents in our neighborhood have lived there upwards to 25 years and had never had a flooding issue. My husband and I have lived there for 8 years, but his parents live literally across the ditch and he grew up there. The house that we live in, we watched them build while we were dating. Never a flooding issue. What we have seen is that with all of the development at Hilltop, all of that water is being diverted into a drainage system that was put in 30 years ago when the area surrounding us was all farm land. So that system was never designed to carry the load that it is carrying now. We have spoken with City Council in the past, we have spoken with our Councilmembers, we have spoken with the Mayor's office, we've spoken with Engineering, everything we keep being told is, well it's the developers fault. No it's not because 30 years ago it was sufficient. The city has approved these building permits that has flooded our area, and it's not a catastrophic rain that will do it. We get this 3 to 4 times a year. We have met with Engineering, we have done everything possible and we just keep being told,

take your fence down and let the water access the ditch, take out flood insurance, we are going to let water access your home twice and then the city can get money from FEMA to buy your home. That's not acceptable. We have pointed out to engineering exactly where we see the problems when the water is coming in and they keep telling us, according to the math that shouldn't be happening. Well, I don't care about what the math says, if you are here and you are witnessing what is happening, this is what is going on. This last flooding event, I couldn't even get out of my driveway to go take pictures of the problem area where it all starts. It all starts behind Fat City. There is a retention pond there but the retention pond has one side of it that is completely open to just allow free flow of water. It does not retain anything. There needs to be a spillway put at the mouth of that retention pond. The retention pond is a lack able depth. I think my bathtub is deeper than the retention pond and I'm being serious. That retention pond needs to be restructured, there needs to be a spillway put there to control the flow of water that comes out of it and let that retention pond function as it should. That would remedy probably 85% of our issue. Right now they're saying they are going to put a Starbucks on that corner. There's this little grassy pad, everything we've been told from Engineering is, we don't give a building permit until they can prove to us that they're not going to increase the flow of water. Well, let me tell you, all that water in those pictures, that water is from the Tommy's Carwash development. It was muddy, it was red, it was murky, and the next day when we were able to get out and look, water was still flowing off of that Tommy's development down our ditch. We've been told that our ditch behind my property, where the concrete ends and it becomes just a ditch, that it has been cleaned out and like I told Mr. Thomas, I said I'm not calling anybody a liar but a piece of paper will lay there and let you write anything on it you want to, and I said it hasn't been cleaned out, you can see from those pictures. It has not been cleaned out so as the water is rushing down that concrete pad and it has picked up speed it hits a wall, it hits debris, and it hits broken concrete that has come out of the ditch because of the water flowing so swiftly. It hits trees, it hits old tires, it hits rocks and boulders and it narrows in then it makes a turn. The water can't go anywhere. This is a problem that we've been battling and we believe, as residents of our community, that this is the cities fault because they have approved those building permits at Hilltop and they have pushed water into this system that it was never designed for." Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked, "Angela did any of the houses receive inside damage from the water?" Angela Williams answered, "No, I believe my house was the closest to being flooded and I had water that was on my porch and then the brick under my front door, there was about an inch of that brick remaining that did not have water on it. You can see on one of those photos, my fence, the water was 15 inches high on my fence. I have some videos of the water rushing through my driveway. The water has broken my driveway over the course of the last 8 years, it's busted. We have 2 trees that the water has exposed the roots and those trees now need to be cut because they are a safety hazard. And honestly, number one, I hate to lose those trees, city Beautification to we want our trees gone, plus number two, financially I don't feel that's my responsibility to pay to have those trees cut. Because I don't want them cut, the only reason they need to be cut is because the city has not managed their water problem."

Rennel Woods, 3916 Brandywine, approached the podium, "Mayor, thank you so much for your hard work and your dedication over your 100 days almost of completion almost. I know one thing you have done is your dedication to the youth and that's what I want to come and speak on. In greetings to all of you and new administration and also my Council friends, greetings to you as well. Over the past year, about year and a half, before Covid hit, I proposed an idea about the potential renovation of Derrel Burrow Memorial Northside Park. Recently I came across a historical book that stirred me up to come to you today. It was a young man that was seeking the King's request

to go back to his home city, to his home town to rebuild the broken walls in his city. The young man's name was Neamia and as you may know Mayor, what brings me to this premise is that, today I'm seeking the same request. Derrel Burrow Park, as you know and most of you know, it use to be a very vibrant oasis in our city. Over the past several years statically shows that 38% of our kids, 6-18 years of age, has lost the zeal of going out and being a part of a community and activities, and it's 45% down since 2008. 45% of our kids in active use and activities are down since 2008 according to the Sports and Industry Association, SFIA. The goal is to get back into the community but also get these kids back in the community, being active, but also providing holistic approach in this area. We, as you may know, this is our moment and this is our time. I'm inspired by the growth in Jonesboro and the experience of the last several years, yet I see more potential to continue the development, even looking in 2030, which we projected several years ago that we'll be close to 100,000 people in our city. As you started your campaign Mayor, you urged and really spoke and said that we have to make Jonesboro more appealing for our future generation to go in the right direction and you're doing that. As a youth leader and advocate, youth developer over the last 20 years, I totally agree with that statement that you made in your campaign. Renovation of Derrel Burrow Memorial Northside Park is a way to help work alongside all your projects you are doing, it all lines up, to get kids back in the community like never before and a holistic approach. Additionally I would like to work with anyone in your administration but also I would like to ask you for some time with your appointees to have a meeting about this. I've had the opportunity to meet with several business leaders in our community that have been very favorable and I think that we have a lot of traction and a lot of momentum. Derrel Burrow, actually, when you talk about youth, it's just a start. What we're about to face and what we're in right now is just a start, we have to do something, we have to act, this is our moment and this is our time. As I close, another historical book I got a chance to read out of, an author and he was also very visionary, his name was Isaiah, who gave me hope and purpose when I read a statement he made, to go back and rebuild the old waste places and restore the streets to dwell in. We have resources and partnerships who are ready to build and ready to go back to work today. Mayor, I seek your favor at this time and ask you to help go back to our community and rebuild our walls for our children and our community. The Northside Derrel Burrow Memorial Park. I grew up at Northside Park, as you know, there wasn't a lot of African Americans growing up, but some man, Mr. Bennett picked me to go play baseball at Northside Park. Maybe there was 3 African Americans at the time but I had an opportunity to go play baseball and meet friends that, they remember me to this day, they didn't know any African American friends. Northside isn't African American it's, if you put on the Census, is probably more Caucasian then African American but when you come together on Northside it's a lot of people that have a lot of needs and children that could be helped and reached out to. Mr. Derrel Burrow before he passed, he had a premises that if we ran and got a foul ball we would get popcorn and coke and that was my city youth that was my Parker Park, that wasn't even in existence at the time. But man, when a couple of those guys would get up there we knew they were going to hit those homeruns and we went to that end of the fence because we would get free food for the day. I know at this time, there are a lot of kids out there and experiencing things, as you know as we read, I just believe if we come together at this time, touching all points of our community we can do something for our city, for our youth and for our future. All these housing developments will have a place to come, not only that, we can look at other pocket areas of our city to provide quality of life like never before. Mayor, I just asked for your favor and your quest to do so." Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Thank you Mr. Woods for your commitment to our youth and this community, it's always been genuine and I appreciate that. We live by motto of the city, we can and we will, and that means we incorporate the youth of our community and we empower them in this community and

we do so, they're part of this community like you were as well and you've grown up to be so thank you again for your commitment."

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PRESENTATION BY ANGELA WILLIAMS ON THE FLOODING PROBLEM ON HICKORY CIRCLE

Attachments: [Angela Williams Presentation on Flooding 04062021](#)

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk