



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 7 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:071](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on August 10, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:039](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT AS APPROVED AND REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS AND A MAJORITY IN VALUE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Cost of Improvement 7.19.21](#)
[emails about Downtown Business Improvement District](#)
[Downtown Jonesboro Bus Imp Dis 8-25t](#)

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "Mr. Chairman I have a question for the City Attorney. Since I am a big commissioner I didn't know if I needed to abstain." City Attorney Carol Duncan said, "My question was to you, do you own property in the district?" Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "Yes I do." City Attorney Carol Duncan said, "Then yes." Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "I abstain then." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Let the record reflect that Alderman Bryant is abstaining due to owning property in the

district.”

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and Brian Emison

Abstain: 1 - LJ Bryant

[ORD-21:040](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COEXTENSIVE WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO FACILITATE A PACE PROGRAM AND ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [PACEBasics_2016_10_7-1](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, “Mr. Chairman, so it’s an energy improvement district. Is there a map that we have or can someone say the area?” Chairman Joe Hafner said, “It’s the city boundaries. It’s the entire city.” Councilmember David McClain said, “OK. Alright so if I add solar panels or something, someone help me and explain it to me. I’m curious what this is.” Michelle Allgood with Mitchell and Williams approached the podium, “This is the first step. What’s going to happen, if y’all approve this ordinance and then there will be members elected to the board, they will create a program and they will develop a process. So solar panels could be one of the things that you could put on a residential or commercial building that the board of directors of this district may say it’s something that they want to finance. That they will facilitate financing, so it’s possible. I will point out one of the things that should be most important to y’all is this doesn’t create any liability on your part. It will effect property that choices to voluntarily participate in the program, so you can’t force anyone to participate in this program. It is voluntary and the city doesn’t have any liability.” Chairman Joe Hafner said, “So if someone participates in this program, they basically prepay the financing through their property tax assessment?” Michelle Allgood said, “There will be an additional amount that will be voluntarily assessed as part of their property taxes with the intended purpose to pay back the amount that was borrowed to put solar panels on their house if that’s an approved project.”

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:169](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH COLSON GROUP FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: STJFIRSTFLR@colsongroupusa.com 20210730_151217

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:171](#)

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF AXON BODY CAMERAS, TASERS, MODEM EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORTING AXON SERVICES

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [AXON Jonesboro Contract+SOW](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, "Mr. Chairman, just real quick, the last time we did this we paid out right when we first started, didn't we, for the body cameras?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "No we've always spread it out." Police Chief Rick Elliot approached the podium, "A little back up and history on this. 2 ½ years ago we entered into contract agreement of a 5 year contract with Axon to pay it out, and this is a perpetual contract because every 2 ½ years they're replacing body cameras. So we are at the 2 ½ year mark where the body cameras are going to be replaced. Every 5 years, if we stay in contract, they'll replace our tasers and our fleet cameras. So we are at the 2 ½ year mark where we're getting body cameras anyways, but they have come up with new technology for the body cam that we can have GPS on the body cam, so I can now track the officer when he/she is out. Then I can also live stream the body cam, so on any situation if that body cam is hot I can remote in from my computer to see what's going on. Third part they're going to add to this deal, there's an attachment that goes on the officer's holster so when they draw their weapon it activates their body cam. In addition, by upgrading now, Axon is going to go ahead and replace all of our tasers, we're 2 ½ years away from our original contract but they agreed to go ahead and replace all of our tasers at this point by just renewing this contract for another 5 years. In addition to that, they're going to go ahead and upgrade all of our fleet cameras and they're going to bring their team in to install all of the fleet cameras. So we're at about a \$20,000 deposit for over \$300,000 worth of goods. This was a great offer, we thought, from Axon. Again, we're just starting the contract over with Axon. We can terminate their contract on a 30 day notice, but this also includes cloud storage and their latest redaction software. We're getting a lot of goods by simply just renewing the contract which we would be doing in 2 ½ years any ways, but we're getting these goods ahead of time but the fact that they are bringing in their install team for the fleet cameras, that's \$600 a car times 140 cars. That alone is a huge savings and it's only increasing our yearly fees we are paying to Axon by \$30,000 or something like that. So \$20,000 down and \$30,000 more a year then what we are already paying for this type of goods I think we done well."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:172](#)

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICES LLC FOR E-911 CALL INTERPRETATION SERVICES

Sponsors: E911

Attachments: [Voiance Language Interpretation Services LLC Contract](#)

Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Richardson approached the podium, "I just wanted to thank the directors for researching this program. I think we obviously need to do everything we can to make sure that people from any language have the opportunity to call and request emergency services whenever they need them. I look forward to this going to full council, as you can see, it's a pretty insignificant amount that we don't anticipate it will be much of an addition to the budget, but I do think it's important that we not only pass this but we also publicize it to let people know this service is available."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison