

Anniston, Alabama

July 20, 2021

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Mayor, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, Mayor, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Roberts made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the June 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Anniston and J.R. Wilburn and Associates and a motion to authorize the City of Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Anniston and JSU's Center for Economic Development and Business Research to the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Council Member Jenkins introduced a Proclamation naming Saturday July 31, as Ruby and Paul Blackwell Sr. Day for all their philanthropic efforts.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses for the record: 14 Adams Street, 127 South Spruce, 201 East 28<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Sugarloaf, 1134 Pine Ave, 1326 Bancroft Ave, 2730 Old Quintard, 2807 Wilmer Ave.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2021-05. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2021-05.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposed vacation of a portion of Walnut Avenue & East/West alley between Walnut/Moore/ 13<sup>th</sup> St/14<sup>th</sup> St. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposed vacation of a portion of Walnut Avenue & East/West alley between Walnut/Moore/ 13<sup>th</sup> St/14<sup>th</sup> St.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposed vacation of Symphony Way. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposed vacation of Symphony Way.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe buildings, structures, or construction Group 2021-05 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (21-R-54)
- (b) Resolution providing for the elimination of a Grade Crossing; repealing all prior actions in conflict herewith; and for other purposes (21-R-55)
- (c) Resolution adopting the 2021 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City of Anniston's Community Development Block Grant Program and the Anniston/Calhoun County Home Consortium's HOME Program (21-R-56)
- (d) Motion to amend the Classification and Pay Plan to abolish the current Civil Engineer position and reclassify the pay grade for Sr. Engineering Aide
- (e) Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Anniston and J.R. Wilburn and Associates (site design and construction FRNM)
- (f) Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Anniston and Jacksonville State University Center for Economic Development and Business Research (visitor program FRNM)

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of a Resolution authorizing certain actions with respect to General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021, of the City of Anniston (21-R-57). The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Resolution 21-R-57 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption of a Resolution vacating a portion of Walnut Avenue & East/West Alley between Walnut/Moore/13<sup>th</sup> St/14<sup>th</sup> St (21-R-58). The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Resolution 21-R-58 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Roberts made a motion for passage and adoption of a Resolution vacating a portion of Symphony Way. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Resolution 21-R-59 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Smith made a motion for passage and adoption of a Resolution authorizing collaboration with Anniston Housing Authority to pursue funding for environmental remediation of Cooper Homes Site (21-R-60). The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

Council Member Smith stated for clarity that there are so many issues with that land that she would not feel comfortable about building on this land without having a full clean up. She stated that the council

agreed to have a full cleanup of the property before the Housing Authority continues with plans to create that Senior Citizen Housing Area.

Council Member Roberts stated that the council does not want to half do anything and right now this is the best way to move forward.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Resolution 21-R-60 was passed and adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Council Member Jenkins made motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper read the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by title only.

Mayor Draper introduced an ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Council Member Jenkins made motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No One Spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper read the Ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units by title only.

Ralph Bradford, stated that no one in the African American community agrees with putting the Dr. Satcher Health & Leadership Institution in Glennaddie. He stated that they want to go back to the original site plan of 11<sup>th</sup> street by the DHR building.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow, wanted to echo the sentiments of Mr. Bradford. He stated that the city should not go backward. He stated that he does not think the city should put money into a center that later on will be moved because he does not believe in wasting money.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble St, wanted to shed light on who Dr. David Satcher is. He stated that Dr. Satcher is not an ordinary person and went on to head one of the leading medical schools in the world,

Meharry Medical School. He stated that President Clinton in 1993 appointed Dr. Satcher to the head of the CDC and in 1998 President Clinton nominated Dr. Satcher to be the 16<sup>th</sup> Attorney General of the United States.

Council Member Jenkins had no comment.

Council Member Roberts stated that he is thankful that citizens want to be a part of a positive change. He stated that sometimes they get sidetracked from the ultimate goal which is to do what is right for the City.

Council Member Smith stated that she can only speak on facts and on conversations she has been involved in. She stated that the Dr. Satcher Institute and the Dr. Satcher Clinic are two completely different projects; and that there is a lot of misinformation being put out via Social Media.

Council Member Harris thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Draper thanked everyone for participating in the survey on the new city hall location and the comprehensive plan. He encouraged citizens to continue participating.

Mayor Draper made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned into executive session at approximately 6:07 p.m.