



Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
August 24, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The two thousand four hundred and seventh meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PETITION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE USE TO OPERATE AN ADULT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6721 W. FLORISSANT IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS. PETITIONER: LORI WILLIAMS.

Mayor Austin called the public hearing to order. Lori Williams was present. Mayor Austin invited her to speak. Ms. Williams said Tiffany Williams, Director of Lighthouse Adult Day Center, and Morris Williams, owner of 6721 W. Florissant, were also present to speak on the behalf of the petitioner. These individuals comprise Lighthouse Adult Day Center, which is designed as a day program from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., facilitating adults, ages eighteen (18) and up who are qualified by the state of Missouri to receive services through the Consumer Directed Services Program. Lighthouse Adult Day Care aims to obtain an approved facility that offers activities such as arts & crafts, social interaction, field trip outings, as well as light exercise, dance, computer training, life skills training and resources.

Ms. William said that they are petitioning for the allowance of the use of one unit located at 6721 W. Florissant. They understand that the current zoning code ordinance does not permit that type of service business, however, they request an amendment for inclusion for conditional use. The question came from the Planning Commission why Lighthouse Adult Day Center is requesting this inclusion, Ms. Williams said they recently purchased the property in May of 2020, and would like to invest in the community of Jennings. She said they are a non-profit organization by the name of Lighthouse Missions, a 501 c3. The non-profit was established as transitional housing and resources for homeless individuals, women with children, and temporary shelter for domestic abuse survivors. They intend to establish the resource center as phase II of the non-profit organization. Ms. Williams said the floorplan was open and available in design to accommodate that vision and will be handicap accessible, as safety is their priority. Off-road parking is available for their transportation vehicles and employee parking is available in the rear of the building.

Ms. Williams said she was confident that they will provide vibrance and stability to the business community in the West Florissant Corridor District. Lighthouse Adult Day Center aims to provide to the community and North St. Louis County with the wholesome and safe care that they deserve. They understand that there is a comprehensive plan in place that is designed to promote retail sales and service, but currently this current zone houses churches, which are service organizations. They have a current tenant which is a church-based learning center

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Aja Owens.

Council member(s) absent: none.

Also present: Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Sam Alton, City Attorney.

3. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of August 5, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of August 5, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

Yolonda Henderson, no address provided, said she observed Public Works Laborers picking up limbs from Councilman Stichnote's property after the last storm. She said her mother paid for tree limb removal from her property and felt it was unfair that Public Works was helping Councilman Stichnote. Ms. Henderson said that she had photos of the Public Works Laborers picking up the limbs from his property.

Ms. Henderson asked when Lions Park will reopen, she has been receiving a lot of phone calls about the park closure. She said there is high grass on Dawn Court, and that residents have been helping to maintain vacant lots in that area. She also reported that City Hall had high weeds, and Public Works should look after this issue. Ms. Henderson said that there are tree limbs that need to be hauled from a vacant lot. Mayor Austin said that this would be taken into consideration and asked for the address of the lot in question. Ms. Henderson said the vacant lot was 2436 Sharidge. Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, said he would investigate the issues and would like to see the photos that Ms. Henderson referenced.

David Green, 8630 Clifton Avenue, said he spoke with Councilman Stichnote about the birds at Koeneman Park. He reported that they were leaving unsightly waste and asked if there could be cleaning done in the area more consistently, to help with this issue. Jim said that he would contact the Missouri Conservation Department to see what could be done and investigate the issue. To his knowledge, the geese were born there and are endangered animals. Councilwoman Jones said that residents feeding the birds most likely do not help and asked if signage could help prevent feeding of the geese.

Shirley Wayne, 5828 Janet Avenue, greeted the City Council and thanked Jim for taking care of the high grass at 5825 Janet Avenue. She said that she came to City Hall and discussed with Schonra McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, about a problem properties at 5824 Janet Avenue, regarding vehicles in its driveway, and 5826 Janet Avenue, to urge the owner to clean their property up.

Ms. Wayne thanked the committee that was responsible for recommending an update to the nuisance ordinance to the City Council. She said she printed out the ordinance to look it over to see how it applied to Jennings area property owners, because issuing citations and fines have not been enough to keep property owners accountable. She asked if they, the committee would consider what else could be done to keep Jennings in state to take pride in, especially with having such a great school district. Mayor Austin said there have been some home owners that the City had visited to inform the owners that their tenants had become a nuisance, and those property owners have talked with their tenants or the tenants have since moved out. Jim said that he would

be meeting with Judge Ezell-Gillespie, Prosecuting Attorney Canavan and Schona McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, to discuss how to work on these problem properties. Schona informed Ms. Wayne that those properties have been entered into the MyGov system, and Jim has gone to those properties with Officer Bakula and a City of Jennings Code Enforcement Inspector to follow up on the issues reported.

2. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Stichnote thanked employees at Koeneman Park for keeping the park clean. He said there is still speeding vehicles around the City, and asked Capt. Law if Highway Safety still had a presence around the City of Jennings to help. Capt. Law said that tickets are being issued and Highway Safety still has a presence.

Councilman Stichnote reported that the monument unveiling for Mayor Yolanda Austin, will be held on August 28, 2020 at the Koeneman Park basketball court.

Councilwoman Jones thanked the Building and Public Works committee for working hard. She said they are working on a mock-up for speed bumps and looks forward to a solution. She said she attended the concert at Koeneman Park, hosted by the Recreation Department on Friday, August 21, 2020. She suggested that the cones to help social distance parameters may need to be set out at an earlier time. Councilwoman Jones said the park security officers were very nice, the evening was beautiful, and everyone seemed to feel safe.

Councilwoman Jones said Jennings School District is returning to school and reported that there is ten percent (10%) in-person attendance and ninety percent (90%) virtual attendance. She said there are giveaways still happening in the City of Jennings. She urged residents to call her for assistance. Councilwoman Jones followed up on the water issue at Clifton Garden, she said it was resolved.

Councilman Wilson thanked voters for coming out for the August 2020 election. He said he appreciated the voters, that 33% of them voted for him as Norwood Township Democratic Committeeman. He thanked Jim for keeping up with the grass cutting at Ada Wortley and Berkay. Councilman Wilson asked if the house at the corner of Jennings Station Road and Ranchdale was due to be cut. Jim said that the property was still privately owned, he hoped that with the help of the City Clerk's office he could hire more help to maintain grass.

Councilman Wilson reported that there were some illegal activities taking place at Northview. He was present to catch it on camera and thanked Capt. Law for his diligence.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Jim and the Public Works Department for assistance in Ward 2. She reported her attendance at the virtual newly elected official training, hosted by the Missouri Municipal League and appreciated the resources she received. Councilwoman Brown also attended the Building and Public Works Committee and Special City Council meetings.

Councilwoman Brown asked Jim about a situation with a resident regarding a concrete slab on her property. Jim said that it was the homeowner's responsibility to have the concrete removed. She thanked Jim and the Public Works Department for the satisfactory cleanup of tree limbs after storms. Councilwoman Brown reported that there was dumping of third-party donation boxes. Sam Alton, City Attorney, asked her to follow up with him and with Deletra Hudson, City Clerk for that to be addressed.

Councilwoman Brown asked Capt. Law about the crime statistics in the police report. There seemed to be a discrepancy on the amount of traffic violations, and she asked for more insight. Capt. Law said that the numbers she saw there were not the number of calls, but rather the number of patrols in that area. Councilwoman Brown said that she would still like to take the opportunity to meet and greet with the Jennings Precinct.

Councilwoman Anderson reported that she had been receiving calls about speeding and said that there have been committees meeting to discuss how the issue could be addressed. Capt. Law suggested planters being placed to help keep traffic off cut-through streets. Councilwoman Anderson asked that he join the next Ways and Means & Public Safety meeting to discuss cost and more strategic placement.

Councilwoman Anderson thanked Chief Goldstein with the Riverview Fire District for helping with emergency response. She said they have been very effective with St. Louis County. Councilwoman Anderson thanked Jim for all his hard work and prompt responses to residents' complaints. She also thanked Councilman Johnson for his work with Ward 3.

Councilman Johnson reported his attendance to the Missouri Municipal League Conference in Columbia, Missouri with Councilwoman Owens. He said it was great to network with other elected officials. Councilman Johnson said that he joined the Ferguson B & G, Our Voice Peace Rally which was led by fifty (50) people. He said it was nice to represent the City of Jennings within its neighboring City of Ferguson. Councilman Johnson reported that his participation in the Southeast Ferguson Community Day, in which essential goods were distributed to its residents.

Councilman Johnson thanked Jim for moving forward the discussion to resolve the issue of speeding. He asked Capt. Law for his thoughts on tactics seen in Bridgeton, where more consistent speed limits were placed, especially in residential and school zones. Councilman Johnson observed while driving through the City of Jennings, that speed limits vary by Ward. Capt. Law said that residential speed limits are zoned. Sam suggested planters could be placed to help control speeding. Councilman Johnson let Capt. Law know that he was just notified of a black Nissan that looked to be abandoned, with its windows broken.

Councilwoman Owens began her report with a quote: "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain." by Vivian Greene. She said that tomorrow, August 25, 2020 is the last day for the weekly food distribution at Metropolitan Church, at 5300 Helen Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Owens said she enjoyed attending the Elected Officials Training Conference August 6th and 7th. She said she learned a lot and met some great people. She said she enjoyed attending the back to school event at New Life Church, they also gave away free shoes to the children. She said she enjoyed fishing with the children at Koeneman Park. She reported that they gave away school supplies and had an ice cream truck present, that gave away free ice cream.

Councilwoman Owens said if there was anyone in need of diapers, feminine products, and face masks, she has some to distribute. She reported that they have been able to give away over 100 pairs of free New Balance shoes to senior residents, in Jennings 4th Ward.

Councilwoman Clower said that she also attended the newly elected officials training hosted by the Missouri Municipal League. She said the experience was awesome. Councilwoman Clower reported attending the August 19th Ways and Means & Public Safety meeting and on August 20th, she also attended the Building and Public Works meeting.

Councilwoman Clower asked Jim if the property near the Sewer District on Helen Avenue was maintained by the City of Jennings. Jim said that area is property that is to be maintained by MSD (Metropolitan Sewer District). Mayor Austin said that she would ask Casionia Peebles-Miller, Code Enforcement Inspector, to follow up with MSD to ensure that they address the high grass. Councilwoman Clower thanked Jim for cutting the grass at 5454 Helen Avenue. She asked Jim if that was a property owned by the City of Jennings, that a resident complained about. Jim said he would follow up with Myra Turner, Code Enforcement Inspector, but to his knowledge that property was still privately owned. Councilwoman Clower thanked Public Works for the pavement work on Janet Avenue and Garesche. Councilwoman Clower said to Ms. Wayne that she would follow up with her on her concerns in Ward 4. She then thanked Jim for all his improvements in Ward 4.

Councilwoman Clower announced a drive-by parade on August 30, 2020, at 3 p.m. near the 5300 block of Helen Avenue. Her intention is to make sure that the residents of Jennings would be entertained, and to make sure there is the presence of the councilmembers. Yard signs would be placed around the City. Mayor Austin reminded her to fill out the Special Event Application, and Councilwoman Clower said that she filled out a permit. Mayor Austin asked that she be sure to follow the procedure that the City of Jennings has, to approve the event. Sam said the application must be reviewed before the City Council at the September meeting. He suggested that the City Council amend the agenda for an emergency but in this situation, the event does not constitute an emergency. Mayor Austin said that the City Council did not object to the event, only the correct

procedure must be followed. Councilwoman Brown said there was a resident in Ward 2 that was instructed that their event needed to be filed with the Building Department thirty (30) days in advance, so that it could be submitted to the City Council.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin recognized and congratulated Khianna Ward, Deputy City Clerk, on her appointment to the Local Public Relations Committee for the Missouri City Clerks and Financial Officers Association Eastern Division, and the Communications Committee for the Society for Human Resource Management, Greater St. Louis Chapter. She said Khianna would also be sworn in by St. Louis County as another notary for the City of Jennings. She asked the City Councilmembers for a salute to Khianna sometime this week.

Mayor Austin thanked Loretta Souter, Chief Court Administrator, and A/Lt. Shumpert of the Corrections Department for assisting in applying for the JAG (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant) program, which the City of Jennings is entitled to \$14,000. The grant funds counseling services and mental health services for defendants struggling. Mayor Austin said they worked hard to get the grant application in on time and they were successful in doing so.

Mayor Austin thanked Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, and Teresa Hauser, Administrative Assistant for acquiring 10,000 masks for the City of Jennings. She said starting Monday, August 31, 2020 and continuing every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. masks will be distributed. She said that Willie Brandon, Recreation Director, will be facilitating the distribution of the masks, approximately twenty-five (25) masks per household, and those arriving to the Civic Center until supplies last.

Mayor Austin reported the Census 2020 results for the City of Jennings rose from 49.6% to 49.9%. She said that the Census Committee has been going from door-to-door to help remind residents to participate in the census. Mayor Austin said that during the Census 2010, the City had a better response of about 68%. The Census due date is September 30, 2020, and she reminded residents to reach out to neighbors and encourage them in participating in the census.

Mayor Austin thanked the Recreation Department and the Public Works Department for ensuring safety standards for the concert on August 21, 2020. She said that the City of Jennings has been doing their best to meet the public gathering parameters and limit of people that the St. Louis County Health Department has recommended, to continue to host the Summer Concert Series.

Mayor Austin reported her visit to Fairview Elementary School and as Councilwoman Jones said, the majority of students are attending virtually but a few students were present with well prepared teachers. Mayor Austin thanked Ameren and the Community Action Agency of St. Louis for donating an air conditioner for a Jennings resident. She reported that on Saturday, August 22, the Riverview Fire District installed the air conditioning unit for a senior resident's home. She said that if there is any senior residents or disabled residents that need an air conditioner, City Hall can be contacted to leave a message for Mayor Austin.

Mayor Austin asked everyone to continue to check the City of Jennings website, www.cityofjennings.org. She said that Dianna Drake, Special Services Coordinator, is doing a great job at keeping up on posting to the website. She asked the public to contact City Hall with any concerns about the City's website posts. Mayor Austin said the Spring 2020 newsletter, which covers the March, April, and May activities, was available on the website as well. She said the City now uses robo-calls to keep residents in touch with things happening in the City. She said that if anyone would like their telephone number added to the call list, they should contact Deletra Hudson, City Clerk.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the monthly department reports. All in favor; none opposed.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Wilson reported that there was a meeting held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. He said the committee discussed the approval of the interim salary for the Accounts Receivable Clerk in the Finance Department, the City's participation in the JAG grant application, a potential fellowship through a Jennings resident, and the City of Jennings City Center project. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

2. Public Works & Building Committee –

Councilwoman Anderson reported that there was a meeting held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:37 p.m. She said the committee discussed the speed bumps for the City of Jennings. She said Jim presented the potential costs and placement of the speed bumps. He said he would paint lines on certain streets so that the committee could visualize how far apart the speed bumps would be.

Councilwoman Anderson asked Jim for an update on the painted lines. Jim said that lines have been paint approximately 200 feet apart. He said the Councilwoman Jones did come to look at the painted lines to visualize the spacing and he believed that 200 feet would be sufficient spacing. Councilwoman Anderson proposed a joint committee meeting with the Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee to discuss further strategy details on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported there was no meeting.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee –

Councilwoman Jones said that there was a meeting held on August 20, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. She said the committee discussed the approval of the Recreation Department's waiver and hold harmless agreement in relation to COVID-19 and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Councilwoman Jones said the Policy & Ordinance Committee should also be included in the upcoming joint committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Councilman Wilson said that Sam Alton, City Attorney, sent out an ordinance that the committee members should review so that they will be prepared to discuss it at the next Policy & Ordinance Committee meeting.

5. Municipal League –

Councilman Wilson reported that there was no meeting. He said the Missouri Municipal League requested \$43,000,000 for the COVID relief fund, which its use is still being decided upon. He said the League recommended the funds being disbursed per capita and the County Executive is reviewing another formula for disbursement in the most equitable way. Councilman Wilson said he would update the City Council with more information in the future.

Councilman Wilson said there four bills being discussed in Jefferson City, MO. He said the topics surround crime. He said he would send the City Council updates via email regarding current bills in discussion.

Councilman Wilson reminded the City Council about the upcoming Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference on September 14th-September 16th, 2020 and the cost to attend virtually was only \$99. He said that attendees would have access to everything at the conference for 60 days. He asked that Deletra get him registered to attend because he should be awarded at this conference with a commemorative plaque.

6. Planning Commission –

Councilman Johnson said that there was a meeting held on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The commission discussed the proposed expansion plan for Luisa Foods. He said that they intend on expanding their parking lot which the entrance is located on Switzer Avenue. Luisa Foods acquired a few properties for approximately one hundred and seventy (170) more parking spaces. He said this was for informational purposes only.

7. Youth Commission – Report provided.

8. *Senior Commission* – No report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. PETITION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING USE TO OPERATE AN ADULT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6721 W. FLORISSANT IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS. PETITIONER: LORI WILLIAMS.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the motion to table the petition for discussion at a later date. All in favor; none opposed.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Clower for Bill #2614. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2614 became Ordinance #2553 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

3. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for Bill #2615. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2615 became Ordinance #2554 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL, REQUISITION, ACQUISITION AND/OR PURCHASE OF MULTIPLE REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, STATE OF MISSOURI.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown for Bill #2616. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2616 became Ordinance #2555 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Approval of the Recreation Center policy.*

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the Recreation Department waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the Senior Commission Appointment.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the Council approved the appointment of Michele Owens to the Senior Commission. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone on the call for participating and special thanks to the City Councilmembers for the upcoming Mayor Yolanda Austin monument unveiling on August 27, 2020. She said she was very excited about the event and grateful for their support.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council voted by the following roll call vote for a closed session for Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3). Councilmembers voting in favor of the session were the following: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

Closed Session – Legal, Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 3)

After a brief recess, the City Council members were all present and met in closed session. Also present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

LEGAL

EEOC Mediation - Sam Alton, City Attorney, informed the Council of the status of the EEOC complaint.

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

1. Hiring of the Economic Development Coordinator

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon to hire Brian Kelly as the Economic Development Coordinator pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call vote of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

2. Hiring of a Code Enforcement Inspector

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon to hire George Weeden as a Code Enforcement Inspector pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Owens, Clower; Anderson abstained; none were absent nor opposed.

3. Hiring of a Full-time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the recommendation from Acting Lieutenant Terrell Shumpert to re-hire Aretha Webb as a full time Correctional Officer pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of

the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

4. Hiring of a Full-time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the recommendation from Acting Lieutenant Terrell Shumpert to re-hire Terrina Brown as a full time Correctional Officer pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

5. Hiring of a Part-time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the recommendation from Acting Lieutenant Terrell Shumpert to hire Janelle Nichols as a part time Correctional Officer pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

6. Interim Pay Increase for Stephanie Crayton

Due to the staff shortage in the Finance Department, Mayor Austin requested the approval of an interim salary increase for Stephanie Crayton, Accounts Receivable Clerk, until staffing levels improved and/or the Accounts Payable Clerk returns to work. She proposed to increase the current salary of \$32,538 to \$37,118, which equates to an increase per pay period of \$176.16. the increase would be retroactive to July 2, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Mayor's recommendation to increase the rate of pay for Stephanie Crayton on an interim based until Accounts Payables Clerk returns to work. The Council approve the salary increase from \$32,538 (GS11-C) to \$37,118 (GS14-C) effective July 2, 2020, by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none absent, none opposed nor abstaining.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted in favor by the roll call votes of the following councilmembers to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens and Lorraine Clower; none opposing.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk

