

# TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

**CONVENED:** 6:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Walt Maddox

President Pro Tem Tyner

Councilmembers Wilson, Howard, Crow, Busby, Faile, Lanier

## **ABSENT**

None

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approved minutes of previous meeting **(Ty/W)**

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND STATEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Announcements

- Mayor Maddox presented a proclamation declaring April 2022 to be “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Tuscaloosa.
- Mayor Maddox presented a proclamation celebrating April 2, 2022 as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D2 Line Dancing in Tuscaloosa.
- Mayor Maddox encouraged citizens to sign up for TusAlert and to follow City of Tuscaloosa’s social media for updates regarding the inclement weather for tomorrow (3/30/22).

## **AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

*The following individuals expressed their concerns about the site for the new Benjamin Barnes YMCA (“BBYMCA”) facility, which included the following: Paul Rollins Jr., Patsy Neal, Que Chandler, Ulyse S. Lavele Jr., Jerry E. Carter, Sr., Mike Altman, Emily Altman, Maggie Yancy, and Harrison Taylor. The concerns that were expressed consisted of traffic issues, the identity of the BBYMCA, investments in West Tuscaloosa, and the process and communication of the site selection committee of BBYMCA.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Recommended to the City Council from the Benjamin Barnes YMCA Site Selection Committee regarding the site for the new Benjamin Barnes YMCA Facility (A22-0263) **(tabled on 3-22-2022)** (LaParry Howell, Executive Director of Office of Community and Neighborhood Services gave a departmental report on the process of the site selection. Representatives of the Benjamin Barnes YMCA were present to answer any questions from the Council. Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns removing the BBYMCA from District 1.

**Councilmember Howard addressed the concerns and spoke about the process of the site selection and her support of the new site location. Councilmember Lanier expressed his support of the new site location). (Ty/H; C, W - No)**

*Recessed at 7:43 p.m.*

*Reconvened meeting at 7:51 p.m.*

**Tabled for 90 days the demolition of the structure at 809 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue (tabled on 1-25-2022, 12-21-2021, 11-2-2021, and 9-28-2021) (Virgil Williams from Urban Development- Inspections gave a departmental report of the demolition. Owner was not present. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the demolition). This item will next be heard on June 28, 2022. (Ty/W)**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved items "a through g" on the consent agenda. **(Ty/W)**

- a. Awarded competitive bids for the purchase, etc. of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4WH Crew Cab (Bid No. 9077-021422-1).
- b. Awarded competitive bids for the purchase, etc. of a license plate recognition system (Bid No. 5010-031522-3).
- c. Declared property surplus and authorizing its disposal.
- d. Authorized payment to Patti Sutton in settlement of claim (22-0093).
- e. Authorized payment to Hugh Mathews in settlement of claim (22-0087).
- f. Authorized payment to Patricia E. Wilson in settlement of claim (22-0084).
- g. Authorized payment to Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation; total of \$2,500 (21-0186).

*Councilmember Crow entered the meeting at 7:53 p.m.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES NOT OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION**

Approved the ABC application of J and S Bartending LLC for a **special events retail license (less than 7 days)** for 25<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ and Blue Jeans (22-029;4922 McWrights Ferry Road, 35406). **(Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was not present. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (Ty/W)**

Approved the ABC application of Party Down LLC for a **special events retail license (less than 7 days)** for Football Coaches Clinic (22-030;1202 Coliseum Drive, 35401). **(Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer any questions from Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (C/W)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) for Mint Julep Date Party (22-031; 416 University Boulevard, 35401). (Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer any questions from Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (L/W)

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) for Founders Week Party (22-032; 416 University Boulevard, 35401). (Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer any questions from Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (L/W)

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) for Phi Kappa Psi Parents Weekend (22-033; 312 University Boulevard, 35401). (Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer any questions from Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (W/C)

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) for Parkslands Event (22-034; 2301 Joe Mallisham, 35401). (Vincent Brown with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer any questions from Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.) (W/C)

Rejected all bids for two (2) half ton full size crew cab 4x4 trucks (Bid No. 5010-031522-1). (W/L)

Rejected all bids for three (3) half ton full size crew cab 4x2 trucks (Bid No. 5010-031522-2). (C/W)

Authorized the Mayor to execute memorandum of understanding with Tuscaloosa Area Realtors for data summary (A22-0045). (Ty/L)

Authorized the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services to make budget and program changes to the 2019 through 2023 Lead Hazard Abatement Program (Local Amendment) (A22-0164). (L/C)

Authorized a professional services contract with Volkert, Inc. for the Saban Center Project (A22-0301). (W/C)

Amended the Fiscal Year 2022 Water and Sewer Reserve for Future Improvements Fund Budget (Amendment 5-FY22 WSRFFI Budget) (A07-0203/A98-0431). (B/Ty)

Tentatively awarded a public works contract to Price Civil Services, Inc. for 3123 50<sup>th</sup> Street East Drainage Project (A22-0132/ 2020.005.001). (C/W)

Tentatively awarded a public works contract to Price Civil Services, Inc. for 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East Drainage Project (A22-0134/ 2019.044.001). **(C/W)**

Authorized a contract for professional services with ZenCity Technologies US, Inc. (A22-0252). **(W/L)**

Authorized a contract for professional engineering services with the Cassidy Company, Inc. for ALDOT Project to replace bridge at SR-7 (US-11) over Norfolk Southern Railway (A22-0250/ 2021.072.001). **(C/W)**

Authorized a minor public works contract with Olympia Sprinkler Installation, Inc. (A22-0214). **(W/C)**

Authorized three-year contract with Pyro Shows of Alabama for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks shows (A22-0044). **(W/C)**

Authorized the Chief Financial Officer to draw a draft for the Juanita Drive Phase II Improvements Project Property Acquisitions; total of \$2,949.00 (A20-0095). **(Ty/W)**

Authorized the Chief Financial Officer to draw a draft for the McWrights Ferry Road Improvements Project Right of Way Acquisitions; total of \$5,000.00 (A18-0165). **(C/W)**

Authorized contract with Redpoint Audio, LLC; total not to exceed \$83,423.16 (A21-1659). **(W/H)**

Authorized contract for professional services with Redpoint Audio, LLC; total not to exceed \$11,825.00 (A22-0300). **(L/C)**

Authorized contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. and declaring a bid law exemption pursuant to Ala. Code Section 41-16-5(a)(15) (A22-0286). **(Ty/L, B - No)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute a master agreement and task order directive no. one with Williams Blackstock Architects for the Fire Station No. 5 Project (A22-0253/2019.041.001). **(W/B)**

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION**

### **FOR INTRODUCTION**

Adopted Ordinance No. 9190 amending Section 10-13(a)(2) of the Code of Tuscaloosa (A22-0295). **(intro: W/L; unanimous: Ty/H)**

Adopted Ordinance No. 9191 annexing property to the corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa Annexation No. 696 (approximately 2.7 acres located at 10991 M-Class Boulevard—Petitioner: City of Tuscaloosa) (AN-2022-10/A22-0240). **(intro: W/Ty; unanimous: W/H)**

### **FOR ADOPTION**

## AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Authorized the payment of bills; total: \$6,103.86 (W/H)

## OTHER MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

*David Risling expressed concerns regarding gun violence with young adults in Tuscaloosa. Markeisha Cunningham expressed concerns regarding body cameras during a search warrant that was executed at her home by Tuscaloosa Police Department. Lisa Young expressed concerns about body camera usage during executed search warrants by Tuscaloosa Police Department. Lisa Young also expressed concerns about the BBYMCA and asked the Council to place citizens in the area of the BBYMCA on the site selection committee. Additionally, Lisa Young announced a job fair tomorrow, March 30, 2022, at the McDonald Hughes Center. Pamela Horton expressed concerns regarding gun violence with young adults in Tuscaloosa and explained how her granddaughters were scared due to the shooting that occurred the night before. Mayor Maddox and Councilmember Howard asked Pamela Horton to be a part of Project Unity. Susan Darter Cooper expressed her concerns about the BBYMCA and asked for more support for African Americans.*

## POLICY IMPLEMENTATION BY MAYOR:

“Subject to the exercise of mayoral veto on ordinances of a general nature or permanent operation, all applicable departments are hereby ordered to otherwise implement council policy this date enacted.”

**ADJOURNED 8:37 p.m. (W/B)**

Lillie McIntyre  
Acting City Clerk

Following each item of business are the initials of the Councilmember who introduced the item and the Councilmember who seconded the matter: W-Wilson, H-Howard, C-Crow, B-Busby, T-Tyner, F-Faile, L- Lanier. Only “No” votes are distinguished.