



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

President Collins led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

E. Public Hearing

E.1. To receive public comment on the May 2023 Abatement list

President Collins opened the Public Hearing for the May 2023 Abatement List to receive comments for or against the city abating their property.

Mr. Nathan Wonderlich informed the council he was present to represent his client who owns 317 21st Avenue NE. He stated they self-abated the property at 10 am. He showed date/time-stamped photos to Mayor Scott. Mayor Scott confirmed the property had been cleared of debris.

President Collins read the addresses of 78 properties and no one else was present to speak for or against the abatements. The public hearing was closed.

F. Public Comment

Mr. Felton Jackson thanked the city council for doing a good job cleaning the city up, as the city looks much better now. He then expressed concerns about an issue he was

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having with his neighbor. In response, Mayor Scott asked for the address and assured Mr. Jackson that he would investigate the issue.

Semonia Southall raised concerns about the city council reconsidering the Park & Recreation Department's proposal to start an after-school program. According to her, the Parks & Recreation Department stated that the city council is not supportive of the program. Councilwoman Moore, as a 20-year-old educator, acknowledged the importance of the program but emphasized that the proposal had been submitted to the council only once. At that time, the council had requested additional information to ensure the program's excellence and safety for the children in the community. Councilwoman Moore clarified that they were not against the program but rather waiting for the Park & Recreation Department to address their concerns and present the proposal for consideration.

In conclusion, Ms. Southall thanked the council for their due diligence in evaluating the after-school program proposal.

G. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

H. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt both the July 6 & 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

- H.1.** July 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. Consent Agenda

- I.1.** Waive the abatement invoice for the property located at 2528 6th Street NE

President Collins stated the mayor's office has requested the council waive the abatement invoice for the property located at 2528 6th Street NE. The invoice belonged to their neighbor.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to waive the abatement invoice for the property located at 2528 6th Street NE. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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J. Presentation

K. Discussion/Action

K.1. Ordinance No. 2023-4 Rezone property located at 100 20th Avenue NW from C1 to Institutional 2

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Ordinance No. 2023-4. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon the roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. President Collins opened the floor for discussion.

President Collins- homelessness is a national crisis. We should not forget those who are less fortunate. We have an agency that wants to open a small homeless shelter in Center Point. They have one in Clay that is similar to the one this agency is proposing. I recently participated in a roundtable discussion with a group of pastors when one pastor mentioned he has a homeless man who sleeps at his church. The pastor asked what the community can do to combat homelessness. He was not aware of Project Success Ministries. President Collins- the program will be good for the community and shows a commitment towards a step in the right direction.

Councilwoman Moore stated she cares about the homeless issue in the community. However, she referenced the letter she provided to the city council at the previous meeting. After careful review and consideration, I find that the lack of adequate information provided regarding the rezoning proposal raises significant concerns and renders it inappropriate to proceed with a favorable vote.

Councilman Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-4. The motion failed for lack of a second.

K.2. Resolution No. 2023-65 Authorizing Emergency Debris Removal

Mayor Scott- the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department requested the assistance of the Code Enforcement Department with emergency debris removal at an alleged drug house. There was so much debris, the Sheriff's Department could not fully access the property.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-65 Authorizing Emergency Debris Removal. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

K.3. Resolution No. 2023-66 Ordering the abatement of properties listed in Exhibit A

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Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-66 Ordering the abatement of properties listed in Exhibit A. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

K.4. Consider the quote for the fence repair at the ballpark

Councilman Williams stated he and the mayor requested additional quotes and would like to postpone until the following meeting.

Councilman Williams made a motion to postpone selecting a quote to repair the fence at the ballpark until the subsequent meeting. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

L. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

Mayor Scott- construction will begin on August 8, 2023, on the Polly Reed Road Project. Lake Drive will be temporarily closed.

School will start on August 8, 2023. We are on track with improving attendance, so please ensure that your children attend class every day and arrive on time. Dr. Gonsulin has pledged funds as an incentive to curb chronic absenteeism.

L.1. Economic Development/Public Safety- President D.M. Collins

President Collins- the Economic Development Committee still has grants available for new businesses and entrepreneurs. An update on the Public Safety Committee will be available at the next council meeting.

L.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report

L.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

L.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report

L.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

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Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

Date:

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