Council Meeting

Proceeding of The East St. Louis Council Meeting was held on Thursday/May 10,2018 at 6:00 p.m., Second Floor of The East St. Louis Municipal Building, 301river Park Drive, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks, Presiding

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Retired ESDA Director Rev. Anthony Vinson. Roll to establish a quorum shows the following results.

Present:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Present

Establish Quorum @ 6:04 p.m.

Presentation of The Minutes From The Previous Meeting Held On Thursday/April 12, 2018 and The Special Meeting Held On Friday/April 20, 2018

A motion was made by Councilman Roy Mosley and seconded by Councilman Roy Mickens to approve the minutes. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Approval of The Proposed Agenda with Additions:

- (1) Presentation Of An Ordinance Approving An Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions
- (2) Presentation Of A Resolution Of The Mayor and City Council Of The City of East St. Louis Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement with A & O Recovery For Collection Agency Services

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Powell III and seconded by Councilman Robert Eastern III to approve the proposed agenda. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Ave:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell II

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of A Resolution For The Mayor And City Council To Approve The Illinois Department Of Transportation Parade and Event Resolution For The Annual Peace Festival

Presentation Of A Resolution For The Mayor and City Council To Sign A Letter Of Understanding On Behalf Of The City Of East St. Louis To Replace The Martin Luther King Approach Structure On Missouri Avenue

A motion was made by Councilman Roy Mosely and seconded by Councilman Robert Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Ave:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Of Certain Property Of The City Of East St. Louis In Order To Dispose Of It

A motion was by Councilman Charles Powell III and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of A Resolution For The Mayor and City Council Amending Resolution # 18-20022 Providing For The New Way Developments Rite Plan

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Powell III and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

NO ACTION TAKEN: 7-C Presentation Of the Financial Management Service Contract

Presentation Of An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With Azavar Audit Solutions

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Powell III and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of A Resolution Of The Mayor and City Council Of The City Of East St. Louis Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With A &) Recovery For Collection Agency Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Roy Mosley and seconded by Councilman Robert Eastern III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Ave:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

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Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of Regulatory Affairs Business Licenses Applications

Peshawa Kurdistani

Madia Motors, LLC

702 Martin Luther King Drive

General Business Activity II

East St. Louis, Illinois 62201

Car Lot

A motion was made by Councilman Roy Mosley and seconded by Councilman Roy Mickens to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emcka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Presentation Of An Ordinance For The Mayor and City Council Amending Ordinance # 16-10050 To Convey Certain Parcels To The KAPAL Foundation For A Youth Mentoring Center

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson -Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Ave:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Old Business:

Councilman Powell III: Had concerns on the Mary Brown Center; are there still going to be program there. It is the only center in the south end for the kid. The City Clerk Dorene Hoosman told the council that Lessie Bates Neighborhood House is still going to have summer program for the kids this summer. And that LBNH is working on the air conditioner(s). (2) The Public Library has no air conditioner(s). The City Manager stated that she has to work on that. (3)

The Burnt-Out Structure behind Walgreens. Councilman Powell want this structure to go on the demolition list. (4) 25th & Louisiana Blvd. The work there needs to be completed. The City Manager state that the County was helping us with this project. The City Manager will get back on it. (5) 25th & Ridge were the church burnt. The City Manager stated that this was private property and the owner has no insurance or money. (6) Police Chief Jerry Simmons: Lincoln Park is getting a number of groups out. We need a plan for the summer for Lincoln Park. Chief Simmon responded by saying he has a plan and ask for help from the sheriff department as well for the state officers.

Councilman Roy Mickens: Had concerns on the Broadview Hotel; where are we? The City Manager stated that they were waiting for the IDA decision. They have not made the announcement yet.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks: We have a partner grant and because of error's the paper work must be done over

New Business:

Presentation Of A Board Appointment For The Fire and Police Commissioner For A Three Year Term (Larry Hampton)

Presentation Of A Board Appointment For The Fire and Police Commissioner For A Two Year Term (Jesse Davis)

Presentation Of A Board Appointment For The Fire and Police Commissioner For A One Year Term (Jessie Granger)

Presentation Of A Board Appointment For The Police Pension Board For A Two Year Term (Michael Dill)

Presentation Of A Board Appointment For The Police Pension Board For A One Year Term (Joseph McCaskill)

A motion was made by Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll called vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED:

Proclamation Present to Dorene C. Hoosman, City Clerk of East St. Louis, IL on Honor City Clerk Month Recognition.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks along with the City Council, City Manager and City Treasurer present Dorene C. Hoosman A Proclamation; for all of the hard work and services that she had done for the citizens of East St. Louis.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks recognized Rev. Anthony Vinson the former ESDA Director on his retirement. She thanks Rev. Vinson for all his hard work and dedication to the City of East St. Louis.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks also recognized Rev. Johnnie Scott and thank him for all the work he had done on the Police & Fire Board.

City Manager Comments: The ISO Rating for the citizen insurance on their home went down from a 6 to a 4-insurance reduction. This will help in the insurance rate on home insurance. (2) We have hired to Code Enforcer and we are working on the Court

Council Comments:

Councilman Roy Mosley: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!! Hug your mother, she is the world. She protected me form birth until the end. Daddy is alright; but stand by your mother. She is there right. Wrong or whatever. (2) Things are changing - a fight at the track meet. It a shame fight(s) at the prom. Be careful what are we doing?

Councilman Roy Mickens: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!! I want to thank the emergency services for all that they do.

Councilman Robert Eastern III: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks: Thank everyone for coming to the Council Meeting. A Leadership Training Group can to the Council Meeting and was recognized by the Mayor

Citizens Comments:

Ms. Dorothy Joshway: (1) The income for the citizens in the City of East St. Louis Is less than \$25,000.00/year. But you hired these people in city hall making money double of the citizens of EStL (2) Tow Yards in our city need to be clean-up and the tire shop to do cleanup also. (3) Only Four (4) Police Officers lived in the city. We have two (2) murders/month. What is the plan for our city. (4) Trash is still everywhere. People are just dumping trash everywhere.

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks state that (1) The Department of Justice & The U.S. Marshall have stated they we have come from 13 down murders to 5 now. This report was given last year. (2)

For are advertising to hire new police officers for the City of East St. Louis. We cannot operate the same as if we were in the pass. We are broke. A lot of changes has taken place. Everything is a process. We need to work together. When we don't work together that's why the city looks like it does.

Mr. Willie Charles: N/A

Ms. Josephine Riley: Had concerns on the Metro East Sanitary District. Someone has file a lawsuit along with Judy Gates to help the people with this bill. We are being bill twice plus there is an 3% increase going on the bill.

Councilman Roy Mosley and Attorney John Baracevic will get back with Ms. Riley regarding this matter.

Mr. Marie Franklin: My Brother Keeper (Lutheran Social Services) will be meeting Friday at New Life Community Church @ 10:00 a.m. Come out and see what can be done for our community.

Executive Session (Personnel & Litigation)

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel & Pending Litigations was made by Councilman Roy Mosley and seconded by Councilman Roy Mickens. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay:

Councilmen:

None

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED Executive Session @ 7:10 p.m.

Establish a Quorum:

Present:

Councilmen:

Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Absent:

Councilmen:

None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Present

Re-Establish a Quorum @ 8:26 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks and seconded by Councilman Roy Mosley to adjourn. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks called for the roll call vote.

Aye: Councilmen: Mosley, Mickens, Eastern III, Powell III

Nay: Councilmen: None Absent: Councilmen: None

Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks/Aye

PASSED to Adjourn @ 8:28 p.m.

Dorene C. Hoosman, City Clerk