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## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A) Charles Bradford (District B), Darry Green (District D),  
Howard Loche (District E)

Absent: James Green (District C)

The Invocation was given by Mr. Bradford. Mr. D. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The rules of order were suspended to consider items on the Addendum Agenda on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presented Morehouse Magnet School student Alo Diallo with a Rising Star award. The Mayor announced the City received a \$100,000 award through Act 776 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, with the aid of Representative Adrian Fisher. Ms. Tappin announced that November is Diabetes Awareness Month and encouraged the public to follow doctors' recommendations for living a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Tappin also announced that community-acquired pneumonia is spreading and advised citizens to stay home if exhibiting symptoms and to seek medical treatment.

Mr. Bradford said financial documents were not provided to Council as requested. The Mayor stated the Council is welcome to view these records rather than allow the documents to be disseminated outside of City Hall, due to their sensitive nature. She said it is for the protection of the City and the Council. She also offered to provide the requested information in the form of a compiled report. Mr. Bradford motioned to create an ordinance to require financial documents to be provided to the Council. Mr. Loche suggested the Council be allowed to sign out documents members request to review. Attorney Jones stated while permissible to provide the records to the Council, he advised certain information, such as full account numbers, should be redacted before leaving City Hall. Mr. Bradford made a motion that an ordinance be created to require monthly financial statements and signature cards are provided to the Council. Ms. Tappin seconded. Attorney Jones said the ordinance could be introduced at the next meeting. Following additional discussion, Mr. Loche called for the previous motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Bradford stated the Council should be notified with information as soon as it hits the Mayor's desk, such as the grant. The Mayor stated for the record she received notification of the \$100,000 award received on October 23, 2024.

Mr. Bradford asked if the City had an ordinance regarding printed materials being delivered, free of charge, to City Hall. Attorney Jones referenced Section 10:32. He stated the rule is found in Part C, Section 14 of Ordinance 2792, which was passed on January 13, 1976. Mr. Bradford requested to be shown the actual voting document.

Minutes of the Special Meeting June 27, 2024 were approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Bradford voted no. During discussion, Mr. D. Green requested the record reflect Attorney Jones' statement that accepting minutes confirms the minutes were completed and does not change the actions of the meeting. Mr. Bradford made a motion that a full transcript of Council meetings is prepared. Ms. Tappin seconded the motion. After discussion to consider the cost of having meetings transcribed, Mr. Bradford rescinded the motion. Minutes of the Regular Meetings July 11, August 8 and September 8, 2024 and Special Meetings September 23 and 30, 2024, Finance Meeting, October 8, 2024, Regular Meeting October 10, 2024, and Special Meeting October 14, 2024 were approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bradford expressed concerns regarding a payment made to Parker Collision Center (Item #77), for vehicle repair, in the Finance Committee Report. He asked that corrections be made on the report.

Ms. Tappin expressed that the Veteran's Luncheon was a wonderful event. She stated the Veterans enjoyed the event and were looking forward to next year. Mr. D. Green agreed. The Mayor thanked the hospital for its support of the event. Ms. Tappin asked the status for repairs to City Hall. The Mayor said the City is going through the process. Special Projects Coordinator Jacob Orrels stated the engineers have requested quotes.

Ms. Tappin asked for the status of the demolition of the Eastside School building, 115 McCreight. Attorney Jones explained issues with funding the project. During discussion, Mr. D. Green left the meeting at 7:29 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Resolution 24-2079, to authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into a contract with Lewis & Ellis, Inc. to provide actuarial service for the GASB 75 compliance for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-2081, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. D. Green expressed concerns that the former City Clerk was assisting with providing information for Resolution 24-2082—to update the policy to meet federal procurement guidelines for GOHSEP. The Mayor explained assistance was being provided where it applies to the federal mandate and to finalize the current audit. Mr. Bradford left the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m. The Council discussed how long the assistance would be needed. Mr. Bradford suggested a forensic audit be performed for the City of Bastrop. Attorney Jones advised that audits currently being conducted are sufficient according to the State. Mr. Bradford made a motion to table Resolution 24-2082. The

motion failed due to the lack of a second. During discussion, the Mayor expressed concern that the City could lose access to federal funding if requirements are not met in a timely manner. Mr. Bradford and Mr. D. Green expressed concerns that the Council receives information just before a vote of the Council is needed. The Mayor said the information has been available to the Council since July.

Resolution 24-2082, GOSHEP, to update the policy to meet federal procurement guidelines, was tabled until the December 2024 meeting, unless an extension would not be granted, on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

The following establishments were approved for a liquor license on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote:

Dollar General Store #24432 1501 North Washington	Class A- Beer Only \$60.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
US Tobacco Outlet, LLC 1414 East Madison	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail, Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Happy Stop 1233 N. Washington Street	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Super 1 Foods 211 E. Madison Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Walgreen Pharmacy 1930 E. Madison Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Family Dollar #20917 542 N. Washington Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Family Dollar #26150 1714 East Madison Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Spirit Stop N Save 1405 S. Washington Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, off Premises, only)
Boiling Point 1930 N. Washington Ave	Class R--\$500.00 (Restaurant)
Juanito's Mexican Restaurant 801 North Washington St.	Class R--\$500.00 (Restaurant)
The Veteran Private Club 2324 East Madison Ave.	Class B-\$500.00 (Private Club)
Morehouse Country Club 1729 Gladney Dr.	Class B-\$500.00 (Private Club)
Stop4U, INC 1920 W. Madison Ave.	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Porter House Liquor 1851 N. Washington	Class A-\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Johnny's Pizza 1601 Park Loop Dr	Class B -\$75.00 (Retail dealer, Beer Only, on Premises)
Fiesta Linda of Crossett 1065 E. Madison	Class R- \$500.00 (Restaurant)

Specialty Daiquiris and Spirits  
1923 N. Washington

Class B \$500.00  
(Retail Dealer on Premises)

Paesano's Italian Restaurant  
124 S. Washington Street

Class R- \$500.00  
(Restaurant)

Super Mart II  
1920 N. Washington Ave.

Class A-\$400.00  
(Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)

Fuel Trac EZ Mart, LLC  
1231 N. Washington Ave.

Class A-\$400.00  
(Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)

Fuel Trac LA, LLC  
1301 N. Washington

Class A-\$400.00  
(Retail Dealer, Off Premises)

Mr. Ricky Allen Anderson, Kammell, requested a refund for the fees he paid for copies of documents he requested from the City, stating he did not receive the information he asked for.

The Mayor asked the record to reflect that July, August, September and October City's back was against the wall. She stated the spending plan was included in the budget and for the Council Members to say the Administration did something purposefully to put the Council in jeopardy is an unfair assertion. She said, "we need to work together." Mr. D. Green said the Mayor's statements were unfair to the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

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**BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, MAYOR**

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**MONICA AUSTIN, CITY CLERK**