

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in a Special Session on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. in the Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*
2. **INVOCATION.** *Lord's Prayer Repeated In Unison.*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** *Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.*

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon

The record reflects all members of the Council were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda adding the following items: special event permit for Club Mason (Roderick Alexander) and Group from Atlanta, GA regarding Environmental Sustainability & Hydroponics and Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *NONE.*

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Roderick Alexander RE: Club Mason staying open until 4:30 AM for July 4th Holiday (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.)

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James Harper, Interim City Manager.

- A. Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday (Aug 7-9, 2015).
- B. Financial Update.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to receive the audit by electronic means so that the Interim City Manager can meet the deadline of June 30, 2015 for submitting the audit report to the Department of Health and Human Services but with the understanding that it will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting (July 14, 2015) further review. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to have the Work Session start at 5:00 PM instead of 5:30 on the budget and finish the session that was started with Harvey Smith and the pre-budget. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

C. Announcements.

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2015-89. Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday (Aug 7-9, 2015)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to approve Resolution No. 2015-89 to participate with the 2015 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-89

A Resolution for the City of Tuskegee to participate in the “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday, August 7-9, 2015

WHEREAS, the 2015 Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax Holiday Rule 810-6-3-.65 requires a participating county or municipality to submit a certified copy of their adopted resolution or ordinance providing for the Sales Tax Holiday, and any subsequent amendments thereof, to the Alabama Department of Revenue before July 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Revenue will compile a list of counties and municipalities participating in the Sales Tax Holiday and issue a current publication on its website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City of Tuskegee intends to participate in the 2015 Sales Tax Holiday.
2. That the City Manager submits the necessary form and a certified copy of this resolution to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 30th day of June, 2015.

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

- B. Resolution No. 2015-90. Resolution Welcoming and recognizing the group from the National Institute for Environmental Sustainability and Training.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon for Council to approve Resolution No. 2015-90 welcoming the group from the National Institute for Environmental Sustainability and Training and to support the efforts of establishing a business in Tuskegee and partnering with the City of Tuskegee and Tuskegee University. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-90

A Resolution Welcoming the Group from the National Institute for Environmental Sustainability and Training

WHEREAS, I am honored as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of the City of Tuskegee City Council, to take this opportunity to thank Irving A. Backman for his contributions to Innovation and Advanced Technologies Providing for Sustainability Solutions to Environmental and Sociological Concerns; and

WHEREAS, for almost four decades, Mr. Backman has led a team of Scientists, Developers, Entrepreneurs and Businessmen dedicate their intellectual resources and skills to the advancement of Earth-friendly technologies relating to sustainability. The organizations include: Acopia Harvest International, AgriPower, ISI Energy and National Institute for Environmental Sustainability and Training (NIEST); and

WHEREAS, everyone that make up the Irving A. Backman organization has made a commitment to help significantly reduce Global Warming by 2025, utilizing innovative and often disruptive technologies. Positive performance will make the critical difference; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City of Tuskegee's City Council we welcome Irving A. Backman, Dr. Gerald Austin, Sr., MEGA International LLC; David Phaneuf, D.A.T.T. Solutions Group; Jamie Dodd, Integrated Systems International, LLC; and Paul H. McGilicuddy, Honolulu, HI to the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to working with you and your organization for the betterment of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by me as the Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that the recitals are true and correct.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 30th day of June, 2015.

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10:48 AM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to enter the Executive Session. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

10:55 AM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to end the Executive Session. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to authorize the Interim City Manager and City Attorney to research the legal steps that would be required for the revitalization of the downtown area as it relates to the removal of the statue from the square. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood moved to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk