

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES**

June 16, 2022 4:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** COMMISSION CHAIR Nikki Garry  
VICE CHAIR Byron Hansbro  
COMMISSIONERS Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, and Vivian Goodman

**ABSENT:** COMMISSIONERS Francie Johnson and Gina Taylor

**ALSO PRESENT:** HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER Penny Rogers  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Sherry Beasley

### **I. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Garry called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

#### A. Roll Call

Five out of seven Commissioners were present at the time of roll call. Commission Chair Garry declared a quorum does exist to conduct and approve business.

### **II. Appearance of Citizens**

The following citizen provided comments to the Commission: Abeer Motan.

### **III. Approval of the May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Goodman to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon roll call, Commissioners Vivian Goodman, Byron Hansbro, Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller voted aye, and Commission Chair Garry abstained. Commission Chair Garry declared the motion carried.

### **IV. Monthly Activity Report & Summary of Cases**

Human Resources Manager Penny Rogers provided a monthly status report of cases.  
(Exhibit A)

### **V. Unfinished Business**

Commission Chair Garry called for Unfinished Business.

#### A. Finalize details for Juneteenth

Vice Chair Hansbro reported the following:

- He will provide a table and chairs. The table will be set up by 10:30 a.m.
- The march will start at 10:40 a.m. beginning at the courthouse to Central Park. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. The Commission's table will be set up until 2:30 p.m.
- Juneteenth pins, Human Relations Commission brochures and candy will be on the table to pass out.
- Commissioners should wear their name badge and Juneteenth t-shirt.
- The African American Cultural and Genealogical Society will give someone from the Commission the opportunity to come on stage to talk about the Commission.

Discussion followed. It was decided not to carry the Commission's MLK banner at the event.

#### **VI. New Business**

Commission Chair Garry called for New Business.

There was none.

#### **VII. Other Business**

Commission Zaker asked what people should do if they are interested in becoming a Commissioner. Human Resources Manager Rogers stated the Commission currently has two vacancies. Individuals who are interested in serving on the Commission should complete an application which can be found on the City's website and submit it to the City Clerk. The City Clerk will inform Mrs. Rogers when an application is received.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, are required to be at least 18 years of age and must live within the corporate limits of the City of Decatur.

Vice Chair Hansbro stated the Commission should start thinking about plans for the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr celebration. Commission Chair Garry asked that this item be put on the July agenda under New Business. Feedback from the 2022 Juneteenth event should also be put on the agenda under Unfinished Business.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Zaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon call of the roll, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Vivian Goodman, Vice Chair Byron Hansbro, and Commission Chair Nikki Garry voted aye. Commission Chair Garry declared the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.