

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was called by a majority of the City Council Members and notices having been placed by the City Clerk at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019, in the Clerk's Office, electronic notifications to all Council Members and on the public bulletin board in City Hall, relative to: Discussion: Briefing regarding homicides and the Jackson Police Department. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019 being the third Friday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Melvin Priester, Jr., Council President, Ward 2; Virgi Lindsay, Vice-President, Ward 7; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; Charles H. Tillman, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Michelle Battee-Day, Assistant City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; and Timothy Howard, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3.

The meeting was called to order by **President Melvin Priester, Jr.**

DISCUSSION: BRIEFING ON HOMICIDES AND THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT: **President Priester** recognized **Dr. Robert Blaine**, Chief Administrative Officer, who provided Council with an overview of the Administration's comprehensive efforts to reduce crime. **Dr. Blaine** stated external funding had been obtained to aid in the implementation of the three (3) component strategy to reduce crime citywide. The three (3) component strategy discussed includes the following:

- 1) Policing Programs
 - o Real-time Crime Center
 - o Body Cameras
 - o Community Policing
 - o Data-driven decisions
- 2) Conflict Resolution Programs
 - o Conflict Interruption
 - o Credible Messenger
- 3) Occupational Opportunity Programs
 - o Access Centers
 - o Community STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) Centers
 - o Universal Pre-K
 - o Jackson Meals Matter

President Priester recognized **James Davis**, Chief of Police, who provided a brief overview of Policing Programs. **Chief Davis** stated that certain crimes are difficult to police and JPD is implementing community policing. **Chief Davis** stated the following:

- Real time crime center will allow cameras to be installed throughout the city in efforts to monitor activities throughout the community.
 - Operation Safe Street allows officers the ability to set up check points to engage with the community.
 - Operation Safe Shop allows officers the ability to be visible for citizens during the holiday shopping season.
 - Conflict resolution classes are offered for the communities.
 - Violent Crime Task Force is currently in the communities.
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Deputy Chief Tina Wallace of Administrative Support Services provided a brief overview of resources/programs offered to better serve communities. **Deputy Chief Wallace** stated the City currently has 350 sworn officers and a recruiting team has been developed in an effort to go to colleges and universities, inside and outside the Metro area to recruit more officers.

Deputy Chief Deric Hearn of Major Investigations stated that the City's C-Spire unit has researched over 2,000 guns and there are programs within the department that are working to address violent crimes. In 2018, ninety-two (92) cases were worked involving felony firearms.

President Priester recognized **Rukia Lumumba**, a representative of the People's Assembly, provided information regarding Conflict Interruption and Credible Messenger programs within the City of Jackson. **Ms. Lumumba** said that the program targets high crime areas and proposes solutions.

President Priester recognized the following individuals who provided public comments during the meeting:

- Angel and Anthony Longino expressed gratitude to the Mayor and Jackson Police Department regarding the arrest of the individual responsible for the murder of their father.

President Priester stated that the Council would have to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and an ongoing investigation.

Council Member Foote moved, seconded by **Vice President Lindsay** to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and an ongoing investigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes.

Council Member Stamps moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and an ongoing police investigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes.

An announcement was made to the public that the Council voted to go into Executive Session.

Council Member Tillman moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stamps and Stokes.

Note: Council Member Stamps left the meeting during Executive Session.

President Priester announced that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Regular Council Meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and at 1:00 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Quah Moore
CITY CLERK

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