

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 4:00 p.m. on August 2, 2018, being the first Thursday 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; Charles H. Tillman, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Sharon Gipson, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3 and De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4.

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

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**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI REVISING FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET TO FUND THE JACKSON ZOOLOGICAL PARK (JZP).**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi deems the budget the most important financial planning tool of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget is importance, it influences the financial direction, illustrates major functions, communicates core objectives, and demonstrates accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, equally important are the programs and services of City of Jackson Zoo also known as the Jackson Zoological Park (JZP) as it enhances the quality of life of Jacksonians through enrichment and fun; and

**WHEREAS**, the city seeks to assist with the financial obligations incurred by the Jackson Zoological Park in relation to salaries and operation; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the Zoological Park is able to sustain in this period the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi is recommending the allocation of \$200,000 from account #001441206111 and #001442406111 going to account #001498006419, be made to meet the obligations of payroll and the current operations.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the City of Jackson, Mississippi hereby authorizes to revise Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget, to immediately allocate funds to assist with payroll of staff and operations to the Jackson Zoological Park for the City of Jackson Zoo also known as Jackson Zoological Park (JZP) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

**Council Member Banks** moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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**President Priester** recognized **Dr. Robert Blaine**, Chief Administrative Officer, who provided Council with information regarding the current financial status of the Jackson Zoo and a transition plan for the Jackson Zoo. **Dr. Blaine** stated that zoo has depleted its operational funds and cannot meet its payroll for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Dr. Blaine** stated that current management made a practice of borrowing debt coverage to make payroll and repaying it once funds were received from the City's bi-annual payment.

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**President Priester** recognized **Jeffery Graves**, President of the Jackson Zoo Board, who stated that the Executive Board of the Zoo took a vote of no confidence in the current management of the zoo.

