

**CONFIRMATION HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 2:30 P.M.**

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 2:30 p.m. on August 24, 2017 being the fourth Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice President, Ward 2; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; Aaron Banks, Ward 6 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Allen, City Attorney.

Absent: Charles Tillman, Council President, Ward 5 and Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

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

Vice President Priester read the following statement for the record on behalf on **Council President Charles Tillman**:

I fully support the appointment of Dr. Robert Blaine as Chief Administrative Officer and the appointment of Dr. Charles Hatcher as Director of Administration. I am impressed by their resumes, and I truly encouraged by the highly intelligent, skilled people that Mayor Lumumba has selected for appointment today. While I am unable to attend today's confirmation hearing, I wanted the record to reflect how excited I am to have such a modern administration that is familiar with modern technology.

ORDER APPOINTING DR. ROBERT BLAINE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2017, the Mayor nominated Dr. Robert Blaine as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the nomination came before the City Council for confirmation as required by Section 21-8-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the nomination, and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the nomination should be confirmed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Dr. Robert Blaine is appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Vice President Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

Vice President Priester recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Dr. Robert Blaine** for consideration as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Dr. Robert Blaine** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

Note: Mayor Lumumba provided Council with a memo stating the salary for **Dr. Robert Blaine** as Chief Administrative Officer would be One Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$111,5383.56) (Step 2.5).

Thereafter, **Vice President Priester** called for a vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.

Nays- Stamps.

Absent- Stokes and Tillman.

ORDER APPOINTING CHARLES HATCHER, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2017, the Mayor nominated Charles Hatcher as the Director of the Department of Administration for the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the nomination came before the City Council for confirmation as required by Section 21-8-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the nomination, and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the nomination should be confirmed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Charles Hatcher is appointed as Director of the Department of Administration for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Vice President Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Lindsay** seconded.

Vice President Priester recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Charles Hatcher** as the Director of the Department of Administration for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Charles Hatcher** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

Note: Mayor Lumumba provided Council with a memo stating the salary for Charles Hatcher as Director of the Department of Administration would be One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$105,000.48).

Council Member Banks stated that said amount is currently outside of the City's adopted pay plan and an amendment was needed to justify.

Council Member Stamps asked if an adjusted salary pay plan needed to go before the Civil Service Commission for adoption. **James Anderson**, Special Assistant to the City Attorney stated that Director's and appointed positions are not civil service positions.

Vice President Priester recognized **Council Member Banks** who moved, seconded by **Vice President Priester** to amend add the following additional language: **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** provision "at a rate of \$105,000.48, which is outside of the City's adopted pay plan for this position. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all previous payroll issuance to Dr. Charles Hatcher in an interim position are hereby ratified." The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.

Nays- Stamps.

Absent- Stokes and Tillman.

Thereafter, Vice President Priester called for a vote on said item as amended:

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IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that all previous payroll issuance to Dr. Charles Hatcher in an interim position are hereby ratified.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.

Nays- Stamps.


Absent- Stokes and Tillman.

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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017; and at 4:58 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


MAYOR, 9/11/17 DATE
