

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on December 5, 2017, being the first Tuesday 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; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; 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; Alices Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and James Anderson, Interim City Attorney.

Absent: Charles Tillman, President, Ward 5.

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

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The invocation was offered by **Pastor John Perkins** of Common Ground Covenant Church.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who introduced **Pierrdro Gallion**, Band Director at Murrah High School Choir, who provided information regarding the choir's invitation to perform in Italy.

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**Vice President Priester** requested that Agenda Items No. 58, 59, 60 and 61 be moved up on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the following were presented:

**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stamps** who **PRESENTED A CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATE TO JASMINE STAMPS**. Accepting the Certificate with appropriate remarks was **Jasmine Stamps**.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who presented a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING DR. MARK HENDERSON FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND HIS WORK AS THE FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF MADDRAMA**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Dr. Mark Henderson**.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who presented a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING BRINKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR ITS FEAT AS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks were **Coach Willie Jones** and **Dr. Shimelle Mayers**.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who presented a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING THE RELEASED RIDERS FOR ITS "SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY"**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Johnny Moore**.

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**ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF \$3,423.58 FROM STATE FARM MUTUAL  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITS INSURED  
(JACQUELINE NOEL) AS A PROPERTY DAMAGE SETTLEMENT.**

**IT IS, HEREBY, ORDERED** by the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the City Attorney or designee, be authorized to execute all necessary documents and accept payment in the amount of \$3,423.58 as a property damage settlement for damage sustained to a City of Jackson vehicle (PT-636) on May 01, 2017.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND AMBRESHA TABB/DBA/TABB'S  
LAWN & CLEANING CO, 1608 MORSON ROAD, JACKSON, MS 39209 FOR  
THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND WEEDS AND REMOVING OF TRASH AND  
DEBRIS AND REMEDYING OF CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY  
WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
WELFARE ACCORDING TO THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION  
21-19-11. CASE #2016-1567 – 5073 LURLINE DRIVE – \$1,135.00.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2016 the City Council adopted the resolutions, declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code pursuant to Administrative Hearing held on June 21, 2016 for the following case: Case #2016-1567 located in Ward 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Police Department's Community Improvement Unit has a system in which vendors performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare are rotated; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Db/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., appeared next on the rotation list and has agreed to the cutting of grass and weeds, and remedy the conditions for Case #2016-1567 located at 1.) 5073 Lurline Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Db/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co. has agreed to perform the services described for the sum of \$1,135.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Ambresha Tabb/Db/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., providing the cutting of grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings and removing of trash and debris on the stated property.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$1,135.00 to be paid upon completion of the work from the Community Improvement Unit's Budget.

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2016 the City Council adopted the resolutions, declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code pursuant to Administrative Hearing held on July 12, 2016 for the following case: Case #2016-1579 located in Ward 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Police Department's Community Improvement Unit has a system in which vendors performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare are rotated; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Dbba/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., appeared next on the rotation list and has agreed to the cutting of grass and weeds, and remedy the conditions for Case #2016-1579 located at 1.) 1427 St. Francis Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Dbba/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., has agreed to perform the services described for the sum of \$1,120.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Ambresha Tabb/Dbba/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., providing the cutting of grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings and removing of trash, tree limbs, old bricks, tree parts and clean curbside and debris on the stated property.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$1,120.00 to be paid upon completion of the work from the Community Improvement Unit's Budget.

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2016 the City Council adopted the resolutions, declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code pursuant to Administrative Hearing held on August 9, 2016 for the following case: Case #2016-1709 located in Ward 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Police Department's Community Improvement Unit has a system in which vendors performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare are rotated; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Dbba/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., appeared next on the rotation list and has agreed to the cutting of grass and weeds, and remedy the conditions for Case #2016-1709 located at 1.) 4310 Patch Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambresha Tabb/Db/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co. has agreed to perform the services described for the sum of \$1,008.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Ambresha Tabb/Db/Tabb's Lawn & Cleaning Co., providing the cutting of grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings and removing of trash, tree limbs, old bricks, tree parts and clean curbside and debris on the stated property.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$1,008.00 to be paid upon completion of the work from the Community Improvement Unit's Budget.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND DEJONNETTE KING/DBA/AEC – 775 PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS 39202, FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE(S), FOUNDATION, STEPS, DRIVEWAY, THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND WEEDS AND REMOVAL OF TRASH AND DEBRIS AND REMEDYING OF CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ACCORDING TO THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-19-11. CASE #2014-2248 – 3340 CHERRYWOOD DRIVE – \$17,625.00.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2015 the City Council adopted the resolutions, declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code pursuant to Administrative Hearing held on April 7, 2015 for the following case: Case #2014-2248 located in Ward 6; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2017, the Jackson Police Department, Community Improvement Unit, solicited quotes from the qualified contractors to provide the stated services; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2017, quotes were received by the Office of the City Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police determined that Dejonnette King/Db/Tabb/AEC, submitted the lowest and best quote to provide stated services for the property located at: 1.) 3340 Cherrywood Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the quote submitted by Dejonnette King/Db/Tabb/AEC, for the demolishing and cleaning of the aforementioned parcel was \$ 17,625.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Dejonnette King/Db/Tabb/AEC, providing for the demolition and removal of structure and the cutting of grass and weeds on the stated property.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the payment for the said contract be made from the Community Improvement's General Funds.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND WILLIE GREEN/DBA/GREEN'S HOME IMPROVEMENT, 322 GREENWOOD AVENUE, JACKSON, MS 39212 FOR THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND WEEDS AND REMOVING OF TRASH AND DEBRIS AND REMEDYING OF CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ACCORDING TO THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-19-11. CASE #2016-2135 – 206 WHITFIELD STREET – \$300.00.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2017 the City Council adopted the resolutions, declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code pursuant to Administrative Hearing held on December 13, 2016 for the following case: Case #2016-2135 located in Ward 7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Police Department's Community Improvement Unit has a system in which vendors performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare are rotated; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie Green/DbA/Green's Home Improvement, appeared next on the rotation list and has agreed to the cutting of grass and weeds, and remedy the conditions for Case #2016-2135 located at 1.) 206 Whitfield Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie Green/DbA/Green's Home Improvement has agreed to perform the services described for the sum of \$300.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Willie Green/DbA/Green's Home Improvement, providing the cutting of grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings and removing of trash and debris and clean curbside on the stated property.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$300.00 to be paid upon completion of the work from the Community Improvement Unit's Budget.

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

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

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who requested that the Council suspend the rules on Agenda Items No. 10 and 11 to become effective immediately. **Council Member Lindsay** seconded the motion.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who inquired of the Legal Department to research the ordinance regarding the suspension of the rules. Thereafter, **Council Members Banks** and **Lindsay** withdrew their motion and second. **Vice President Priester** stated that Agenda Items No. 10 and 11 be held pending a recommendation from the Legal Department.

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**Vice President Priester** requested that Agenda Item No. 12 be moved up on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 2074 TO 2471 APPEARING AT PAGES 317 TO 377 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,127,496.08 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 2074 to 2471 appearing at pages 317 to 377, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$9,127,496.08 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
09 TAX INCREMENT BD FD \$1.6M	17,218.75
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	797,151.96
2008 GO STREET CONSTRUCTION FD	6,659.19
2009 GO STREET CONST B & I FD	1,279,750.00
2016A G.O. REFUNDING BONDS	388,424.38
BUSINESS IMPROV FUND (LANDSCP)	69.76
DISABILITY RELIEF FUND	49,654.50
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	5,156.54
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)	51,177.64
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	170,585.96
FIRE PROTECTION	4,429.02
GENERAL FUND	992,223.46
H O P W A GRANT – DEPT. OF HUD	41,542.23
HAIL DAMAGE MARCH 2013	28,876.00
HOME PROGRAM FUND	7,242.13
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	126,973.96
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	4,583.86
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	2,468.38
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	68.38
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	7,893.77
PARKS & RECR FUND	44,070.22
RESURFACING- REPAIR & REPL. FD	2,587.32
SAMSHA – 1 U79 SM061630-01	2,515.12
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	14,267.47
TECHNOLOGY FUND	35,641.76
TRAFFIC – REPAIR & REPL FD	738.67
TRANSPORTATION FUND	7,627.16
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	2,873,199.74
WATER/SEWER CONST FD 1999-\$35M	24,403.76
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	2,123,739.57
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	16,555.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$9,127,496.08</u></b>

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

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Dr. Charles Hatcher**, Director of Administration who provided a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **Vice President Priester**. **Dr. Hatcher** requested that a payment to All Year Sports Galaxy in the amount of \$9,050.00 be added to the Claims Docket.

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**Vice President Priester** moved, seconded by **Council Member Lindsay** to add \$9,050.00 to the Claims Docket from Fund 5. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 2074 to 2471 appearing at pages 317 to 377, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$9,127,496.08 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
09 TAX INCREMENT BD FD \$1.6M	17,218.75
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	797,151.96
2008 GO STREET CONSTRUCTION FD	6,659.19
2009 GO STREET CONST B & I FD	1,279,750.00
2016A G.O. REFUNDING BONDS	388,424.38
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EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	170,585.96
FIRE PROTECTION	4,429.02
GENERAL FUND	992,223.46
H O P W A GRANT – DEPT. OF HUD	41,542.23
HAIL DAMAGE MARCH 2013	28,876.00
HOME PROGRAM FUND	7,242.13
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	126,973.96
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	4,583.86
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	2,468.38
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	68.38
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	7,893.77
PARKS & RECR FUND	53,120.22
RESURFACING- REPAIR & REPL. FD	2,587.32
SAMSHA – 1 U79 SM061630-01	2,515.12
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	14,267.47
TECHNOLOGY FUND	35,641.76

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

TRAFFIC – REPAIR & REPL FD	738.67
TRANSPORTATION FUND	7,627.16
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	2,873,199.74
WATER/SEWER CONST FD 1999-\$35M	24,403.76
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	2,123,739.57
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	16,555.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$9,136,546.08</u></b>

**Vice President Priester** requested that **Dr. Charles Hatcher**, Director of Administration provided a brief overview of the Claims Docket.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Stokes** to remove payments to Veolia North America, Inc. from the Claims Docket.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Roslyn Griffin**, Deputy City Attorney, who stated that the City had an obligation to pay its debt.

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Thereafter, **Council Members Banks** and **Stokes** withdrew their motion and second.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Stokes** to remove payments to Veolia North America, Inc. in the amount of \$1,876,639.80 and place on the next Claims Docket for the January 2, 2018 Regular City Council meeting. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Stamps and Stokes.  
 Nays- Priester.  
 Abstention- Foote.  
 Absent- Tillman.

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Thereafter, **Vice President Priester** called for a final vote as amended:

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 “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,127,496.08 AND MAKING  
 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 2074 to 2471 appearing at pages 317 to 377, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$9,127,496.08 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
09 TAX INCREMENT BD FD \$1.6M	17,218.75
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	797,151.96
2008 GO STREET CONSTRUCTION FD	6,659.19
2009 GO STREET CONST B & I FD	1,279,750.00
2016A G.O. REFUNDING BONDS	388,424.38



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BUSINESS IMPROV FUND (LANDSCP)	69.76
DISABILITY RELIEF FUND	49,654.50
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	5,156.54
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)	51,177.64
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	170,585.96
FIRE PROTECTION	4,429.02
GENERAL FUND	992,223.46
H O P W A GRANT – DEPT. OF HUD	41,542.23
HAIL DAMAGE MARCH 2013	28,876.00
HOME PROGRAM FUND	7,242.13
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	126,973.96
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	4,583.86
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	39.02
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	68.38
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	7,893.77
PARKS & RECR FUND	53,120.22
RESURFACING- REPAIR & REPL. FD	2,587.32
SAMSHA – 1 U79 SM061630-01	2,515.12
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	14,267.47
TECHNOLOGY FUND	35,641.76
TRAFFIC – REPAIR & REPL FD	738.67
TRANSPORTATION FUND	7,627.16
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	2,873,199.74
WATER/SEWER CONST FD 1999-\$35M	24,403.76
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	249,529.13
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	16,555.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,259,906.28</u></b>

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Stamps.  
Nays- Priester and Stokes.  
Absent- Tillman.

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Vice President Priester requested that the Clerk read Agenda Item No. 10:

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY OFFICE AND TO PLACE SAID OFFICE BACK UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.** Said item would be placed on the next Regular Council agenda for adoption.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 11:

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND TO PLACE SAID OFFICE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE MAYOR.** Said item would be placed on the next Regular Council agenda for adoption.

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**ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 2074 TO 2471 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that payroll deduction claims numbered 2074 to 2471 inclusive therein, in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$145,097.69 plus payroll, are approved for payment and necessary amounts are appropriated from various municipal funds for transfer to the payroll fund for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that the following expenditures from the accounts payable fund be made in order to pay amounts transferred thereto from the payroll fund for payment of the payroll deduction claims authorized herein for payment:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>	<b>TO PAYROLL FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND		1,873,604.78
PARKS & RECR FUND		62,505.22
LANDFILL FUND		12,604.98
SENIOR AIDES		2,451.36
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		203,010.95
PAYROLL FUND		801.00
PAYROLL	145,097.69	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		28,959.59
HOUSING COMM DEV		6,898.38
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		4,178.53
TRANSPORTATION FUND		13,458.75
T-WARNER PA/GA FUND		4,566.27
SAMSHA		2,406.80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$2,215,446.61</u></b>

**Council Member Stokes** moved adoption; **Council Member Foote** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE GOVERNMENT CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson purchased the Government Content Management System (“GCMS”) software and associated product and service package from CivicPlus; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCMS software provides support for the City of Jackson’s website hosting; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCMS software also allows municipal website administrators to manage critical aspects of their online presence; and

**WHEREAS**, the maintenance agreement for the GCMS software expires on December 31, 2017 and is currently due for renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, CivicPlus is the sole provider of GCMS software and the associated product and service package; and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance and hosting needs for this site have been analyzed and purchase of maintenance for this site is recommended.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with CivicPlus for the purchase of a maintenance agreement for the Government Content Management System software at a cost of \$16,033.97, for the period beginning on the final date of contract execution by both parties through December 31, 2018.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENOBSERVER, LLC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON'S TIP411 WEB-BASED APPLICATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson subscribed to the "Tip411" software from CitizenObserver in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson uses the "Tip411" application for its police texting and email alerts; and

**WHEREAS**, the subscription agreement for the "Tip411" software expired on October 1, 2016 and needs to be renewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of renewal is \$7,150.00; and

**WHEREAS**, CitizenObserver is the sole provider of "Tip411"; and

**WHEREAS**, the subscription needs for this system have been analyzed and the purchase of this subscription is recommended.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a subscription agreement with CitizenObserver, at a cost of \$7,150.00 for the period beginning on October 1, 2017 through September 1, 2018.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- Priester.

Absent- Tillman.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MORRIS AND ASSOCIATES TO DEVELOP AND RENDER ONLINE TESTING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS FOR JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT APPLICANTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Police Department has vacancies for the position of Police Recruit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Civil Service Commission has adopted rules which address the filling of entry-level vacancies in the Jackson Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, rules of the City of Jackson Civil Service Commission provide that the Commission may from time to time designate other agencies or specialists to serve as examination consultants with duties being assigned by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Civil Service Commission considered and approved a request of the Jackson Police Department and the Department of Personnel Management to retain Morris and Associates as a specialist to conduct testing for the entry level positions and also psychological evaluations; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris & Associates, Inc. has an office located at 741 North Congress Street, Jackson, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, David M. Morris, Ph.D., J.D. is a principal with Morris & Associates and has been approved and licensed by the Mississippi Board of Psychology as a psychologist and is capable and qualified to perform the psychological evaluations contemplated; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith Thompson is associated with Morris & Associates and is a psychometrist and member of the National Association of psychometrists and has experience in writing test items and conducting analysis on ability and knowledge based achievement tests; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris and Associates have been assigned the task of developing an online test and conducting psychological evaluations for entry level applicants seeking admission to the Jackson Police Department Training Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris and Associates have agreed to provide the online entry level examination at a cost of \$25.00 per applicant and psychological evaluations at the rate of \$230.00 per applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris and Associates will also provide on-site visits associated with setting up and maintaining the on-line system at a cost of \$250.00 per visit when requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract will be one (1) year from the date of execution of the agreement but may be extended for additional terms mutually agreed upon.

**IT IS, HEREBY ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Morris and Associates, Inc. for the purposes stated in this order and consistent with the City of Jackson Civil Service Commission's designation.

**IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED** that the Mayor, or his designee, be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the terms of this Agreement.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE CITY OF JACKSON PAY PLAN TO CHANGE THE RANGE OF THE LAND USE PLANNING MANAGER FROM A PAY RANGE 27 TO A PAY RANGE 33.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Development requested the Department of Personnel Management to conduct a salary survey on the classification of Land Use Planning Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, a salary survey was conducted on the Land Use Manager classification by submitting inquires to the following Southeastern cities: Montgomery, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the response from the Cities surveyed concerning the salary paid for the position equivalent of the City's Land Use Planning Manager was within the range of \$62,126.00-\$92,823.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by establishing the compensation for the Land Use Planning Manager classification at a salary comparable to the compensation paid by other Southeastern cities such as those cited; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson adopted a compensation plan on or about September 22, 1998 which is found in Minute Book 4Y which established the range for the Land Use Planning Manager to be 27 with annual compensation being between \$42,822.24-\$51,704.16; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the range established for the Land Use Planning Manager be modified to range 33 with annual compensation being between \$56,655.12-\$68,560.08.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Pay Plan adopted by the City Council on September 22, 1998, found in the Minute Book 4Y, be further amended to change the range of Land Use Planning Manager from a range 27 (\$42,822.24 - \$51,704.16) to a range 33 (\$56,655.12-\$68,560.08).

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.

Nays- Stamps and Stokes.

Absent- Tillman.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH GULF STATES CONSULTANTS & ADMINISTRATORS, INC., FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2009, the City of Jackson, after completing a complete RFP process, entered into a contract with Gulf States Consultants & Administrators, Inc. to provide employee benefit consulting services regarding its Health and Dental Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson (City) renewed and amended said contract December, 2010 and extended and/or renewed said contract year to year at the same cost, and with a cancellation provision in the City's favor; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff in the Insurance Section of Personnel Management and the Insurance Advisory Board, having considered the proposed new cost provision, recommend that Gulf States Consultants & Administrators, Inc. remain designated as the Consultant of the City of Jackson's Employee Benefits Plan for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract includes a year to year renewal with a cancellation provision (i.e., provision allowing the City to cancel without cause.), the 2018 contract contains an increase in fees for consulting services increasing at a minimum annual cost of \$36,000 not to exceed an annual maximum cost of \$45,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) will change from the GASB Statement 45 to the GASB Statement 75 actuarial certified report will increase to a fixed fee of \$16,100.00.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract and such other documents as necessary with Gulf States Consultants & Administrators, Inc., to provide employee benefit consulting services to the City of Jackson at a cost not to exceed \$45,000 maximum annually for services exclusive of the fixed fee of \$16,100 for actuarial services associated with the calculation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 75.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE SUM OF \$105,000.00 TO THE GREATER JACKSON ARTS COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 39-15-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, authorizes the governing authorities of any municipality in their discretion to expend monies from the general fund to match any other funds available for the purpose of supporting the development, promotion, and coordination of the arts in the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson allocated funds in the budget for the Department of Human and Cultural Services to be used to match other funds available for the purpose of supporting the development, promotion, and coordination of the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Jackson Arts Council has provided to the City, a budget summary for the 2017-2018 fiscal year totaling slightly over \$600,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the agency has requested that the City support its effort to promote and coordinate the arts by awarding its funds in the amount of \$105,000.00, which shall be matched by funds from other sources in the amount of \$300,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be used to provide services to Jackson Public School students, students in Hinds County, Mississippi, neighborhood associations, artist organizations, and to provide funding or grants to established and emerging artists; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies will be reimbursed to the agency based upon its expenditures and upon receipt of documentation establishing its expenditures during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Jackson to support the agency's efforts and award the funds sought.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that matching funds in the amount of \$105,000.00 shall be awarded to the Greater Jackson Arts Council, and issued based on the Greater Jackson Arts Council's expenditures during the period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018.

**IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED** that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute an agreement with the Greater Jackson Arts Council for the award of said funds, as well as any and all documents related thereto.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUNDS FROM OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/CONTRACT SECURITY SERVICES TO SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL/OTHER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Police Department wish to repair Access Control and Surveillance system for 911 Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Police Department is in need of funds in the amount of \$22,920.00 to cover the cost of repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Police Department has identified general funds in Other Services and Charges to cover the cost of repairs of equipment.

**IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED** that the general funds in the amount of \$22,882.00 be transferred from Other Services and Charges Contract Security Services to Supplies and Materials Other Repair and Maintenance Materials.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO THE "FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT".**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Police Department wishes to continue a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equitable Sharing Agreement sets forth the requirements for participating in the Federal Equitable Sharing program and outlines the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest earned thereon, which are equitably-shared with participating law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement will allow the City of Jackson Police Department to receive its equitable share of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and interest earned based upon the department's contribution to the case(s) being worked; and

**WHEREAS**, signatures of the agency head and governing body are required by the United States Department of Justice annually to acknowledge the parties understanding of the agreement being entered.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the federal equitable sharing agreement.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Mayor may execute any and all documents and agreements necessary to accomplish and affect the purposes and intent of this order.

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

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

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Council Member Foote left the meeting.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BILL CHANDLER TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Chandler's term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Chandler, resident of Ward 1, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Bill Chandler to the Municipal Election Commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- Foote and Tillman.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. DELLA COOPER TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Della Cooper term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Della Cooper, resident of Ward 2, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Dr. Della Cooper to the Municipal Election Commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- Foote and Tillman.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EMMA SANDERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Emma Sanders term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Emma Sanders, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Emma Sanders to the Municipal Election Commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.



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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- Foote and Tillman.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA SANDERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Sanders term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Sanders, resident of Ward 4, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Linda Sanders to the Municipal Election Commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- Foote and Tillman.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. JAMES BROOKS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Brooks term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Brooks, resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Dr. James Brooks to the Municipal Election Commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- Foote and Tillman.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD JACOBS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold Jacobs' term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold Jacobs, resident of Ward 6, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Harold Jacobs to the Municipal Election commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF HORACE KELLY TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Horace Kelly term expired September 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Horace Kelly, resident of Ward 7, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor’s appointment of Horace Kelly to the Municipal Election commission be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2021.

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

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

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**Council Member Foote** returned to the meeting.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JUNE HARDWICK, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has appointed June Hardwick, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective December 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this appointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

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

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, that June Hardwick is appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Attorney June Hardwick** for consideration as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Attorney June Hardwick** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HENRY C. CLAY, III AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has appointed Henry C. Clay, III as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective December 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this appointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

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

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, that Henry C. Clay, III is appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Henry C. Clay, III** for consideration as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Henry C. Clay, III** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**Council Member Stamps** left the meeting.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL IN CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI VS. MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMIT BOARD, MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND WEST RANKIN UTILITY AUTHORITY, NO. 2017-SA-00273-SCT, IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board issued to the West Rankin Utility Authority a National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPDES permit would allow the West Rankin Utility Authority ("WRUA") to construct and operate their own wastewater treatment plant in Rankin County that would discharge into the Pearl River; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has opposed the issuance of NPDES permit and filed an appeal of the decision of the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board ("Permit Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, on appeal, the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi affirmed the decision of the Permit Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has appealed that decision to the Supreme Court of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works recommends that now it would be in the best interest of the City of Jackson, if the appeal of the decision of the permit board were voluntarily dismissed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Office of the City Attorney is authorized to voluntarily dismiss the appeal in the case, City of Jackson, Mississippi vs. Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, and West Rankin Utility Authority, No. 2017-SA-00273-SCT, In the Supreme Court of Mississippi.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Priester.  
Nays- Stokes.  
Absent- Stamps and Tillman.

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**Council Member Stamps** returned to the meeting.

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**ORDER ACCEPTING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE CONTRACT OF  
PSI-GA, LLC FOR BIOSOLIDS SCREENING, LOADING, TRANSPORTATION,  
AND DISPOSAL, CITY PROJECT NO. 15BO50091.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson entered into a contract with PSI-GA, LLC for Biosolids Screening, Loading, Transportation, and Disposal, City Project No. 15BO50091; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the contract were based upon estimated quantities of 305,000 wet tons of biosolids that were to be process; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract amount based on the estimate of 305,000 wet tons was for an amount not to exceed \$13,768,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual quantity of biosolids is now estimated to be 100,000 wet tons, which would result in a contract amount more than 25% of the original, not to exceed, contract amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract documents require an administrative adjustment to the original quantity price per wet ton of \$42.25; and

**WHEREAS**, an administrative adjustment of the unit price per wet of \$42.25 to \$72.00 would result in a final contract cost of \$8,153,000.00 based on an estimate of 100,000 wet tons of biosolids and an amount of \$53,000.00 for preparation of the documentation to support the Request for Equitable Adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works recommends a change order to increase the per unit price per wet ton from \$42.25 to \$72.00 and \$53,000.00 as compensation for the preparation of the documentation to support the Request for Equitable Adjustment.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Change Order Number 1 to the contract of PSI-GA, LLC for Biosolids Screening, Loading, Transportation, and Disposal, City Project No. 15BO50091, increasing the unit price for Item No. 2, "Activities required for proper disposal of geotextile tube-contained solids including mobilization, biosolids screening, loading, transportation, disposal site procurement, site restoration, demobilization, and any other ancillary task necessary for successful project execution" from \$42.25 per wet ton to \$72.00 per wet ton, decreasing the estimated quantity to 100,000.00, and providing a payment of \$53,000.00 as compensation for the preparation of the documentation to support the Request for Equitable Adjustment, is approved.

Council Member Stamps moved adoption; Council Member Stokes seconded.

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

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, Section 21-8-11(2) of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, specifies that, under the mayor-council form of government, that "regular public meetings of the council shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first day of July after the election of the members of the council that is not on a weekend and at least monthly thereafter on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in each month, or at such other times as the council by order may set; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Code of Ordinances, Section 2-62(b), states that "regular meetings of the council shall be held on every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. except that on the second meeting of the month, the meeting shall be held at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-62 (b) further states that at 4:00 p.m. on each Monday preceding a regular Tuesday council meeting the council will also hold a planning session to discuss the business to be considered at the following regular Tuesday council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk has determined the 2018 Regular Council Meeting Schedule of the Jackson City Council, pursuant to the above referenced statute and ordinances, as follows:

**2018  
Regular City Council Meeting Schedule**

City Council Regular Meeting Dates	Time
January 2, 2018	10:00 a.m.
January 16, 2018	6:00 p.m.
January 30, 2018	10:00 a.m.
February 13, 2018	10:00 a.m.
February 27, 2018	6:00 p.m.
March 13, 2018	10:00 a.m.
March 27, 2018	6:00 p.m.
April 10, 2018	10:00 a.m.
April 24, 2018	6:00 p.m.
May 8, 2018	10:00 a.m.
May 22, 2018	6:00 p.m.
June 5, 2018	10:00 a.m.
June 19, 2018	6:00 p.m.
July 3, 2018	10:00 a.m.
July 17, 2018	6:00 p.m.
July 31, 2018	10:00 a.m.
August 14, 2018	10:00 a.m.
August 28, 2018	6:00 p.m.
September 11, 2018	10:00 a.m.
September 25, 2018	6:00 p.m.
October 9, 2018	10:00 a.m.
October 23, 2018	6:00 p.m.
November 6, 2018	10:00 a.m.
November 20, 2018	6:00 p.m.
December 4, 2018	10:00 a.m.
December 18, 2018	6:00 p.m.

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

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**Vice President Priester** moved, seconded by **Council Member Stokes** to remove the January 2, 2018 10:00 a.m. Regular Council meeting and add a January 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. Special Council meeting.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **James Anderson**, Interim City Attorney, who recommended that the 2018 meeting schedule remain as proposed due to statutory requirements.

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Thereafter, **Vice President Priester** and **Council Member Stokes** withdrew their motion and second.

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**Vice President Priester** called for a vote on said item:

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FORTY-EIGHT MONTH RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE BUSINESS SYSTEMS TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk’s Office desires to enter into a 48-month rental agreement for a copier; and

**WHEREAS**, Advantage Business Systems has agreed to provide a Konica Minolta Bizhub C658 Digital Color Copier System with auxiliary equipment through State of Mississippi Contract 8200031427; and

**WHEREAS**, Advantage Business Systems Company is located at 5442 Executive Place, Jackson, MS 39206; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the City Clerk’s Office that this contract be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the necessary documents for a contract with Advantage Business Systems, to provide a 48-month rental of a Konica Minolta Bizhub C658 Digital Color Copier System with certain auxiliary equipment required to meet those special needs of the City Clerk’s Office as related to the functions of said division, at a cost of \$328.00 per month, plus a copy charge of \$.0085 for all (black and white) and \$.055 (color) per copy to include: labor, parts, toner, finisher with hole punch, Super 2G Fax, and the capability to print from I-pad, I-phone and Android devices.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that payment for said copier rental be made from the General Fund.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AND FUND MORE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT JOB CREATION THROUGH THE GROWTH OF SMALL BUSINESS.**

**WHEREAS**, many out-of-work Americans traditionally turn to entrepreneurship as a result of their unemployment; and

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs and small businesses need access to loans and other assistance to grow their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) are government agencies that provide support to entrepreneurs and small businesses in the form of government-backed loans to qualifying businesses and provide counseling, training, and technical assistance through Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and MBDA Business Centers (MBDCs); and

**WHEREAS**, SBDC/MBDC Programs are designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are vital to job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, SBDCs must be more readily available to entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, women and minority-owned small businesses greatly benefit from the SBA backed loans and assistance provided by SBDCs and MBDCs; and

**WHEREAS**, SBDCs and MBDCs are deeply underfunded and therefore can only address the need of a small percentage of small businesses and entrepreneurs.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson calls on the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency to expand programs aimed at small businesses in order to assist these businesses with growth and job creation; and urges the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency to provide adequate funding to SBDCs to assist more small businesses across the country to obtain capital, training, and technical assistance leading to the creation of more jobs across the country.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATE GOVERNMENT TO RESPECT CIVIL AND WORKER RIGHTS PROTECTIONS ENACTED BY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, there have been a number of municipalities and local jurisdictions throughout the United States that have been attacked by their state governments for passing and/or implementing progressive human and civil rights protection legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, for example, in February 2016, the Charlotte, North Carolina City Council passed an ordinance expanding protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") individuals and protecting the rights of transgender people to choose restrooms according to their gender identity; and NBC-LEO urges state governments to respect civil and worker rights protections enacted by municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Charlotte ordinance, the General Assembly of North Carolina passed House Bill 2 (“HB 2”), which (1) bars employment discrimination and public accommodations discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, age, biological sex or handicap, (2) does not bar discrimination against LGBT individuals, and, perhaps most important, (3) supersedes and preempts all local employment and public accommodations ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina HB 2 also mandates that local boards of education and public agencies require multiple occupancy bathrooms or changing facilities to be designated for and only used by persons based on their biological sex, thereby disallowing transgender individuals from using bathrooms based on their gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2015, the City of Birmingham, Alabama passed an ordinance raising the local minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour by 2017. Birmingham’s population is 74% African-American and 32% of its African- American population lives below the federal poverty level. Birmingham’s minimum wage ordinance was designed to address the problem of poverty in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Birmingham ordinance, Alabama State legislators proposed and helped enact into law House Bill 174 (“HB 174”). The intent and effect of HB 174 is to abrogate Birmingham’s minimum wage ordinance and to prevent Birmingham and other cities lacking “home rule” from increasing the local minimum wage or legislating over any matters regarding employee working conditions in those cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned are recent examples of municipalities taking steps to improve or advance civil and/or worker rights protections for their own citizens in the longstanding tradition of municipal self-governance, only to have their efforts thwarted by state officials seemingly unconcerned with expanding such civil and/or worker rights protections.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson calls upon state governments to 1) respect and defer to efforts by municipal governments to enact and expand protections for civil rights, human rights and worker rights in those municipalities; 2) refrain from passing legislation, regulation or any such policy initiative whose purpose or effect is to roll back advances with respect to civil rights, human rights and worker rights; and 3) not use their powers of preemption to overrule the local activities that protect and enhance civil, human, and worker rights.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO A SO-CALLED “BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT” TO THE US CONSTITUTION AND OPPOSITION TO CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1979 and again in 1994, the NAACP established a clear policy in opposition to a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, citing the resulting dangerous, draconian, deleterious, and disastrous cuts to the federal budget and to vital programs upon which so many Americans depend should such an amendment go forward; and

**WHEREAS**, a national effort is again underway to pass state resolutions calling for a constitutional convention to include a harmful Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, proponents now claim they have 28 of the 34 states needed to compel Congress to call a constitutional (“Article V”) convention to consider a Balanced Budget Amendment; and



**WHEREAS**, legal scholars and others who have studied the Constitution, representing the most progressive and the most conservative thinkers among us, all agree that there is no way to effectively control for or limit the issues that a constitutional convention could consider once called; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore, perhaps even more alarming than the damage which would be inflicted on the American people, families, communities, and the nation as a whole if a Balanced Budget Amendment were adopted, if a convention were called, the entirety of the Constitution would be up for grabs; and

**WHEREAS**, if the entire U.S. Constitution were to be opened up for re-write, our cherished rights and protections would be at risk, including the protections called for in the Reconstruction Amendments, (13th, 14th & 15th); voting rights; religious freedoms; and some of our most important civil rights.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson affirming its opposition to a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson opposes any effort which would lead to the U.S. Constitution being compromised by extremists in whole or in part.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson members will work at the national, state, and local levels to advocate that state lawmakers pass no more resolutions calling for a constitutional convention that could be used to amend the Constitution with a Balanced Budget Amendment and calling for lawmakers in states which have already

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- Foote.

Abstention- Priester.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO MODERNIZE THE LIFELINE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE HOMEWORK GAP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson has long supported policies that help to close the digital divide and make it easier for low-income households with school-age children to have access to Broadband Internet; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly all students receive homework requiring access to the Internet for its completion; and

**WHEREAS**, minority and low-income students are at a disadvantage without online access in order to do school work; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2015 Pew Research Center analysis of census data found that the lowest-income households have the lowest home broadband subscription rates and that 31.4% of households with an annual income under \$50,000 do not have a high-speed internet connection at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pew Research Center's analysis of census data also found that there are 29 million households with school-age children nationwide and approximately 5 million of those households do not have high-speed internet service at home; and

**WHEREAS**, low-income households particularly Blacks and Hispanics make up 31.4% of that 5 million; African American households make up 38.6% and Hispanic households make up 37.4%; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 2015, approximately one-third (31.4%) of households whose incomes fall below \$50,000 and with children ages 6 to 17 do not have a high- speed internet connection at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCC has initiated a rule-making process to overhaul the Lifeline Program, an initiative that subsidizes telephone subscriptions for low-income households, so that it would also cover broadband; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Program, begun during the Reagan Administration, provides a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings; and allow participants to choose between applying the same support to either voice or Broadband Internet service.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson urges the FCC to support increasing the proportion of low income households using the lifeline or successor programs for low-income students.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STRONG RULE TO STOP THE SHORT TERM, HIGH COST LOAN DEBT TRAP.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson officials commend the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) for its extraordinary job in advancing the fight against predatory loan products such as payday loans, title loans that have pushed and held racial and ethnic minority communities, including African American community members, among others into the debt trap; and

**WHEREAS**, many short term, small dollar loans, including payday loans, tend to be associated with exorbitant interest rates and other high cost, wealth stripping fees. They are heavily marketed and targeted to African Americans, Latinos and low-wealth families traditionally underserved by the mainstream banking system in a process often referred to as "predatory lending"; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have repeatedly shown that the wealth-stripping effects of predatory lending practices have a disproportionate impact on African Americans, Latinos, and low-wealth families, robbing households of hard-earned wages and savings that could otherwise be reinvested into local neighborhoods and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of these predatory products is associated with higher incidences of credit delinquency, delayed medical care, bank overdrafts and account closures, and bankruptcy; and

**WHEREAS**, short term, small dollar lenders including payday and car title lenders collect over \$7 billion in penalties and fees from borrowers on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the typical average cost of these loans is 300% annual interest or its equivalent in fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson recognizes the significant enabling/collaborative role of the major banking institutions in providing payday and other predatory lenders favorable financing; and

**WHEREAS**, high-cost, small-dollar lenders make loans that are structured to last for months or years at these high-costs, with continual refinancing and high- defaults; and

**WHEREAS**, many high-cost, small-dollar lenders do not assess a borrower's ability to repay a loan, considering both income and expenses, and in fact intentionally rely on the unaffordability of these loans to extract huge profits from borrowers stuck in the debt trap cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the average payday loan borrower is trapped in more than 8 payday loans per year, and the average car title loan is refinanced 8 times. Many borrowers are unable to afford to repay the original loan plus interest; the result being that they become entangled in a debt trap cycle which is the main source of financial gain for payday lenders; and

**WHEREAS**, 14 states and the District of Columbia have enacted strong state laws that effectively enforce a rate cap to protect against triple-digit interest rate payday loans; and

**WHEREAS**, as advised by the U.S. Department of Defense, Congress enacted the Military Lending Act, containing a 36% rate cap on consumer credit, which extends to payday, car-title, and installment loans to active duty service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, 36 states lack meaningful regulation to protect against triple-digit interest rate payday loans, and 21 states permit high-cost car title lending; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to extensive research of payday lenders, the CFPB is currently engaged in the rule making process for rules that have the potential to end the debt trap created by unaffordable high-cost, small-dollar loans by ensuring that lenders require that borrowers have an ability to repay their loans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson is aware of the tendency of predatory lenders to exploit loopholes in laws and regulations at the local, state, and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson strongly condemns abusive, predatory, wealth-stripping lending practices in whatever form and wherever they exist, particularly those that disproportionately prey on communities of color and low-wealth families.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson encourages the CFPB to adopt strong rules to protect consumers across the country, requiring high-cost small-dollar lenders to ensure loans are affordable when considering borrowers' income and expenses, and to ensure the loans can be repaid without refinancing or defaulting.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.  
Nays- Foote.  
Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION PROTESTING STATES WHICH PASS RESTRICTIVE VOTING RIGHTS LAWS.**

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of actual voter fraud is at a historically low level nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, several states have passed new laws restricting the right to vote, from requiring strict photo ID requirements to cutting back early voting or absentee voting to restricting voter registration; and

**WHEREAS**, the voter restrictions passed by each state are part of a broader movement to curtail voting rights when collectively state lawmakers nationwide introduce hundreds of harsh measures making it harder to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, these new voter restrictions passed by several states are either hindering or acting as a barrier to African Americans wanting to vote and are therefore having a disproportionately negative impact on minority communities and young voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Jackson stands in opposition to legislative measures that have a disproportionately negative impact on minority communities of color.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson stands opposed to and will work through the local, state and federal legislative process to make sure that new laws to curtail voting rights are not passed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson will challenge newly enacted voter suppression laws passed by several states.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson members will update their civic engagement programs to include voter education on the impact of suppressive voting laws and how Americans should properly navigate the barriers implemented by state laws.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution protesting states which pass restrictive voting laws be immediately circulated to all City Council members of the City of Jackson, our partner organizations, and all state and local elected officials and chambers of commerce.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- Foote.

Abstention- Priester.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration enacted the Nation's first ever comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness, *Opening Doors*, which established the goal to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, since the implementation of *Opening Doors* in 2010, veteran homelessness has declined by 36 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, on a single night in January 2015, however, more than one in ten adults experiencing homelessness was a veteran, 47,725 veterans or 11 percent of 436,921 adults experiencing homelessness. Thirty-four percent of veterans experiencing homelessness were in unsheltered locations, compared with 28 percent of all adults experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent national study examined risk factors for homelessness among Veterans from the era of the Afghanistan (OEF) and Iraq (OIF/OND) conflicts. Veterans who were deployed as part of OEF/OIF had 34 percent higher rates of homelessness, compared to other Veterans who separated from the military at the same time; and

**WHEREAS**, unique and robust programs and supports are available for Veterans experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Through coordinated efforts at the state- and local-level, Veterans experiencing homelessness can be quickly identified, and connected to permanent housing and necessary supports that promote housing stability – proven solutions to homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the First Lady announced a challenge to end veteran homelessness in order to solidify partnerships and secure commitments from state- and local- elected officials and leaders across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, since June of 2014, more than 880 mayors, city and county officials, and governors have joined the Mayors Challenge. And 57 communities across 29 different states have achieved the goal.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson supports state's commitments to end homelessness among veterans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson supports policies and programs that ensure access to stable housing and quality services for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson supports implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to end homelessness among veterans.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the City Council of Jackson will be an engaged forum for the sharing of best practices among states to ensure the establishment of effective comprehensive and coordinated systems to end veteran homelessness.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI CALLING ON CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX (SALT) DEDUCTION ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, in a time of great division in our country, it is crucial for state and local governments to be engaged with federal officials on matters and policies that particularly affect leaders at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, cities presently face particular challenges related to funding the provision of local services, and city leaders across the country have raised concerns about how cities will fare in light of proposal tax reform solutions that have been proposed in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, the United States Congress introduced legislation that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction, which has been in place since the establishment of the federal income tax in 1913; and

**WHEREAS**, the SALT Deduction provides some of the funding that state and local governments utilize to provide public resources and services, including education, law enforcement, fire protection and roads. Aside from these public resources, SALT Deductions also make it easier for people to become homeowners, and removes the possibility for income to be taxed twice; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of the SALT Deduction could cause considerable harm to state and local governments, and by extension, residents of those jurisdictions. According to an intensive report prepared by the Government Finance Officers Association, approximately 30% of taxpayers would be negatively impacted by the elimination of SALT deductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors, among other organizations, have recently formulated campaigns joining cities advocating against the elimination of SALT Deduction and encouraging the federal government to stand with cities when considering any form of tax reform.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi strongly encourages the United States Congress to consider the financial challenges and responsibilities facing cities when reviewing proposed tax reform, and the implications of eliminating the SALT Deduction for state and local governments.

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

Yeas- Banks, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Stokes.

Nays- Foote.

Absent- Tillman.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 43:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING STRONG DISCIPLINE IN THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.** Said item would be held until the next Regular Council meeting at the request of **Council Member Stokes**.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE POSTING OF SIGNS OF CAUTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE WHO RIDE MOTORCYCLES.**

**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Jackson shall be considered by this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson vigorously supports safety and a motor-friendly environment; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous motorcycle injuries and fatalities have occurred in the City of Jackson because of the lack of caution in travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the posting of the "Look Twice! Save a Life!" signs issue warnings of caution and reinforce the mission of preventing motorcycle and other motor vehicle accidents and fatalities.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi avidly supports the posting of the "Look Twice! Save a Life!" signs in the City of Jackson.

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

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**Vice President Priester** moved, seconded by **Council Member Stokes** to amend the heading to add bicycles and pedestrians after motorcycles. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE POSTING OF SIGNS OF CAUTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE WHO RIDE MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS.**

**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Jackson shall be considered by this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson vigorously supports safety and a motor-friendly environment; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous motorcycle injuries and fatalities have occurred in the City of Jackson because of the lack of caution in travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the posting of the "Look Twice! Save a Life!" signs issue warnings of caution and reinforce the mission of preventing motorcycle and other motor vehicle accidents and fatalities.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi avidly supports the posting of the "Look Twice! Save a Life!" signs in the City of Jackson.

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

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 45:

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING ONLY BUSINESSES THAT HAVE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR THE RECOVERY OF VEHICLES BE ALLOWED TO TOW VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON.** Said item would be held until the next Regular Council meeting at the request of **Council Member Stokes**.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY, AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson and the world pause to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration is marked by church services, family gatherings and gift-giving; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council wishes to promote public safety and hoping for a prosperous and happy new year for all.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi encourages the Citizens of the City of Jackson to have a safe, happy, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO HAVE A  
HAPPY AND SAFE KWANZAA CELEBRATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson and the world pause to celebrate *KWANZAA* on December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration is marked by community gatherings, cultural events and historical commemorations; and

**WHEREAS**, *KWANZAA* events are held nightly with each night being designated by a guiding principle: 1) Umaja, 2) Kujichagulia, 3) Ujima, 4) Ujamaa, 5) Nia, 6) Kuumba and 7) Imani; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council wishes to promote safety and express our hope for a positive and enlightening cultural experience for all.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi encourages the Citizens of the City of Jackson to have a safe, happy *KWANZAA* celebration.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN  
SUPPORT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE CELEBRATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 City of Jackson Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Celebration will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to the fight for equality and integration. The Martin Luther King, Jr. parade is an opportunity for us to continue and renew this fight; and

**WHEREAS**, the parade leads community effort of various events paying tribute to Dr. King. The wide variety of educational, inspirational and celebratory events take place at locations across the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade is to promote human equality, the principles of nonviolence, and the understanding and acceptance of racial harmony, understanding, respect, and goodwill among citizens, all as a way of building community among all citizens of Jackson, Mississippi and across the United States.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi encourage the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi to support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Celebration.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE CELEBRATION OF A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**WHEREAS**, the well-being of family and community shall be considered in this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday, referred to as New Year, marks the end of the year- time to start afresh, make and/or evaluate decisions as we prepare for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Monday, January 1, 2018, will be celebrated as a time for family to gather, share a delightful meal, reflect on its journey and renew family commitment(s); the new year wasn't always on January 1<sup>st</sup> and still isn't in some cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, as the world counts down to midnight, we admonish each person to take a moment to reflect and introspect as we go forward into the New Year; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage our citizens to relax, restore and recommit as we forge ahead to invest our time and talents for the betterment of our city, Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, we wish for each citizen a safe and fulfilling New Year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes and his Council colleagues recognize and wish for each of you, a Happy New Year.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT DEBTS OWED TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES AND FEES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR COLLECTION THROUGH A SETOFF AGAINST STATE INCOME TAX REFUND OWED TO THE DEBTOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "City of Jackson"), is owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees by persons of this State that cannot be written off by the Jackson and if collected could assist to enhance Jackson services for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Mississippi Legislature allows municipalities to submit debts owed to them to the Mississippi Department of Revenue to offset against income tax refunds owed to the debtor, then the State shall be entitled to approximately fifty percent (50%) of any recouped outstanding fines and fees owed to the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing said debt setoff the State would receive approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which amount is fifty percent (50%) of the (City of Jackson) unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the Jackson, Mississippi that it strongly urges the Mississippi Legislature to support and pass legislation to allow municipalities to submit debts owed to them and the State to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection through a setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor.

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

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Vice President Priester recognized Council Member Stamps who moved, seconded by Council Member Stokes to amend said order to insert the following:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson is owed \$28,491,522.04 in unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees by 45,163 defendants that cannot be written off by the City of Jackson and if collected could assist to enhance City of Jackson services to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount for Non – Dispositioned Cases is \$98,257,376.79

**WHEREAS**, by allowing said debt setoff the State would receive approximately \$14,245,761, which amount is fifty percent (50%) of the City's unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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Council Member Banks moved, seconded by Council Member Stokes said item to include the following language:

**WHEREAS**, the total amount for Non – Dispositioned Cases is \$98,257,376.79, which reflects 185,604 defendants who have failed to appear back in court from criminal arrest charges that cannot be written off by the City of Jackson and if collected could assist to enhance the City of Jackson services to its citizens.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT DEBTS OWED TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES AND FEES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR COLLECTION THROUGH A SETOFF AGAINST STATE INCOME TAX REFUND OWED TO THE DEBTOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson is owed \$28,491,522.04 in unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees by 45,163 defendants that cannot be written off by the City of Jackson and if collected could assist to enhance City of Jackson services to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount for Non – Dispositioned Cases is \$98,257,376.79, which reflects 185,604 defendants who have failed to appear back in court from criminal arrest charges that cannot be written off by the City of Jackson and if collected could assist to enhance the City of Jackson services to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Mississippi Legislature allows municipalities to submit debts owed to them to the Mississippi Department of Revenue to set-off against income tax refunds owed to the debtor, then the State shall be entitled to approximately fifty percent (50%) of any recouped outstanding fines and fees owed to the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing said debt setoff the State would receive approximately \$ 14,245,761, which amount is fifty percent (50%) of the City's unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson supports the proposed legislative initiative to be considered during the 2018 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to allow municipalities to submit debts owed to municipalities and to the State of Mississippi as a result of delinquent traffic fines and fees to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the collection through a setoff against State income tax refunds owed to the debtor.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Mayor Lumumba**, who requested that Council consider adding Agenda Items on an emergency basis that had not been submitted to the City Clerk by the agenda deadline of 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 13, 2017 as mandated by Sec. 2-63 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances.

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**Vice President Priester** requested that the Clerk read the Order:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ENDORSING THE ELIMINATION OF THE SUNSET LANGUAGE TO ONE-CENT SALES TAX BILL FOR JACKSON TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the city of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") has met to consider support for proposed legislation during the 2018 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council resolves to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson, and

**WHEREAS**, the sunset of the One-Cent Sales tax Bill is currently scheduled for Jul 1, 2032; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of the sunset language will also provide stronger opportunities for leveraging the One-Cent Sales Tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson acknowledge the need for continued revenue generation from the Once-Cent Sales Tax beyond the sunset date to address the infrastructure needs of the City.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City for the City of Jackson supports proposed legislative initiative to be considered during the 2018 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for the elimination of the sunset language in the One-Cent Sales tax Bill for Jackson.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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**Council Member Lindsay** moved, seconded by **Council Member Stokes** that said item be added to the Agenda. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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**Council Member Stokes** moved, seconded by **Vice President Priester** to suspend the rules of reading the item a second time and said item is on the floor for a vote. The motion passed by unanimously by the Council.

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

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

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City for the City of Jackson supports proposed legislative initiative to be considered during the 2018 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for the elimination of the sunset language in the One-Cent Sales tax Bill for Jackson.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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**Vice President Priester** requested that the Clerk read the Order:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO ENDORSE A \$2.5 MILLION BOND PACKAGE FOR SMITH PARK TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jackson Mississippi (“City of Jackson”) has met to consider support for proposed legislation during the 2018 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council resolves to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the renovation of Smith Park is a needed improvement to the Downtown community; and

**WHEREAS**, the renovation has the potential to spark increased tourism and cultural engagement in the heart of the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the renovated Smith Park is paramount to increase public safety for the citizens of Jackson and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson acknowledge the need to endorse the \$2.5 million bond package for Smith Park.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Jackson, supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2018 session of the Mississippi Legislature for the \$2.5 million bond package of Smith Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each Committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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**Council Member Stokes** moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** that said item be added to the Agenda. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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**Council Member Stokes** moved, seconded by **Vice President Priester** to suspend the rules of reading the item a second time and said item is on the floor for a vote. The motion passed by unanimously by the Council.

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

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

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

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**Vice President Priester** requested that the Clerk read the Order:

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION FOR SALES TAX DIVERSION DURING THE 2018 SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson, Mississippi has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2018 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson support the introduction and adoption of certain local and private legislation providing for a sales tax adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, currently municipalities derive sales tax from the 18.5% diversion from the 7% sales tax paid within the municipal limits; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the amount of diversion to the City of Jackson by 1% to 19.5%, followed by an increase of .5% each year until the amount of diversion is 20.5% would assist in supporting and enhancing the infrastructure necessary for economic development and growth.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson, Mississippi, supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2018 session of the Mississippi Legislature for a capital improvement sales tax adjustment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each Committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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**Council Member Stokes** moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** that said item be added to the Agenda. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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**Council Member Stokes** moved, seconded by **Vice President Priester** to suspend the rules of reading the item a second time and said item is on the floor for a vote. The motion passed by unanimously by the Council.

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

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Tillman.

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**DISCUSSION: VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA: Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who stated that said item had been discussed in details during the December 18, 2017 Work Session. He stated that the City should ensure proper compliance regarding vendors and EBO.

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**DISCUSSION: EBO COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Banks** who stated that said item had been discussed in details during the December 18, 2017 Work Session.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 53:

**DISCUSSION: BOTECH: Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who stated that said item would be held until the next Regular City Council meeting.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 54:

**DISCUSSION: MEDGAR EVERS BOULEVARD: Vice President Priester** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who stated that said item would be held until the next Regular City Council meeting.

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**DISCUSSION: FATS, OILS AND GREASE (“FOG”) PROGRAM:** Vice President Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who provided Council with an overview of a voluntary program for food service enterprises and residents of Jackson that would help eliminate the problem of sanitary sewer overflow as a result of fats, oils and grease.

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**DISCUSSION: THE RAS SUCTION HEADER REPAIR PROJECT AT SAVANNA STREET WWTP:** Vice President Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who provided comments on the \$300,000 capital improvement project that was performed as a preventative item.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 57:

**DISCUSSION: TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON:** Vice President Priester recognized Council Member Stamps who stated that said item would be held for a later date.

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The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- Council Member Stokes announced that a Christmas dinner would be provided at Golden Key Community Center on December 23, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
- Council Member Stokes announced that a Christmas toy giveaway would be held at Golden Key Community Center on December 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 21, 2017; at 9:16 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Quita Moore  
CITY CLERK

Chakwe Y. Sumuwa <sup>SKT</sup>  
MAYOR                      1/22/18  
DATE

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