

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:00 P.M.

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Virgi Lindsay; Charles H. Tillman and Aaron Banks. Guest: Melvin Priester, Jr. Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Kristi Moore, City Clerk and Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk.

Absent: Ashby Foote, Vice Chair and De'Keither Stamps, Vice President.

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The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson Virgi Lindsay**.

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Chairperson Lindsay recognized City Lobbyist, **Quincy Mukoro** of the Octagon Group, LLC, who provided a brief update on 2019 State Legislative and Federal Update. **Mr. Mukoro** stated the following:

- The Land Bank legislation did not pass. Said legislation will be revamped for re-submission in the 2020 legislative session.
- HB1612- Community Improvement Districts will allow for communities to form a 501c3 to be able to tax themselves up to 6 mils to make improvements to their respective communities.
- HB 991- Local Government Debt Setoff Act will allow for the recovery of adjudicated fines, fees and outstanding debt to the City. This bill was primarily lead by the Mississippi Municipal League.
- HB 1706- JCVB reauthorization of Jackson 1% tax on hotels and motels passed
- SB 3049- Capitol Complex Improvement District (CCID), this bill increases the Department of Finance's bonding capacity for the CCID to \$10.5 million.

Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Council Member Banks** who requested a resolution to support criminal justice reform and support to add an additional 1% to help JCVB for the 2020 legislative session.

Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Council Member Priester** who requested looking for a more flexible way to develop programs that would assist constituents with past due water bills and assistance for paying utility bills. **Mr. Mukoro** stated that a constitutional amendment would have to occur in order to forgive water bills.

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Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Quincy Mukoro** of the Octagon Group, LLC, who provide a brief over of the federal update. **Mr. Mukoro** stated the federal lobbying session is ongoing and the City of Jackson was able to remained authorized at \$25 million regarding the 2007 WRDA authorization. This was achieved by working with the City of Jackson’s congressional delegation in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers. A \$5 million appropriation the next five (5) years was submitted by Congressman Bennie Thompson.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.