

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 2019 1:00 P.M.

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Virgi Lindsay; Ashby Foote, Vice Chair; Charles H. Tillman and Aaron Banks. Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk and James Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Absent: 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 an overview of the proposed 2020 State Legislative agenda. **Mr. Mukoro** stated the following items are being prepared for the 2020 Legislative Session:

1. Police Department- Real time crime center funding (asking for \$5.1 million)
2. Jackson Redevelopment Authority- Add two at-large members (Director of Planning & Development and a representative from the academic community)
3. Planning Department- Land bank legislation (create the land bank and board members)
4. Administration- Payment in Lieu of taxes
5. Legal Department- Local government debt setoff (working with Mississippi Municipal League and the City's Legal Department to clarify language)
6. Fire Department- Collaboration with UMMC to rebuild or fix Fire Station No. 5
7. Human and Cultural Services- Thalia Mara Hall renovations and upgrades (asking for \$200,000.00 to install comprehensive security cameras, bathroom replacement, curtain replacement, etc.)
8. Parks and Recreation- Funding for right-of-way maintenance equipment (asking for \$200,000.00 to purchase additional tractors, lawn mowers, etc.)
9. Public Works- Adjusting, releasing, or extinguishing of any indebtedness from customer's water and sewer bill

Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Council Member Banks** who asked if the City had authority to enter into a settlement arrangement with constituents with outstanding water debt?

Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Robert Miller**, Director of Public Works, who provided information on how the Louisiana passed a Louisiana Public Works Act. **Director Miller** requested the opportunity to meet with the Mississippi Legislators to develop a similar act that would allow the City Council and the Administration the ability to develop their own service rules/regulations regarding its water bills.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.