

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 January 7, 2020, being the first Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Virgi Lindsay, Council President, Ward 7; De'Keither Stamps, Vice President, Ward 4; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; Charles Tillman, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk, Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Timothy Howard, City Attorney.

Absent: Melvin Priester, Jr., Ward 2.

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

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Tonya Ware** of Church Triumphant Global.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following individuals were introduced and recognized during the meeting:

- **The 33rd Class of Leadership Greater Jackson**
- **Attorney RaToya Gilmer**

President Lindsay requested that Agenda Items No. 52 and 53 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Stokes**, who along with **Council Members Stamps, Foote and Tillman**, presented a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. ALVIN MERRY DONNELL, AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND MILITARY PIONEER (POSTHUMOUSLY)**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks were **Amanda Donnell Tillman and Phyllis Donnell Taylor**.

President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Stokes**, who along with **Council Members Banks and Tillman**, presented a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING REVEREND ROY L. JACKSON, A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AND CHRISTIAN LEADER**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Reverend Roy L. Jackson**.

The following individuals provided public comments during the meeting:

- **LaDarius Gates** spoke in support of the re-opening of the underpass located on Livingston Road.
- **Regina Perry-Anderson** spoke in support of the re-opening of Walter "Dutch" Welch Drive.

- **Betty Smith** spoke in support of the re-opening of Walter “Dutch” Welch Drive.
- **Robert Smith** spoke in support of the re-opening of Walter “Dutch” Welch Drive.
- **Jonathan Hamlin** expressed support for the re-opening of Walter “Dutch” Welch Drive.
- **Enoch Sanders** expressed concerns regarding the closure of Walter “Dutch” Welch Drive and gun shows within the City of Jackson.
- **Lee Bernard** expressed concerns regarding street repairs for Forest Hill Road.
- **Cecelia Lyles** expressed concerns regarding gun violence within the City of Jackson.
- **Dexter Mayberry** expressed concerns regarding potholes on Hickory Ridge Drive in the City of Jackson.
- **Stacy Sibley** expressed concerns regarding students not learning how to write in cursive and would like a partnership with the City of Jackson for a summer program.

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President Lindsay requested that Agenda Items No. 45 and 34 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE OBSTRUCTIONS AND THE REOPENING OF THE CITY-OWNED STREET NAMED FOR GOLF-PRO WALTER “DUTCH” WELCH DRIVE.

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

WHEREAS, said Order addresses recent public outcry regarding the continuing denial of public access to Walter “Dutch” Welch Drive by the obstruction created by Canadian National Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the illegal closure of the city-owned street by legally unauthorized City of Jackson personnel and in cahoots with the Canadian National Railroad and its designees was perpetrated against the citizens of the City of Jackson in the following manner: without the express permission of the governing authorities of the City of Jackson; and, has effectively usurped the statutory authority of the Jackson City Council to vote on the street closure; and, has prevented the Jackson City Council from being able to seek input from the public regarding the street closure; and, has failed to give due process notice of the street closure to the public; and, has provided no means for children, pedestrians, or others to gain access to the community blocked from travel without risk to life or limbs; and, has created a public safety nightmare for sick persons, elderly citizens, and for emergency access to assist in travel to and from by needy individuals in the case of health emergencies, police, etc.; and, the citizens are inconvenienced and effectively prevented from travel by the lack of a safe and alternative route to and from resulting in a public taking of a valuable commodity from the community without just compensation or consideration of any kind; and

WHEREAS, there has been no vote to close said street by the Jackson City Council that is spread on the minutes thereof, filed with the office of the City Clerk, which is the official record of all actions voted on and are of record of the Jackson City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council seeks to correct the harm that was done to the citizens of the City of Jackson by reopening the closed street and seeking remedies that are available to the City by law.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi hereby authorizes the removal of the obstructions and the reopening of the city-owned street named for golf-pro Walter “Dutch” Drive.

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

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S TRAIN HORN NOISE RULE FOR SAFE IMPLEMENTATION OF RAILROAD QUIET ZONES.

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Train Horn Rule requires that locomotive horns be sounded at public highway-rail grade crossings and preempts state and local train whistle bans, and

WHEREAS, FRA rules for establishing a quiet zone seek a balance between safety for motorists, rail employees and passengers at public highway-rail grade crossings; and

WHEREAS, the process for establishing a quiet zone involves an agreement between state and local authorities, the railroad and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a quiet zone is costly for a community; and

WHEREAS, communities have different circumstances for establishing a quiet zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson calls on FRA and the U.S. Congress to finalize the Retrospective that was initiated by the FRA in March 2016 and initiate new rulemaking on the Train Horn Rule to decrease barrier for local communities in establishing quiet zones while ensuring safety at highway-rail grade crossings.

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

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

Council Member Stokes left the meeting.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND PARTEE & ASSOCIATES LLC TO CUT GRASS AND WEEDS; REMOVE TRASH AND DEBRIS; AND REMEDY CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ACCORDING TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-9-11 FOR CASE #2019-1402 – LOT SOUTH OF 1110 CORINTH STREET – \$784.00.

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2019, the Jackson City Council approved a resolution 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 following an Administrative Hearing held on September 24, 2019 for Case #2019-1402 located in Ward 5 of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Community Improvement Division of the Planning and Development Department 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, Partee & Associates, LLC appeared next on the rotation list and through its representative, Christopher Partee, agreed to cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, wooden boards, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; clean curbside; and remedy conditions constituting a menace to public health and welfare for the parcel located at Lot South of 1110 Corinth Street for the sum of \$784.00; and

WHEREAS, Partee & Associates, LLC has a principal office address of 334 Park Lane, Jackson, Mississippi 39212.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Partee & Associates, LLC to cut vegetation and remedy conditions on the property located at Lot South of 1110 Corinth Street deemed to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$784.00 shall be paid to Partee & Associates, LLC the services provided from funds budgeted for the Division.

President Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND LEGENDARY LAWN SERVICES INC., TO BOARD UP AND SECURE STRUCTURE(S) AND/OR CUT GRASS AND WEEDS; REMOVE TRASH AND DEBRIS; AND REMEDY CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ACCORDING TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-9-11 FOR CASE #2019-1456 – 1081 WEST PASCAGOULA STREET – \$850.00.

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the Jackson City Council approved a resolution 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 following an Administrative Hearing held on October 22, 2019 for Case #2019-1456 located in Ward 4 of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Community Improvement Division of the Planning and Development Department 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, Legendary Lawn Services, Inc. appeared next on the rotation list and through its representative, Regina Thomas, has agreed to board up and secure structure(s) and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, wooden boards, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; clean curbside; and remedy conditions constituting a menace to public health and welfare for the parcel located at 1081 West Pascagoula Street for the sum of \$850.00; and

WHEREAS, Legendary Lawn Services, Inc. has a principal office address of 510 George Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Legendary Lawn Services, Inc. to board up and secure structure(s) and/or cut vegetation and remedy conditions on the property located at 1081 West Pascagoula Street deemed to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$850.00 shall be paid to Legendary Lawn Services, Inc. for the services provided from funds budgeted for the Division.

President Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

There came on for Introduction Agenda Item No. 5:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI PROHIBITING ADVERTISEMENT OF IMAGES FEATURING GUNS AND THE LIKENESS OF GUNS IN THE CITY OF JACKSON. Said item was referred to the Rules Committee.

There came on for Introduction Agenda Item No. 6:

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND DESIGNATE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT. Said item would be placed on the agenda for adoption for the January 21, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 3054 TO 3399 APPEARING AT PAGES 467 TO 520 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,842,203.08 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 3054 to 3399 appearing at pages 467 to 520, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$3,842,203.08 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:

FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	315,579.96
CAPITOL STREET 2-WAY PROJECT	12,273.63
DISABILITY RELIEF	34,969.29
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	10,650.40
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	187,500.87
GENERAL FUND	473,461.11
H O P W A GRANT- DEPT. OF HUD	550.44
HOME PROGRAM FUND	83,429.50
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	40,557.34
HUMAN AND CULTURE GRANTS	2,508.00
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	302,221.72
KELLOGG FOUNDATION PROJECT	16,850.00
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	664,735.77
LIBRARY FUND	5,672.86
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	1,342.00
NARCOTICS EVIDENCE ESCROW	1,715.80
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	152.90
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	309.85

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PARKS & RECR FUND	51,135.13
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	11,410.00
TECHNOLOGY FUND	113,348.83
TRAFFICE – REPAIR & REPL FD	8,201.21
TRANSPORTATION FUND	6,196.84
WATER/SEWER CAP IMP NOTE \$7M	124,830.84
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	91,785.50
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	1,277,250.14
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	3,563.15
TOTAL	<u>\$3,842,203.08</u>

President Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

President Lindsay recognized **LaaWanda Horton**, Director of Administration, who provided a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **President Lindsay**.

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

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 3054 TO 3399 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 3054 to 3399 inclusive therein, in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$130,101.08 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:

FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	TO PAYROLL FUND
GENERAL FUND		1,998,516.73
PARKS & RECR FUND		68,107.54
LANDFILL FUND		13,298.65
SENIOR AIDES		2,500.49
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		165,867.66
PAYROLL FUND		321.00
PAYROLL	130,101.08	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		27,741.96
HOUSING COMM DEV		8,843.09
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		4,104.45
TRANSPORTATION FUND		15,044.83
T-WARNER PA/GA FUND		4,612.97
TOTAL		\$2,308,959.37

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

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

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 9:

ORDER RESCINDING THE OCTOBER 29, 2019 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INOBBAR LLC DBA NOVUSOLUTIONS (“NOVUSOLUTIONS”), FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF NOVUSAGENDA AND VIDEO SUBSCRIPTION. Said item was pulled by Mayor Lumumba.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON’S ONESOLUTION PERMITTING SYSTEM SOFTWARE.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson previously purchased OneSolution software from SunGard Public Sector, Inc., which became FIS, then Superior, and is now CentralSquare Technologies (“CentralSquare”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson uses the OneSolution software for its permitting system; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance agreement for the OneSolution software has expired and is due for renewal; and

WHEREAS, CentralSquare is the sole provider of maintenance agreements for the OneSolution software; and

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

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with CentralSquare for the purchase of a maintenance service agreement at a cost of \$29,388.10 for the period beginning on the last date of execution by both parties and lasting through October 31, 2020.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF INSANE IMPACE, LLC FOR MOBILE VIDEO SOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (BID NO. 65596-121019).

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi solicited bids for the installation of a mobile video solution for the MAX XL 15’ x 8’ LED unit; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019 one bid for mobile video solution was received; and

WHEREAS, Insane Impact, LLC submitted a bid of \$89,950.00 with the solicited specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Division of the Administration Department recommends that the City accept the bid of Insane Impact, LLC in the amount of \$89,950.00.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with Insane Impact, LLC to accept and provide for the installation MAX XL 15'x 8' LED unit at a cost not to exceed \$89,950.00.

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GLOWFORGE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE GLOWFORGE PRO 3D LASER PRINTER AND COMPACT FILTER.

WHEREAS, Division of Publications desires to purchase the Glowforge Pro 3D Laser Printer and Compact Filter; and

WHEREAS, the referenced equipment will be used for creative purposes to enhance innovative products and designs by producing products with wood, fabric, leather, rubber mylar, paper cardboard, and a plethora of other materials; and

WHEREAS, the needs and benefits for this equipment have been analyzed and the purchase is recommended.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary with Glowforge, Inc. providing for the purchase of the Glowforge Pro 3D Laser Printer and Compact Filter at a cost of \$7,066.00.

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson ("City") uses CISCO Public Safety Software to administer its emergency service system; and

WHEREAS, the City's maintenance agreement on the CISCO software has expired and needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, Global Software, a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation, is the sole source provider of CISCO Software products and the only company authorized to provide development and support services for this software; and

WHEREAS, as the sole source provider of the maintenance services, Global Software has proposed a maintenance contract that covers all software and support for the City's existing Global Software, which comprises the Emergency Services System for the Jackson Police Department, Jackson Fire Department, Municipal Court, Impound Lot; and

WHEREAS, the term of the proposed maintenance agreement is November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020. The term will renew automatically for one additional year unless terminated in writing by either party at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current term; and

WHEREAS, the yearly cost of the maintenance agreement is \$61,813.00; and

WHEREAS, the need for maintenance for all Global Software has been analyzed by the Information Systems Division of the Department of Administration, and execution of the proposed maintenance agreement with Global Public Safety is recommended.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with Global Software. to provide maintenance of software for the City of Jackson's Emergency Services System, with said maintenance being provided at a cost of \$61,813.00, from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR BOND MONEY FOR REAL TIME CRIME CENTER FOR THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative Committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, cities are charged to monitor, assess, and utilized data to ensure safety; not the invasion of privacy; and

WHEREAS, many cities like Austin (TX), Charlotte (NC), Memphis (TN), Newark (NJ) and New York (NY) have Real Time Crime Centers and have been able to see a reduction in crime; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve public safety through the establishment and operations of a Real Time Crime Center.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson seeks to enhance its policing capabilities, response time, and case solving rate by establishing a technology driven command center otherwise known as a "Real Time Crime Center"; and

WHEREAS, surveillance technology provides comprehensive data to increase efficiency, sustainability, and safety; and

WHEREAS, such technology is very costly, but produces quality data to protect communities; and

WHEREAS, the investment for this technology will deter crime in both residential and businesses communities within the City, as well as the metro area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature requesting funds seeking to improve public safety through the establishment and operations of a Real Time Crime Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

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.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; President Lindsay seconded.

Yeas- Foote, Lindsay and Tillman.

Nays- Banks and Stamps.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD GIVE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A LAND BANK.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee (“Legislative Committee”) of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (“City of Jackson”), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly one hundred six (106) square miles of land, with pockets of land varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, dilapidated, and blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping, breeding grounds for criminal activities and have created a negative image for the City; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses struggling to maintain or leave the City of Jackson, resulting in a loss to the City’s tax base; and

WHEREAS, “Land Banks” are public authorities created to efficiently acquire, hold, manage, and develop tax-foreclosed property; and by using the legal tools a land bank provides, a community can ensure that tax-foreclosed property is sold or developed with the long-term interest of the community and surrounding property owners in mind, Land Banks can often provide marketable title to properties previously impossible to develop due to complicated liens and confused ownership histories; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City’s ability to foster more vibrant communities and remedy blight by establishing a Land Bank to acquire, manage, maintain, and facilitate the redevelopment of underutilized, vacant, blighted and tax-delinquent properties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature that will give governing authorities of a municipality the authority to establish Land Banks for the purpose of acquiring, managing, maintaining and facilitating the redevelopment of underutilized, vacant, blighted, and tax-delinquent properties.

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.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee (“Legislative Committee”) of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (“City of Jackson”), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Section 43-35-33(a) of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, creates in each municipality a public body corporate and politic to be known as the “urban renewal agency” of the municipality. Such agency may be authorized to transact business or exercise powers by the municipal governing authorities as provided in Section 43-35-31; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Act authorizes the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the local governing body, to appoint a board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency which shall consist of five (5) commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Redevelopment Authority was formed and created pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 43-35-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson have determined that the Board of Commissioners should include the expertise of the Department and Planning Development and an Urban Planning and Development professional; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development provides a guided knowledge of principles that cater to human scale as well as environmental needs to ensure equitable growth; and

WHEREAS, Urban Planning covers the technical concerns of development specifically catered to urban areas and their functionality; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the Director of Planning and Development and an Urban Planning and Development professional as at-large members will increase the boards’ effectiveness in future planning; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports this proposed legislative initiative to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature that will give governing authorities of a municipality the ability to appoint the Director of Planning and an Urban Planning and Development professional as at-large members of the Board of Commissioners for the Jackson Redevelopment Authority.

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.

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

President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Stamps** who inquired about the number of members currently on the said board. **Timothy Howard**, City Attorney, stated that the Mississippi Code Annotated states that said board consists of five (5) members.

After a brief discussion, **Council Members Tillman** and **Banks** withdrew their motion and said. **President Lindsay** stated that said item would be tabled until the next Regular Council meeting to be held on January 21, 2020 to allow further research.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY AND/OR PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST, RELEASE, OR EXTINGUISH INDEBTEDNESS FROM A CUSTOMER'S WATER AND SEWER BILL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee (“Legislative Committee”) of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (“City of Jackson”), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, there are instances of error on the part of the publicly owned water and sewer utilities, such as equipment failure or process failure, which may cause an increase in the customer's indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, also there are instances of error on the part of the customer due to unforeseen damage, extreme weather-related events or mandatory evacuations, which may cause an increase in the customer's indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, with a clear scope of the economic climate and the varying social justice landscape amongst the citizens, it is within this governing body's consideration to meet a compromise for the need and overreaching pressure that can imposed; and

WHEREAS, the inability to make adjustments under the current policies continues to endanger the social welfare for the citizens we serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts and supports the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature that will give governing authorities of a municipality and/or water and sewer utilities owned by a governmental entity the authority to adjust, release, or extinguish indebtedness from a customer's water and sewer bill under certain circumstances, in particular those described above.

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.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ELIMINATE THE SUNSET LANGUAGE IN THE SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES TAX LEGISLATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (150,000) OR MORE.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative Committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the sunset clause incorporated into the Special One Percent Sales Tax legislation specifies that such legislation is set to expire on July 1, 2032; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the sunset clause will provide an expansion of opportunities for leveraging the Special One Percent Sales Tax proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson acknowledge the need for continued revenue generation from the Special One Percent Sales Tax beyond the date set forth in the sunset clause to address the infrastructure needs of the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature encouraging the elimination of the sunset clause from the Special One Percent Sales Tax legislation.

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.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Stamps** who asked whether or not there were any voting restraints regarding the one percent sales tax.

After a thorough discussion on said item, **Council Member Tillman** and **President Lindsay** withdrew their motion and second. **President Lindsay** stated that said item would be tabled until the next Regular Council meeting to be held on January 21, 2020 to allow further research.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A FIRE FEE AS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ON ALL STATE OWNED BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee (“Legislative Committee”) of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (“City of Jackson”), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson recommends that the City receive support by way of legislation to authorize a Fire Fee applicable to all State owned buildings within the city limits in lieu of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is the Capitol City of the State of Mississippi, and numerous State owned buildings are located in the City of Jackson, however, all State owned property within the City limits of Jackson, Mississippi, are tax exempt; and

WHEREAS, State buildings are protected by Capitol Police, but City of Jackson provides fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting that the State of Mississippi provides assistance to it by helping to defray the costs of the City of Jackson in providing fire protection, by paying a “six cents per square foot” fee on all State owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, this fee would be designated specifically to the budget of the Jackson Fire Department, and would enhance the fire services provided by increasing funding for training, equipment, and additional fire personnel; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City’s ability to provide safety and proficient response measures to all within the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature requesting a fire fee as payment in lieu of taxes on all state owned buildings.

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.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION FOR THE DEFINITION OF SCOOTERS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee (“Legislative Committee”) of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (“City of Jackson”), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson requests language clarification for motor scooters in reference to the definition within Section 63-3-103 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is the Capitol City and is continually trying to identify ways to better provide alternate transportation throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, urban areas have an increasing need to advance the way people move; and

WHEREAS, less automobile usage promotes healthier citizens, decreases pollution, decreases the need for parking or congestion, and decreases wear on infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as the City seeks to provide alternative transportation modes, which provide recreational means of mobile movement; and

WHEREAS, the current definition of "Motor Scooter" in Section 63-3-103 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, is: "a two-wheeled vehicle that has a seat for the operator, one (1) wheel that is ten (10) inches or more in diameter, a step-through chassis, a motor with a rating of two and seven-tenths (2.7) brake horsepower or less if the motor is an internal combustion engine, an engine of 50cc or less and otherwise meets all safety requirements of motorcycles"; and

WHEREAS, the current definition of "Electric assistive mobility device" in Section 63-3-103 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, is: "a self-balancing two-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per hour"; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek a clarifying definition of the term "scooter" so that the widest possible modes of transportation are included.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature requesting language to clarify the statutory definition of "scooter".

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.

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

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED REQUEST FOR BOND FUNDING FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("City of Jackson") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson seeks to continue providing a sustainable quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is a central place for tourism, economic growth, and the everyday professional commuter, necessitating a well maintained environment; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way equipment is necessary for continual maintenance and upkeep of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, through time and use the current equipment has reached its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that this request for assistance is reasonable due to the need to balance the City's financial constraints while providing a quality environment for its citizens, visitors, and professional commuters; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to cover the purchase of right-of-way maintenance equipment for the beautification of right of ways and entry points; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities and remedy the maintenance issues as it pertains to right-of-way.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to request bond funding to allow the City of Jackson to purchase right of way equipment to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities and remedy the maintenance issues as it pertains to right-of-way.

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.

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

President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Banks** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Stamps** to amend change the amount in the 8th paragraph from \$200,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

Thereafter, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item as amended:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED REQUEST FOR BOND FUNDING FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("City of Jackson") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson seeks to continue providing a sustainable quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is a central place for tourism, economic growth, and the everyday professional commuter, necessitating a well maintained environment; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way equipment is necessary for continual maintenance and upkeep of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, through time and use the current equipment has reached its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that this request for assistance is reasonable due to the need to balance the City's financial constraints while providing a quality environment for its citizens, visitors, and professional commuters; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to cover the purchase of right-of-way maintenance equipment for the beautification of right of ways and entry points; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities and remedy the maintenance issues as it pertains to right-of-way.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi accepts the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to request bond funding to allow the City of Jackson to purchase right of way equipment to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities and remedy the maintenance issues as it pertains to right-of-way.

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, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LYNCH STREET PROJECT, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER DHP-8276-00(003) LPA/104587, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 20B4002, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SAID COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson solicited sealed, competitive bids for the construction of the Lynch Street Project; and

WHEREAS, two bids were submitted to the City Clerk on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,172,011.05 was the lowest bid received; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recommends that the governing authorities deem the bid of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,172,011.05 for the Lynch Street Project to be the lowest and best bid; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of the bid shall be subject to the concurrence of the Mississippi Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, during the life of the project, it will be necessary for the Mayor to execute various no-cost documents as part of the administration and construction of the project.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the bid of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the Lynch Street Project, Federal Aid Project Number DHP-8276-00(003) LPA/104587, City Project Number 20B4002, in the amount of \$2,172,011.05 is accepted as the lowest and best bid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk is authorized to attest a contract with Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the Lynch Street Project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all no-cost item documents necessary for the administration and construction of the Lynch Street Project and to submit the same to MDOT as needed.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE LYNCH STREET PROJECT, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER DHP-8276-00(003) LPA/104587, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 20B4002.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson has federal earmark transportation funds for improvements to Lynch Street from Highway 80 to Highway 18; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson selected Stantec Consulting Service, Inc. to perform necessary construction engineering and inspection services for the project; and

WHEREAS, Stantec has provided a cost estimate of \$197,091.03 to provide construction engineering and inspection services for the project; and

WHEREAS, the execution of the construction engineering and inspection services contract is subject to the concurrence of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a construction engineering and inspection services contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Lynch Street Project, Federal Aid Project No. DHP-8276-00(001) LPA/104587, City Project Number 20B4002, for an amount not to exceed \$197,091.03.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL TO THE CONTRACT WITH MANDAL'S, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR ROOF REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT FOR JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION NO. 5, CITY OF JACKSON PROJECT NO. 18B7000.0705, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with Mandal's, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$129,238.00; said contract was approved by the City Council on February 5, 2019, to provide construction services for Roof Removal and Replacement for Jackson Fire Department Station No.5, City of Jackson Project No. 18B7000.0705; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor executed this contract on March 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1/Final represents a decrease to the current contract amount due to the adjustment for unused contingency funds; and

WHEREAS, the current contract amount is \$129,238.00 and the decreased contract amount will be \$116,314.20; and

WHEREAS, all work under this contract has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends final payment in the amount of \$5,815.71 to Mandal's, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the bonding company, U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, Lisa R. Butler, Attorney-In-Fact Surety on performance of said contract, has authorized release and payment of all money due under said contract.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Change Order No. 1/Final to the contract of Mandal's, Inc., decreasing the contract amount by \$12,923.80 to a final contract amount of \$116,314.20 is authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City make final payment in the amount of \$5,815.71 and release all securities held to Mandal's, Inc. for all the work completed and materials furnished under this contract and that the City Clerk publish the Notice of Completion for Roof Removal and Replacement for Jackson Fire Department Station No. 5, City of Jackson Project No. 18B7000.0705.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING A 48-MONTH RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR DIGITAL IMAGING SYSTEMS TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION WATER/SEWER BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Water/Sewer Business Administration desires to enter into a 48- month rental and maintenance agreement for a digital copier/printer; and

WHEREAS, Advantage Business Systems, 5442 Executive Place, Jackson, MS 39206, provides through state contract number 8200038141 the following:

- **MINOLTA BIZHUB 227** for Meter Reading Service Connections – At a monthly rental of \$81.00 and maintenance of \$11.85, includes all supplies except paper and staples, includes 1,500 b/w copies and overages at .0079 cents per copy all over 1,500.

WHEREAS, the digital copier/printer offered by Advantage Business Systems is capable of producing service order requests accurately and efficiently.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that an agreement be authorized with Advantage Business System providing for the 48-month rental and maintenance of said equipment for a monthly cost of \$92.85, which includes 1,500 b/w copies, overages at .0079 cents per copy, all supplies except staples and paper.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment for said rental and maintenance be made from the Water Enterprise Fund.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FINANCIAL CRIMES INVESTIGATIVE, COMPLIANCE & SECURITY, LLC FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works received information that led him to believe that certain employees of the Water-Sewer Business Administration Division were engaging in activities that would be harmful to the interests of the City of Jackson and might possibly be criminal; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is not equipped to conduct investigations; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Financial Crimes Investigative, Compliance & Security, LLC (Financial Crimes Investigative) to provide professional services to investigate the alleged harmful activity; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has been satisfied with the progress of the investigation; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to investigate water theft and other wrongdoing relating to the City’s Water-Sewer Utility and its Water-Sewer Business Administration in order to protect the revenue of the Utility System; and

WHEREAS, Financial Crimes Investigative proposes to provide investigative services on a billable hour basis pursuant to the existing contract terms for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends that the City accept the proposal of Financial Crimes Investigative to amend the existing contract to provide funding of an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for professional investigative work during Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Amendment to the Agreement with Financial Crimes Investigative, Compliance & Security, LLC to provide additional compensation of in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to provide professional investigative services for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Amendment to the Agreement with Financial Investigative, Compliance & Security, LLC.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MYTHICS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR ITS ORACLE CUSTOMER CARE & BILLING AND ORACLE CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE SOFTWARE.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson uses Oracle Customer Care & Billing as its utility billing system; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to modernize and stabilize its current Oracle Customer Care & Billing (CC&B) application and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, beginning in June 2019, Mythics, Inc. began the process of upgrading the current on-premises production infrastructure for CC&B by migrating it to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and installing updates, patches, and customizations issued since CC&B’s initial deployment; and

WHEREAS, Mythics, Inc. has completed this project and the Department of Public Works is satisfied with the work provided; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Water-Sewer Business Administration will continue to need assistance in working through existing issues of stranded bills, misaligned business processes, and technical assistance, which are designated as OnDemand Functional support and Oracle Utilities Application Operations and Maintenance support; and

WHEREAS, these services are vital to maintaining the progress made to date and moving forward with other projects necessary to fully use CC&B; and

WHEREAS, Mythics, Inc. has offered to provide these professional services and Oracle Cloud Infrastructure for a cost not to exceed \$1,298,592.00 over a term of eighteen (18) months.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that an amendment to the agreement with Mythics, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$1,298,592.00 for professional services for a term of eighteen (18) months by providing OnDemand Functional support and Oracle Utilities Application Operations and Maintenance support.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with Mythics, Inc. for said professional services and to execute other documents necessary during the course of the professional services being provided under this agreement.

President Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 1/FINAL TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ORIGIN CONSULTING, LLC FOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND DELIVERY SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S CUSTOMER CARE AND BILLING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Water/Sewer Business Administration Division, responsible for using the Oracle Customer Care & Billing enterprise software (CC&B) to generate monthly bills for water/sewer/sanitation customers, is in continuing need of support to implement recommendations in the Risk Remediation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Origin Consulting, LLC (Origin) has previously provided professional services supporting business operations and delivery support for CC&B during the previous fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the support being provided by Origin is needed during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, Origin will continue to assist with resolution of issues in bill generation and delivery, payment management, asset management, field work management, meter reading management, and credit and collections management; and

WHEREAS, Origin will continue you implement a plan to assist in the correction of the known data issues relating to meters, services, and other operations; and

WHEREAS, Origin will continue to correct additional stranded bills and address issues with CC&B batch processes; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue providing the professional services previously described during through December 2019, an amendment in an amount not to exceed \$210,196.00 is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified funding to pay for Origin for these professional services for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that an Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Origin Consulting, LLC for Business Operations and Delivery Support of the City's Customer Care and Billing System in an amount not to exceed \$210,196.00 to provide professional services under the Agreement through December 2019 is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 and associated Task Orders for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment is authorized as it becomes due and payable for professional services performed during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 by Origin Consulting LLC under the Agreement for Business Operations and Delivery Support and its Amendment No. 1.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

Yeas- Foote, Lindsay and Tillman.

Nays- Banks and Stamps.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AL ROJAS AND THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR LICENSEE'S USE OF THE JACKSON CONVENTION COMPLEX-SMG, AUGUST 27-29, 2020, TO HOST THE MIND, BODY AND SOUL HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO AND 5K RUN.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department, will host for the third year, the Mind, Body & Soul Health and Wellness Expo and 5K Run; and

WHEREAS, this event is part of the 2020 Jackson Soulful Music Concert Series, and will provide family entertainment for citizens of all ages by featuring various musical artists, performers and other activities; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance to the event, the Department of Parks and Recreation must enter into an agreement with the Jackson Convention Complex-SMG; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Convention Complex-SMG will manage and operate the August 27-29, 2020 events; and

WHEREAS, the amount of this event will not exceed Four Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$4,564.00); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation believes executing this agreement is in the best interest of the City of Jackson.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement, and all other necessary documents, for a contract with the Jackson Convention Complex-SMG to host, manage and operate the August 27-29, 2020, Mind, Body & Soul Health and Wellness Expo and 5K Run.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TWO (2) 48-MONTH RENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH ADVANTAGE BUSINESS SYSTEMS (ABS) FOR TWO (2) KONICA MINOLTA BIZHUB C659 DIGITAL COLOR SYSTEMS TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PARK MAINTNANCE DIVISION.

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation desires to enter into a 48-month rental agreement for two (2) copier machines; and

WHEREAS, the state contract provides for the rental of two (2) Konica Minolta Bizhub C659 Digital Color Systems, with auxiliary equipment from Advantage Business Systems (ABS), at the costs listed below; includes labor, parts, toner, staples, drums and travel; and

Location(s)	Cost Per Month	Black & White Copy Charge Per Sheet	Color Copy Charge Per Sheet	Accounts
Parks & Recreation Administrative Office 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104 Jackson, MS 39209	\$308.00	\$.008	\$.05	005-501.10-6514
Park Maintenance Division 3880 Bullard Street Jackson, MS 39209	\$308.00	\$.008	\$.05	005-504.10-6514

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute necessary documents with Advantage Business Systems (ABS), including a Commercial Sales Agreement, as well as any and all documents related thereto, for the 48 month rental for two (2) Konica Minolta Bizhub C659 Digital Color Systems with auxiliary equipment, at a cost of \$308.00 per month, plus a copy charge of \$0.008 per black and white page and \$0.05 per color page to include labor, parts, toner, staples, drums and travel, with the exception of paper.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment for said rentals be made from the general funds budgeted for use by the Department of Parks and Recreation, upon submission of the appropriate invoices from Advantage Business Systems (ABS).

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priestster and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIM OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE IN MWCC #1303770-P-1108-E 19 PENDING BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2012, the City of Jackson was a qualified self-insurer of benefits payable under the Mississippi Workers Compensation Act; and

WHEREAS, an employee of the Department of the Department of Human and Cultural Services sustained an injury in the course and scope of his employment on or about December 10, 2012, in the course and scope of her employment from electrical current during the course of turning a steam table off; and

WHEREAS, the City commenced providing the employee with medical treatment and benefits based on the work related injury; and

WHEREAS, the claim was controverted by the filing of a petition with the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission on or about February 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the employee reached maximum medical improvement and was assessed with a permanent anatomical impairment rating by the treating physician; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson paid benefits for the permanent partial disability based on the anatomical impairment rating consistent with Section 71-3-17 (c) of the Mississippi Code; and

WHEREAS, the employee participated in a Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE), and the results indicated that there were also functional limitations resulting from the anatomical impairment; and

WHEREAS, the employee contends that she is entitled to benefits above the sum previously paid by the City for permanent partial disability because the impairment has resulted in a loss of wage earning capacity; and

WHEREAS, the employee further contends that she will require medical treatment in the future as a result of the injury; and

WHEREAS, there is a dispute concerning the degree of the employee's permanent partial disability, loss of wage earning capacity, and whether medical treatment will be required in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney considers the sum of \$5,000.00 to be a reasonable settlement based on the injury and residual permanent partial disability and the functional limitations reported in the FCE; and

WHEREAS, compromise and settlement of the claim is subject to the approval of the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by compromising and settling the claim pending before the Commission concerning the subject employee by payment of the sum of \$5,000.00.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Office of the City Attorney is authorized to compromise and settle the employee's claim for permanent partial disability benefits and medicals pending in MWCC #1303770-P-1108 E 19 for the sum of \$5,000.00 subject to approval of the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Finance and Administration shall be authorized to pay sums required by Orders of the Commission related to the settlement and to do those acts required to comply with the Mississippi Workers Compensation Act, the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission, and the tenor of this order.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAMUEL L. BEGLEY OF THE BEGLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO RETAIN SAMUEL L. BEGLEY AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney is continuing to move forward with several civil litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney desires to continue to engage with Attorney Samuel L. Begley, who is willing to continue to act as independent counsel to the Office of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Begley, Esquire, of the Begley Law Firm, PLLC, possesses the requisite legal expertise, experience, and knowledge to assist the Office of the City Attorney with complicated civil litigation matters and is currently co-counsel of record in said matters; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Begley, Esquire, of the Begley Law Firm, PLLC, is willing to continue to perform work to include the following scope of engagement:

- to serve as counsel to assist the City in litigating several civil litigation matters that involve either multiple parties or large amounts of money, or lengthy trials, or complex civil legal issues, or any combination thereof, as determined by the City Attorney;
- to review said complex cases to determine the key issues and best litigation strategy and course to take; and
- to assess other options and evaluate whether a settlement, mediation, or some other avenue is best for the City; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Begley's current engagement agreement with the City expires on January 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Begley will perform services for the City at a fee not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for a period beginning January 9, 2020 and lasting to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Begley will provide the City with monthly invoices and itemized statements of work performed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is authorized to execute an engagement letter to retain the independent legal counsel of the Begley Law Firm, PLLC, specifically Samuel L. Begley, Esquire, to provide legal services to assist the city in litigating several matters that involve either multiple parties or large amounts of money, or lengthy trials, or complex civil legal issues, or any combination thereof, as determined by the City Attorney; to review said complex cases to determine the key issues and best litigation strategy and course to take; and to assess other options and evaluate whether a settlement, mediation or some other avenue is best for the City, for a period beginning January 9, 2020 and lasting until September 30, 2020, at a fee not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT AMONG TRANSITION SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, the strength of the United States Armed Services is a matter of critical national security and is due, in part, to the maintenance of an all-volunteer force; and

WHEREAS, supporting the successful transition from service for existing military personnel is an essential component to maintaining an all-volunteer force in the future; and

WHEREAS, estimates regarding the size of military personnel levels have heretofore anticipated the United States' Armed Services transitioning approximately 250,000 military personnel from active duty every year for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the women and men who have sacrificed for our country through military service, and their families, should be honored with a safe place to call home; and

WHEREAS, these women and men must have adequate and regular education and employment opportunities that create career-establishing possibilities; and

WHEREAS, 52 cities that are a part of NLC’s Military Communities Council (MCC) represent communities adjacent to military installations which face unique challenges and opportunities due to an estimated one-third of exiting personnel remaining in these communities; and

WHEREAS, providing military personnel with an ability to complete up to 20 weeks of non-military work experience, certified industry training, internships, higher education, or other career skills programs prior to transitioning from service enhances the chance of civilian employment; and

WHEREAS, federal partners through programs such as the Department of Defense’s Skill Bridge Program and the Department of the Army’s Career Skills Program facilitate post-military employment as personnel transition from service; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) calls for the prioritization of service for all U.S. Department of Labor-funded job training programs for veterans and eligible spouses, including access to Jobs for Veterans State Grants (JVSG) and the National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWG) program for transitioning service members and their spouses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson is in support of increasing employment opportunities for veterans, transitioning service members, and their families, urges Congress to provide increased funding to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I employment and training programs at the levels set forth in the House FY17 appropriations bill to provide for adequate investment in job training and adult education for this critical community and other critical populations in our nation’s cities and towns.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

Council Member Tillman left the meeting.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY AND REGULATE RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY FACILITIES (SOBER LIVING HOMES).

WHEREAS, in 2008, Congress passed the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, which made available additional insurance benefits to people with substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010 authorized adults under the age of 26 to use their parents’ insurance, required insurance providers to cover pre-existing conditions, and guaranteed coverage despite multiple drug relapses; and

WHEREAS, an unintended consequence of the aforementioned benefits, stemming from the opioid crisis that has overtaken our country, has been the unplanned and rapid growth of “sober living homes” in cities where local authority over residential recovery facilities is limited by federal statutes in the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, FHA and ADA protections were enacted before this business model existed and such statutes are being exploited to protect bad actors in the field of addiction treatment and recovery rather than, and at the expense of, patients and the communities that serve them; and

WHEREAS, there is little government oversight of the Sober Living Home industry beyond voluntary standards that are essentially self-policed; and

WHEREAS, legitimate and well-run sober living homes can be both good neighbors and effective programs for struggling addicts. However, many sober living homes are operating today without even minimum standards, resulting in the warehousing of patients in substandard housing that endangers public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the number of sober living homes operating in cities across the country is unknown because there is no mandatory registration at any level of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson supports federal legislation that examines these statutes and recognizes and enhances local authority to limit and regulate residential facilities in areas zoned residential; and that requires Sober Living Homes to obtain an operating license and meet minimum consumer protection standards to protect both the patients and the neighborhoods that support them.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Stamps.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester, Stokes and Tillman.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO END VETERAN AND CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

WHEREAS, the women and men who have sacrificed for our country through military service, and their families, should be honored with a safe place to call home; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing chronic homelessness are our most disabled and vulnerable citizens and most likely to die on the streets of our communities; and

WHEREAS, federal partners through the leadership of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and, as outlined in *Home Together*, have agreed to address the issue of homelessness in a strategic manner, addressing Veteran and chronic homelessness as distinct subpopulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson and more than 500 elected officials across 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have shown their commitment to Veteran homelessness by accepting the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness with the support of federal partners at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and USICH as well as national partners at the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), and Community Solutions; and

WHEREAS, local communities are on the front lines of the response to Veteran and chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the specific focus on Veteran homelessness, the leadership of local officials, the availability of federal programs and technical assistance supports have led to a 47 percent decline in Veteran homelessness since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the progress on Veteran homelessness has helped national and local stakeholders learn lessons that are improving the quality of life for everyone in the community, housed and homeless alike; and

WHEREAS, the 19 percent reduction in chronic homelessness since 2011 nationally comes despite an increase in homelessness by 3 percent in major city Continuum of Care programs, which account for 48 percent of all homeless people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, homelessness in many cities has reached crisis proportions leading to an increase in the prevalence of homeless encampments and emergency declarations; and

WHEREAS, city officials cannot implement known best-practices, nor reach the goal of “functional zero” on Veteran or chronic homelessness as defined by the criteria and benchmarks designated by federal partners without the necessary federal resources; and

WHEREAS, communities cannot make sustained progress across all homeless subpopulations without an increase in new affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, city leaders recognize their ability to create local regulatory environments that can promote the development of new affordable housing, but without an increase in federal resources the overall shortage of affordable housing will not only continue, but further be exacerbated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson endorses and encourages local communities to develop and implement plans to end homelessness that include the field-tested, evidence-based national innovations such as client assessments and prioritization tools to direct resources to those most in need, the development of a community shared and unified by-name-list, Housing First/Rapid Re-housing strategies among all community partners, and the engagement of local landlords to house Veterans and the chronically homeless who are using federal housing program supports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson, to maintain the progress made on veteran homelessness, urges Congress to permanently authorize the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program at the level of no less than \$500,000,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson opposes the unfunded mandate proposed in H.R. 1511 and S. 611 requiring communities to serve families living in “doubled up” situations through the Continuum of Care program without additional resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-Veteran specific resources funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Labor receive funding as appropriated in Fiscal Year 2019 Senate appropriations language.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson supports the 50 percent expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program’s authorization as outlined in S. 548, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson affirms the value of USICH and urges Congress to maintain funding levels at no less than \$3.6 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson supports the bipartisan goal of S. 3231 to assess the impact of the nation’s affordable housing crisis.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Stamps.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester, Stokes and Tillman.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTEGRATED PLANNING AND NEW AFFORDABILITY CONSIDERATION FOR WATER.

WHEREAS, in 2012 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its *Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Approach Framework* (“Integrated Planning Framework”), which was intended to help local governments seek more efficient and affordable solutions to stormwater and wastewater issues and meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in a more flexible, affordable, and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 EPA issued its *Financial Capability Assessment Framework for Municipal Clean Water Act Requirements* (“Financial Capability Framework”), which allows the consideration of additional information, such as socio-economic factors, in determining the financial capability of residents and a community when developing compliance schedules for municipal projects necessary to meet CWA obligations; and

WHEREAS, these two policy frameworks demonstrate an awareness by EPA of the challenges local governments face in meeting CWA requirements, as well as the conflicts they face in balancing environmental protection with economic feasibility; and

WHEREAS, at a time where local financial resources are increasingly limited and the ability of local governments to raise revenue is also limited, local governments are facing costly unfunded federal and state regulatory requirements forcing them to make tough decisions about the services and maintenance that they can afford; and

WHEREAS, proposed federal budget cuts to critical local programs would further reduce the ability of cities and towns to meet the everyday needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, local water and sewer rates and stormwater fees are rapidly becoming unaffordable for many fixed- and low-income citizens, placing a disproportionate financial burden on these vulnerable populations who live at or below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the current reliance on two percent of median household income for wastewater and combined sewer overflows controls is a misleading indicator of a community's ability to pay, and often places a particularly high burden on residents at the lower end of the economic scale; and

WHEREAS, green infrastructure, such as constructed swales, wetlands, green roofs, infiltration planters, rain gardens, cisterns, and enhanced floodplains and riparian buffers, augmented by permeable pavers, rain barrels, and trees, is a valuable part of water infrastructure systems and provides a multitude of community benefits such as helping local governments manage runoff, extending the life of local infrastructure, saving the city and taxpayers money, providing outdoor recreation opportunities through parks and green spaces and promoting the joint use of city and school facilities, and serve as an economic development tool; and

WHEREAS, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are increasingly stringent, the treatment technologies and approaches necessary to meet permit limits have become exceedingly expensive and time-intensive to implement, and project construction timelines for clean water infrastructure projects can extend more than a decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson urges Congress to pass legislation to codify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2012 *Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Approach Framework*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on EPA to reaffirm its commitment to working with local governments as partners and co-regulators in achieving the goals of the Clean Water Act in a more affordable and flexible manner through the use of the permitting process, rather than consent decrees, and utilizing green infrastructure techniques.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that EPA should work with local governments to develop local integrated plans through the permit process that prioritize investment in wet weather overflows and flooding collectively, rather than individually, and that comprehensively deal with wastewater and stormwater investments, as well as unfunded mandates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on EPA to share integrated planning best management practices from across the country with all communities that are interested in pursuing an integrated planning approach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on Congress to modernize the NPDES permitting process to approve legislation to allow states with delegated authority to administer the NPDES permitting program to issue permits of up to ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on the federal government to explore options for addressing affordability and ratepayer assistance.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Stamps.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester, Stokes and Tillman.

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PREFERENCE AS AN ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TOOL.

WHEREAS, federal Fair Housing Act does not allow for any lender, landlord, or housing provider to institute policies or practices that could negatively affect a protected class (race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status); and

WHEREAS, many cities have the affirmative duty to further the Fair Housing Act which includes but not limited to anti-displacement mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, many cities have communities with diverse population of many races, colors, and national origin who have often chosen to live in communities that are like their own race, color, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, in many cities, certain communities, primarily communities of color, are facing gentrification leading to displacement of longtime residents to less desirable areas of the city or displaced entirely from the community; and

WHEREAS, in many communities facing gentrification by market and unaffordable housing, the only source of new housing affordable to the low-income residents is government subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act does not allow any preference to be given to residents of gentrifying communities being displaced upon the construction of a new housing affordable to low-income residents of that community; and

WHEREAS, if the residents could have preference to these better and safer affordable housing structures recently developed in their communities, the residents would be able to vacate the deteriorating structures which are the only ones they can afford, allowing for the redevelopment of the properties; and

WHEREAS, cities have a legitimate interest in protecting long-term residents as long-term residents are often engaged positively in the community, provide community stability, and stability often lends to less crime; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood/community preference is a very powerful anti-displacement tool which operation (interpretation) of the Fair Housing Act has taken away from municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson urges the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") give municipalities guidance as to how a Fair Housing marketing plan can be set up with a neighborhood preference that will be acceptable to the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such guidance can include demographic parameters such as percentage of minorities in a neighborhood, percentage of displacement over the last five years, fair market rent as a percentage of low-income residents and a percentage limit of the local preference.

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

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay and Stamps.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester, Stokes and Tillman.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ADVANCING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS.**

WHEREAS, across the country local governments are seeing the devastating effects associated with a changing climate and recent extreme weather events, such as heat waves, droughts, heavy downpours, floods, hurricanes, and changes in other storms have brought renewed attention to the need for cities to anticipate, prepare for and adapt to these events; and

WHEREAS, these challenges are larger than individual communities can address on their own, making it beneficial to coordinate regionally and across levels of government; and

WHEREAS, while all regions of the country are impacted by climate change, approximately one third of the U.S. population—more than 100 million people—live in coastal communities that are threatened by rising sea levels, which could impact economic development, land availability, property values, insurance rates, beaches and tourism, and critical water, transportation and energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 National Climate Assessment reports that current evidence of climate change appears in every region and impacts are currently visible in every state, and concludes that the evidence of human-induced climate change continues to strengthen; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events can have severe impacts on local and regional infrastructure, economies, public safety, public health, population migration, natural landscapes, water resources and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of extreme weather events pose an especially pressing threat to persons with disabilities, economically disadvantaged households, the elderly and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the capability of maintaining energy availability is a critical first order priority in maintaining critical infrastructure and building community resilience; and

WHEREAS, there is currently insufficient information, technical coordination or financial assessment of the costs and mechanisms to rapidly retrofit and redesign local energy systems to enable them to be more resilient to a range of potential disruptive events, such as extreme weather, terrorism, and energy price escalation; and

WHEREAS, the United States has seen 230 separate billion-dollar-plus disasters since 1980, including 15 in 2016 and 16 in 2017, with a cumulative cost exceeding \$300 billion in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Hurricane Katrina led to 1,833 deaths and more than \$153 billion in losses, and a subsequent \$120 billion in supplemental disaster assistance and in 2012 Hurricane Sandy led to 159 deaths and more than \$67 billion in damages, and a subsequent \$60.4 billion in supplemental disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 three Category 4 hurricanes made landfall in the U.S., with the death toll from Hurricane Maria, which made landfall in Puerto Rico, estimated to be 2,975; and

WHEREAS, rising temperatures are lengthening the wildfire season and increasing wildfire risks throughout the Western United States due to earlier snow melts and forests that are drier longer, and the costs of putting out wildfires has increased dramatically, from \$560 million in 1985 to nearly \$3 billion in 2017 (2017 dollars), with the 2017 western wildfires costing over \$18.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, Congress approved over \$130 billion in emergency disaster spending for FY18; and

WHEREAS, 2017 was the third hottest year on record behind 2016 (warmest) and 2015 (second warmest), and extreme weather events including hurricanes, tornados, flooding, drought, wildfires, and blizzards affected every region of the country; and

WHEREAS, as extreme weather events such as these become more common, local governments in all geographic and climatic regions require resources to assist them in anticipating, preparing for and adapting to these events; and

WHEREAS, a preparedness response fund would provide financial assistance to accelerate the development of adaptive success models and provide a far-reaching damage prevention initiative that would help reduce the ultimate financial pressure on the federal government; and

WHEREAS, local governments are first responders—preparing in advance of emergency situations, offering immediate assistance to those impacted, and identifying strategies, solutions, and partnerships to address situations quickly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, taking action now to adapt to a changing environment and create community resilience will help save lives, strengthen local economies, save taxpayer dollars and build preparedness for future events; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the President’s Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, comprised of state, local and tribal leaders, including representatives of municipalities made recommendations to the President on ways the federal government can assist local efforts to address and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on Congress and the Administration to partner with local governments and to support local action on climate change adaptation and resilience.

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

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

Council Member Tillman returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION ADDRESSING LEAD CONTAMINATION AND CALLING FOR NATIONWIDE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, access to clean drinking water is fundamental to the health and well-being of America’s communities and families; and

WHEREAS, Flint, Michigan, and Sebring, Ohio, are two recent examples of cities where high levels of lead have been found in the city’s drinking water; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, the District of Columbia experienced a similar crisis, as have many other cities; and

WHEREAS, lead has negative and long-term neurological effects, particularly in infants and children; and

WHEREAS, in Flint, the elevated blood lead level was discovered in children after the city’s water source was switched to the Flint River by the state-appointed emergency manager, a decision made without coordination or consultation with local officials; and

WHEREAS, a contributing factor to the Flint, Michigan, drinking water crisis is the city’s aging infrastructure and the lack of investment in infrastructure and the community; and

WHEREAS, incidents like these can undermine citizens’ confidence in the safety and quality of the drinking water supply and water infrastructure of every community; and

WHEREAS, in January 2016, President Obama signed an emergency declaration in the State of Michigan, ordering federal aid to supplement state and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions caused by lead-contaminated water; and

WHEREAS, corrosion control and testing are essential to preventing lead leaching and alerting the public to potential dangers; and

WHEREAS, recent analysis by the National Resources Defense Council found that over 5,300 water systems nationwide have elevated levels of lead and a recent analysis by the American Water Works Association; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to invest in our aging water infrastructure nationwide and a failure to do so can have negative public health consequences; and an estimated \$30 billion to replace; estimates 6.1 million lead service lines remain in U.S. communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates the nation's water infrastructure capital needs over the next 20 years to be approximately \$655 billion in total; the American Society for Civil Engineers estimates the needed investment for water infrastructure to be \$1.3 trillion over the next 20-25 years and other estimates put the cost at more than \$4 trillion to maintain and build a 21st century water system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that local planning and infrastructure decisions, including those related to clean drinking water, should not be preempted and should be made by locally elected leaders in coordination with state and federal officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson, Mississippi calls on Congress to provide direct assistance to the City of Jackson, Mississippi and for EPA and the federal government to work directly with local officials, for as long as necessary, to resolve the drinking water crisis through the provision of safe drinking water and to support economic recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson calls on Congress and the Administration to support grants to local governments, as well as school systems and daycare centers, for and to assist small and disadvantaged communities in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

President Lindsay recognized **Angela Harris**, Deputy City Clerk, who stated that an amendment was needed in the heading of said item to reflect the heading on the agenda.

Council Member Stamps moved, seconded by **President Lindsay** to amend said item to match the header of the order reflect the header that was published on the agenda. **President Lindsay** recognized **Attorney Monica Allen**, Special Assistant to the City Attorney, who recommended that the Clerk read the title that was published on the agenda and amend the same once it was properly placed on the floor. Thereafter, **Council Member Stamps** and **President Lindsay** withdrew their motion and second.

Thereafter, **President Lindsay** requested that the Clerk read Order as published on the Agenda:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCREASE OF FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

Council Member Stamps moved, seconded by **President Lindsay** to amend said item to revise the header of the order as printed on the published agenda to match the header of the order as presented. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Thereafter, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item as amended:

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACTION BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AMONG AND AGAINST YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES.

WHEREAS, young men, generally, and African-American males, specifically, are dying at an alarming rate due to homicides, 13 times higher than non-Hispanic white youth, and is the number one cause of death for 15-24-year-old African American males, and

WHEREAS, research documents that daily exposure to violence among men, generally, and African-American males, specifically, impacts traumatically and forever changes the lives of these youths; and

WHEREAS, beginning as early as 1979 with the landmark Surgeon General's report *Healthy People: The Surgeon General's Report on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*, the consequences of violent behavior on the health of children and young adults was documented; and

WHEREAS, the loss of African American males in the community because of homicide and high rates of incarceration further impacts the community by reducing the number of males who may serve as role models for young African-American males; and

WHEREAS, increased federal, state and local attention to this matter can help reduce the violence that plagues many young males, generally, and African-American males, specifically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson calls upon the United States Congress to direct the Centers for Disease Control, whose primary responsibilities are to monitor public health; detect and investigate health problems, foster safe and healthy environments, and implement prevention strategies, to monitor, detect, and prevent violence among young males, generally, and young African-American males, specifically.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Centers for Disease Control, develop a holistic intervention designed to address the health-related aspects and implications of violence among young males, generally, and young African-American males, specifically.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Centers for Disease Control develop short- and long- term health care strategies to bring back health to the African-American community in a way that promotes the longevity of African-American males.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress and the President increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the federal budget to support data and indicators that will inform local strategy in cities and towns across our country as they address the issue of violence among young men, generally, and African-American males, specifically, in their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson supports action by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to address violence among and against young African-American males.

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

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESERVING THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

WHEREAS, the federal tax exemption for municipal bonds has been in place since the federal income tax was instituted in 1913; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt municipal bonds are the primary funding mechanism for state and local government infrastructure projects with three-quarters of the total United States investment in infrastructure being accomplished with tax-exempt financing from over 50,000 state and local governments and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the tax-exemption for municipal bonds was granted to ensure affordable access to credit for municipal projects that, among other things, provide for public health and well-being, and as a result, local governments have saved taxpayers an average of 20 to 25 percent on interest costs with tax-exempt municipal bonds as compared to taxable bonds; and

WHEREAS, a cap or elimination of the federal tax exemption for municipal bonds would place federal, state, and local governments at cross-purposes because any savings realized by the federal government as a result of tampering with the tax exemption would be more than offset by economic losses at the state and local level due to higher credit costs, canceled infrastructure projects, fewer job opportunities, and a greater burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, stability in the municipal bond market rests on the tax exemption for municipal bonds, and market stability is essential to local and national economic recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Jackson, MS calls on Members of Congress and the President to state their support for maintaining the tax exemption for municipal bonds to promote employment and investment in our nation's cities and towns.

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

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE ACTION TO SUPPORT PACE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, utility bills represent a major part of operating costs for home and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the building sector accounts for 39 percent of the nation's energy use, 72 percent of its electricity use, one third of all global greenhouse gas emissions and represents the single largest, most accessible opportunity for deep emission cuts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, investing in cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to homes and businesses can save energy, cut utility bills up to \$140 billion per year, create thousands of local jobs, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, a recent study that found default risks are on average 32 percent lower in energy efficient homes and recommends that the lower risks associated with energy efficiency should be taken into consideration when underwriting mortgages; and

WHEREAS, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing programs are an innovative local government solution to help property owners finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements – such as energy efficient HVAC systems, upgraded insulation, new windows, solar installations, etc. – to their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the PACE program removes many of the barriers of energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofits that otherwise exist for residential homeowners and businesses, particularly the high upfront cost of making such an investment and the long-term ability to reap the benefits of cost savings; and

WHEREAS, 34 states plus the District of Columbia have passed laws enabling local governments to develop PACE programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the U.S. Department of Energy dedicated \$150 million to assist in the development of local PACE programs and in 2016 issued Best Practice Guidelines for Residential PACE Financing Programs to help state and local governments develop and implement programs and recommended protections that PACE programs should put in place for consumers and lenders; and

WHEREAS, locally-administered PACE programs are an exercise of the traditional authority of local governments to utilize the tax code for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs help local governments meet a core obligation to their citizens to maintain housing stock and improve housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the PACE program is an achievement of the intergovernmental partnership to realize national policy goals, namely, reducing energy consumption, that will positively impact the fiscal conditions of every level of government; and

WHEREAS, PACE holds the potential to unlock private capital and jumpstart economic growth backed by the marketplace certainty of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released guidance allowing the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages on properties that include PACE assessments, which has since been withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, despite PACE's great promise, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on July 6, 2010 issued statements that immediately forced existing PACE residential programs to halt operations and froze the development of dozens of other residential PACE programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, despite the FHFA directive, many commercial and a few residential PACE programs are operating or are in development in hundreds of municipalities across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Congress passed the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act banking reform bill that recognizes PACE as a tax assessment and directs the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to develop rules in consultation with state and local governments that ensure consumers have the ability to pay their residential PACE financing obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that locally-administered PACE programs operating in accord with state and federal guidelines are a safe and sound investment of public and private funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Jackson, Mississippi urges the Administration to adopt regulations that clearly reaffirms the right of state and local governments to exercise liens or assess special taxes or other property obligations to protect and improve housing stock for the public good, including energy efficiency improvements, and establishes underwriting standards that are consistent with guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Energy for PACE financing programs or by implementing any other appropriate measure.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE IN THE SHOOTING OF CHILD "A" AND CHILD "B," BOTH MINORS, WHILE IN A VEHICLE TRAVELING ON MEDGAR EVERS BOULEVARD.

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of City of Jackson that the City Council offer a reward to help provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible in a shooting that happened recently on Medgar Evers Boulevard to two (2) minor individuals in a vehicle on Medgar Evers Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) is the maximum amount allowable for the offering of a reward.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi hereby offers a reward in the amount of \$2,500.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the shooting of Child "A" and Child "B," both minors, while in a vehicle traveling on Medgar Evers Boulevard.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 46:

DISCUSSION: JXN200 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: President Lindsay stated that said item had been discussed during the January 6, 2020 Council Work Session.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 47:

DISCUSSION: UPDATE-JACKSON ZOO: President Lindsay recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who stated that he had an informal meeting with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to discuss repairs that are needed at the Zoo. **Mayor Lumumba** stated that the City intends to have the repairs made and the Zoo re-opened by Spring 2020.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 48:

DISCUSSION: GUN SHOWS: Said item would be held until the next Regular Council meeting at the request of **Council Member Stokes**.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 49:

DISCUSSION: SHOULDERS ON FOREST HILL ROAD: President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Banks**, who stated that said item was discussed during public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 50:

DISCUSSION: JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT: President Lindsay recognized **Council Member Stamps** who expressed concerns regarding the City of Jackson Police Department's preparedness for possible local and international threats.

There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 51:

DISCUSSION: JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REALIGNMENT: President Lindsay recognized Council Member Stamps, who expressed concerns regarding the proposed reorganization of the Jackson Public School District by Superintendent Greene.

The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** announced the following:
 - Human and Cultural would host a Senior Health Fair on January 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Champion Senior Gymnasium located at 1355 Hattiesburg Street, Jackson, Mississippi.
 - "Roll Off Dumpster" Day would be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the old Dillard's building located at the Metrocenter from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
 - Sunday Supper will be held on January 20, 2020 at the Jackson Police Training Academy from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of the following individual:

- **Dr. Mark Hardy**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council meeting at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020; at 12:52 p.m. the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

Hester Moore
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

Chokwe Antar Lumumba, 1/23/2020
MAYOR DATE
