

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was called by a majority of the City Council Members and notices having been placed by the City Clerk at 12:55 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, in the Clerk's Office, electronic notifications to all Council Members, on the City's website and on the public bulletin board in City Hall, relative to: Planning Session to discuss the business to be considered at the following Special Friday City Council meeting, December 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019 being the third Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Virgi Lindsay, Council President, Ward 7; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Melvin Priester, Jr., Ward 2; Charles H. Tillman, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Alice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Timothy Howard, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3 and De'Keither Stamps, Vice President Ward 4.

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

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**President Lindsay** opened the floor for Council members to pose questions regarding items on the agenda for the December 20, 2019 Special Council meeting. **Council Member Foote** requested a brief overview of items numbered 21, 22, 28, 30, 36, 37, 45 and 46. **Council Member Priester** requested an overview of item numbered 19. **Council Member Tillman** requested a brief overview of items numbered 27, 28, 29, 31, 34 and 47. **Council Member Banks** requested a brief overview of items numbered 17, 18 and 22.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Council Member Banks** who requested a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 17: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4 AND ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 9 OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES** as it relates to the possible elimination of certain positions. **Timothy Howard**, City Attorney, provided information from an Attorney General's opinion as it relates to the functionality of the Clerk-of-Council and Deputy Clerks of Council.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Council Member Banks** who asked certain questions regarding Agenda Item No. 18: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2336, DEPARTMENTS CREATION; FUNCTIONS OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES**. **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** and **Timothy Howard**, City Attorney, provided information and comments regarding said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Sharon Thames**, Deputy Director of Administration, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 19: **CLAIMS** at the request of **Council Member Priester**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar**, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 21: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTACT WITH EAGLE RIDGE CONFERENCE CENTER TO HOST THE ASPEN INSTITUTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OPENING RETREAT MARCH 25-27, 2020, AND THE CLOSING RETREAT ONE YEAR LATER** at the request of **Council Member Foote**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar**, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 22: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASPEN INSTITUTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON** at the request of **Council Members Banks and Foote**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Linda Caldwell**, Office of Housing and Community Development, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Items No. 27: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE USE OF 2019 COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND TO INCLUDE FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES WHICH INVOLVES EDUCATION AND OUTREACH** at the request of **Council Member Tillman**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Valerie Tucker**, Office of Housing and Community Development, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Items No. 28: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE USE OF 2019 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** at the request of **Council Members Foote and Tillman**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Timothy Howard**, City Attorney, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 30: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND THE PICKERING DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC FOR THE PICKERING GROUP OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS TO PERFORM INSPECTIONS, SURVEYING, SOIL MAINTENANCE WITH AN OBJECTIVE TO STUDY DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY INTO A PUBLIC WATERFRONT PARK AND/OR PRIVATE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT FOR PARK SUSTAINABILITY AND ACTIVATION** at the request of **Council Member Foote**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Jordan Hillman**, Director of Planning and Development, who provided additional information and introduced **Jack Pickering** and **Attorney Keith Turner**, who provided background information regarding said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Jordan Hillman**, Director of Planning and Development, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 31: **ORDER AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER STATE OFFICE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF JACKSON'S SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER** at the request of **Council Member Tillman**.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Dr. Adrienne Kidd**, Director of Human and Cultural Services, who introduced **David Knight**, COO of Hinds County Human Services Agency, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 34: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF FUNDS TO THE HINDS COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-17-1(8) TO ASSIST IN ITS PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** at the request of **Council Member Tillman**.

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President Lindsay recognized Ison Harris, Director of Parks and Recreation, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Items No. 36 and 37: **ORDER PROPOSING A REVISED ANNUAL GOLF FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, PARKS AND RECREATION, PETE BROWN GOLF FACILITY;** and **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND THE GROVE PARK JUNIOR GOLF CLUB, INC., FOR USE OF THE CITY-OWNED PETE BROWN GOLF FACILITY LOCATED AT 3200 WOODROW WILSON DRIVE AND THE GROVE PARK MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LOCATED AT 1800 WALTER DUTCH WELCH DRIVE** at the request of Council Member Foote.

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President Lindsay recognized Kristen Love, Deputy City Attorney, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Items No. 45 and 46: **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN EXPERT WITNESS IN THE LAWSUIT STYLED, "KEARNEY BROWN V. CITY OF JACKSON," IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; CAUSE NO. 18-84;** and **ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN EXPERT WITNESS IN THE LAWSUIT STYLED, "WILLILAM BRIGHT V. CITY OF JACKSON," IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; CAUSE NO. 18-85** at the request of Council Member Foote.

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President Lindsay recognized Mayor Chokwe Antar, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 47: **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** at the request of Council Member Tillman.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 and at 5:30 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kristi Moore  
CITY CLERK

Chokwe Antar, 1/9/2020  
MAYOR DATE

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