



**INFRASTRUCTURE AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2020, 1:00 P.M.**

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Melvin Priester, Jr.; Vice Chair, Charles Tillman; Ashby Foote; De’Keither Stamps, Vice President; Aaron Banks and Virgi Lindsay, Council President. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Sabrina Shelby, Deputy City Clerk and Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk.

Absent: None.

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

DISCUSSION: 1% SALES TAX BOND PROJECTS: Chairperson Priester recognized **Robert Miller**, Director of Public Works, who provided information following:

- The paving projects currently under consideration are divided by Wards and will cost \$82,613,342.85:
 - PayGo Funds \$34,737,509.09
 - Unfunded \$47,875,833.76
- Projects not started \$37,970,605.72
- Projects in Design \$ 9,905,228.04
- Projects advertised for Bid \$34,737,509.09
- The 1% Sales Tax Commission has designated \$10 million dollars of the current collections to help fund the PayGo projects.

Chairperson Priester recognized **Attorney Trey Hairston**, Bond Counsel for Butler Snow, provided an overview of the list of projects that was presented to the Mississippi Development Bank and the bond process.

Chairperson Priester recognized **Dr. Charles Williams**, Department of Public Works, who stated that a request had been made to Hinds County Board of Supervisors to help assist with improvements to Capital Street, Ellis Avenue and Buddy Butts Park.

After a thorough discussion, **Chairperson Priester** requested a timeline from the Mississippi Development Bank regarding the closing of bond proceeds.



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DISCUSSION: EPA CONSENT DECREE MODIFICATION NEGOTIATION UPDATE: Chairperson Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who stated that representatives from the City of Jackson meet with representatives from EPA, U.S. Department of Justice, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality on December 12, 2019 to discuss the status of compliance with the existing sewer consent decree and to discuss proposed changes to be reflected in a modified consent decree.

Mayor Lumumba made the following commitments during the meeting:

1. The City of Jackson will comply with the Clean Water Act to the best of its financial capabilities and its ability to protect public health and the environment.
2. The City of Jackson is prepared to take action and finance the improvements needed for the sewer collections and waste water treatment system.

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DISCUSSION: SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EMERGENCY FAILURES AWAITING REPAIR: Chairperson Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who provided the following information:

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DISCUSSION: SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE SHORTAGES: Chairperson Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who stated that there are 3 set of statistics to consider. The Department of Public Works is required to provide a weekly report to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). The three (3) set of statistics are as follows:

1. There are 124 known sewer failures
2. There are shortages within sewer maintenance (office personnel and supervisors). There are currently 20 employees; should be 60 to 75 employees on staff
3. Shortage of equipment

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DISCUSSION: VACTOR TRUCK FAILURES: Chairperson Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who stated that the City only has one (1) operable truck attempting to service the entire City. Director Miller stated that he would bring a recommendation for the Council at a future date.

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DISCUSSION: FOG ORDINANCE CHANGE: Chairperson Priester recognized Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, who provided key statistics on inspections of food service enterprises:

- There are a total of 1,039 FSE (Food Service Enterprises)
- 1,954 inspections have been performed to date
- 863 first time FSE inspections to date
- 1,091 follow-up inspections to date



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- 176 first time inspections are needed
- Out of all the inspections performed, 119 FSE are without a grease trap/interceptor
Director Miller also stated that he will be bringing another revision to the Fats, Oils and Grease Ordinance at a later date.

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After a thorough discussion and there being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting stood adjourned at 2:23 p.m.