

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 10:00 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on August 30, 2016, being the fifth Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Tyrone Hendrix, President, Ward 6; Margaret Barrett-Simon, Vice-President, Ward 7; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Melvin Priester, Jr., President, Ward 2; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; and Charles Tillman, Ward 5. Directors: Marshand Crisler, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; and James Anderson, Special Assistant to the City Attorney.

Absent: Council Members: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3.

The meeting was called to order by **President Tyrone Hendrix**.

President Hendrix recognized **Council Member Priester** who moved to add an additional item to the agenda on an emergency basis to discuss the FY 16-17 Budget. **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded to add a discussion item to the Agenda. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

DISCUSSION: FY 2016-2017 BUDGET: **President Hendrix** recognized **Council Member Priester** who stated that the proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget needed to be amended in the amount of \$350,000 as a result of the assessed property value for the City of Jackson being lower than the amount budgeted. This discovery would leave the City with an unbalanced budget. **President Hendrix** recognized **Sharon Thames**, a representative of the Administration, who stated that the budget was prepared with a preliminary schedule from Hinds County which stated the City would receive a 1.8 increase. Based on the final schedule received, the City would actually receive a 1.1 increase, resulting in a 500,000 decrease. The City would offset the shortfall by using a \$99,000 savings from the refunding of G.O. bonds and a reduction to the citywide fuel usage bringing the proposed budget in balance.

DISCUSSION: LITIGATION MATTERS: **President Hendrix** recognized **James Anderson**, Special Assistant to the City Attorney, who recommended that Council go into Executive Session to discuss strategies for litigation and personnel matters.

Council Member Priester moved and **Council Member Stamps** seconded to consider going into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- Barrett-Simon.
Absent- Stokes.

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Council Member Stamps moved, seconded by **President Hendrix** to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- Barrett-Simon.
Absent- Stokes.

President Hendrix announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved, seconded by **President Hendrix** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

President Hendrix announced to the public that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken. However, **President Hendrix** stated that the City Council determined that conflict does exist between the City Attorney and the City of Jackson. The Council would take course of action by hiring outside Counsel to represent the City of Jackson.

President Hendrix announced that the meeting would be recessed until Friday, September 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was reconvened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 4:00 p.m. on September 2, 2016, being the first Friday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Tyrone Hendrix, President, Ward 6; Margaret Barrett-Simon, Vice-President, Ward 7; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Melvin Priester, Jr., President, Ward 2; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; and Charles Tillman, Ward 5. Directors: Jackie Anderson-Woods, Chief of Staff; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: Council Members: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3.

The meeting was called back to order by **President Tyrone Hendrix**.

DISCUSSION: LITIGATION MATTERS: **President Hendrix** recognized the following firms who provided a brief overview of its firm's qualifications to serve as legal counsel to the City of Jackson for upcoming litigation matters:

1. **Elizabeth Maron**, a representative of Adams & Reese
2. **Todd Bulter**, a representative of Phelps Dunbar LLP

3. **Mike Williams and Mary Clay-Morgan**, representatives of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP

4. **Sam Bailey**

Thereafter, **President Hendrix** recognized **Council Member Priester** who moved to consider going into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategies. **President Hendrix** seconded to consider going into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategies. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

Council Member Priester moved and **Council Member Tillman** seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategies. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

President Hendrix announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategies.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved, seconded by **Council Member Priester** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

President Hendrix announced to the public that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

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 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2016 and at 5:22 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Hinda Moore
CITY CLERK

[Signature], 9.13.16
MAYOR DATE
