

**CONFIRMATION HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 2:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Confirmation Hearing of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015, being the third Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: De'Keither Stamps, President, Ward 4; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Charles Tillman, Ward 5 and Tyrone Hendrix, Ward 6. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk, Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and James Anderson, Special Assistant to the City Attorney.

Absent: Council Members: Melvin Priester, Jr., Ward 2 and Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7.

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The meeting was called to order by **President De'Keither Stamps**.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF KIM BROWN ROBINSON TO THE PLANNING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bennie L. Richard's term expired on July 1, 2009, thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Kim Brown Robinson, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of Kim Brown Robinson to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2017.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Kim Brown Robinson** for consideration to the Planning Board. **Kim Brown Robinson** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Priester.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF CASSANDRA WELCHLIN TO THE PLANNING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Clayton's term expired on July 1, 2014, thereby creating a vacancy; and

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WHEREAS, Cassandra Welchlin, resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Mayor's nomination of Cassandra Welchlin to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2018.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Hendrix seconded.

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President Stamps recognized Mayor Tony Yarber who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of Cassandra Welchlin for consideration to the Planning Board. Cassandra Welchlin read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, President Stamps called for a vote:

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

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ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF YOLANDA MCELROY TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda McElroy, resident of Ward 1, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Mayor's nomination of Yolanda McElroy to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2018.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Hendrix seconded.

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President Stamps recognized Mayor Tony Yarber who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of Yolanda McElroy for consideration to the Planning Board. Yolanda McElroy read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, President Stamps called for a vote:

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

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ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF JOHN T. SCARBROUGH TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, Jean Coppenbarger's term expired on July 1, 2014, thereby creating a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, John T. Scarbrough, resident of Ward 1, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of Jean Coppenbarger to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2018.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **John T. Scarbrough** for consideration to the Planning Board. **John T. Scarbrough** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Priester.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF ERIC NORWOOD TO THE PLANNING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Eric Norwood, resident of Ward 4, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of Eric Norwood to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2018.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Eric Norwood** for consideration to the Planning Board. **Eric Norwood** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Priester.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF BRIAN GRIZZELL TO THE PLANNING BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board consists of fifteen (15) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four years; and

**WHEREAS**, William (BO) Brown's term expired on July 1, 2014, thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Grizzell, resident of Ward 4, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of Brian Grizzell to the Planning Board be confirmed with said term to expire July 1, 2018.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Brian Grizzell** for consideration to the Planning Board. **Brian Grizzell** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GAILYA PORTER TO THE JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Housing Authority Board consist of five (5) members, five (5) appointed by the Mayor for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel McGee's term expired on October 1, 2012, thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Gailya Porter, resident of Ward 2, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Gailya Porter to the Jackson Housing Authority Board be confirmed with said term to expire October 1, 2020.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications **Gailya Porter** for consideration to the Jackson Housing Authority Board. **Gailya Porter** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LEE HARPER TO THE JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Housing Authority Board consist of five (5) members for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Arvester Smith's term expired on October 1, 2012, thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Harper, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Lee Harper to the Jackson Housing Authority Board be confirmed with said term to expire October 1, 2020.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications **Lee Harper** for consideration to the Jackson Housing Authority Board. **Lee Harper** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS WRIGHT, SR. TO THE JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Housing Authority Board consist of five (5) members for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Zenotha Robinson's term expired on October 1, 2001, thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis Wright, Sr., resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Louis Wright, Sr. to the Jackson Housing Authority Board be confirmed with said term to expire October 1, 2020.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications **Louis Wright, Sr.** for consideration to the Jackson Housing Authority Board. **Louis Wright, Sr.** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDER CHESS TO THE JACKSON ZOO BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Zoo Board consist of sixteen (16) members, eight (8) appointed by the Mayor for a term of three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Chess will be filling a vacant seat for Ward 6; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Chess, resident of Ward 6, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Alexander Chess to the Jackson Zoo Board be confirmed with said term to expire October 1, 2018.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications **Alexander Chess** for consideration to the Jackson Zoo Board. **Alexander Chess** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HAROLD JACOBS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Committee consist of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Beverly Wallace resigned thereby creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold Jacobs, resident of Ward 6, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Harold Jacobs to the Jackson Housing Authority Board be confirmed with said term to expire September 1, 2019.

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

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**President Stamps** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications **Harold Jacobs** for consideration to the Municipal Election Committee. **Harold Jacobs** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

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

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**Note: Council Member Tillman** left the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The quorum was lost and the following agenda items could not be brought forth for consideration:


- **ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF ANDRIA JONES TO THE JACKSON REDEVOLPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.**
- **ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER BELL TO THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT BOARD.**
- **ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF LEALEX MARTIN TO THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.**

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Therefore, **President Stamps** could not be adjourn the meeting.

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ATTEST:  
  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:  
  
MAYOR      2/23/15  
DATE

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