

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 6:00 P.M.

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014, being the third Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Charles Tillman, President, Ward 5; Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice-President, Ward 2; Quentin Whitwell, Ward 1; LaRita Cooper-Stokes, Ward 3 and De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Brenda Pree, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7.

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The meeting was called to order by **President Charles Tillman**.

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The invocation was offered by **Reverend M. V. May** of Rehoboth Christian Worship Center.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who then introduced the following individuals during the meeting:

- **Sheila Byrd**, Director of Communications
- **Dr. Hilliard Lackey**
- **Amanda Williams**, Public Information Officer
- **Boys Scouts of America Troop #1**

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**President Tillman** recognized the following individuals who provided public comments:

- **Jimmy Lawson** recited a poem on behalf of the school system.
- **Mary Ellis** expressed concerns regarding the number of vacant and boarded up houses in her neighborhood.
- **Sheila O'Flaherty** expressed concerns regarding the broken air conditioners and in adequate funding for the Jatran buses.
- **Shanina Carmichael** encouraged **Mayor Yarber** Administration to continue the work of the Urban Youth Corp that was established under the late **Mayor Lumumba**.
- **Larry Nelson**, President of Victims of Violent Crimes, thanked the City Council members for showing support for the Mother's Day Event that was held on May 9, 2014.
- **Adofu Minka** expressed concerns regarding the Jackson Rising New Economies Conference that was held on May 2, 2014.

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- **Alice Tisdale** invited the citizens of Jackson to attend a benefit concert at the Belhaven Center for the Arts on June 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
  
- **Ineva Pittman** expressed her gratitude for the City repairing potholes near her home.
  
- **Captain Ken Chapman**, Regional Coordinator of the Salvation Army, requested that the City of Jackson waive the permit fees in an effort to rebuild their facility that was destroyed by fire.
  
- **Jessie Moore**, a representative of the Nine Iron Golf Club, expressed concerns regarding the conditions of the Sunny Guy golf course.
  
- **Julius Martin** expressed concerns regarding conditions at the Sunny Guy golf course.

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**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 9898 TO 10303, APPEARING AT PAGES 1548 TO 1609, INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,509,127.72 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 9898 to 10303, appearing at pages 1548 to 1609, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$5,509,127.72 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:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
08/09&/10 COPS TECHNOLOGY GRNT	9,438.59
2008 GO STREET CONSTRUCTION FD	91,189.30
2012 G.O. NOTE-CAPITAL PROJECT	1,067.01
AMERICORP CAPITAL CITY REBUILD	235.20
BOND & INTEREST FUND	903.24
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	10,959.77
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)	18,271.23
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	19.00
FIRE PROTECTION	53,351.58
G O PUB IMP CONS BD 2003 (\$20M)	286,032.27
GENERAL FUND	1,290,268.74
HOME PROGRAM FUND	2,750.00
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	41,039.04
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	7,255.20
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION-NSF	3,606.00
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	4,257.62
PARKS & RECR. FUND	30,532.19
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	11,584.95
TECHNOLOGY FUND	41,198.33
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	5,872.94
TRANSPORTATION FUND	395,631.74
WATER/SEWER B&I FD 2013 \$89.9M	2,932,968.75
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	500.00
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	150,293.03
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	29,700.00

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WIRELESS RADIO COMMUNCATN FUND	90,202.00
	<b>\$5,509,127.72</b>

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

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**President Tillman** recognized **Lee Unger**, the City's Director of Administration, who provided the Council with a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **Council Member Whitwell**.

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Thereafter, **President Tillman** called for a final vote on the claims docket:

Yeas- Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.  
 Nays-Cooper-Stokes.  
 Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 9898 TO 10303 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that payroll deduction claims numbered 9898 to 10303, inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$127,948.25 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:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>PAYROLL</u> <u>FUND</u>
GENERAL FUND		1,971,221.99
PARKS & RECR.		74,063.46
LANDFILL FUND		25,288.87
SENIOR AIDES		2,578.72
WATER/SEWER OPER. & MAINT		211,543.64
PAYROLL FUND		1,189.50
PAYROLL	127,948.25	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		38,966.90
HOUSING COMM DEV		6,689.85
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		6,176.40
AMERICORP CAPITAL CITY REBUILD		9,161.84
TRANSPORTATION FUND		7,626.94
T-WARNER PA/GA FUND		6,774.24
COPS HIRING GRANT 2011		26,292.42
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,387,574.77</b>

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

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.  
 Nays-None.  
 Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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President Tillman requested that Item Nos. 18 and 19 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no opposition, the following items were moved forward for consideration.

President Tillman recognized Council Member Cooper-Stokes who PRESENTED WARD THREE GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO NEISHA GILMORE. Accepting the Presentation with appropriate remarks was Neisha Gilmore.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING DR. HILLIARD L. AND MRS. LILLIAN TROUPE LACKEY AS OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks were Dr. Hilliard and Mrs. Lillian Lackey.

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Council Member Cooper-Stokes left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TANN, BROWN & RUSS CO., PLLC TO PREPARE THE FEDERAL INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

WHEREAS, the City receives external funds from various organizations, particularly federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, these organizations will allow the City to claim indirect costs if the grant allows for same and if the City has an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City's cognizant federal agency; and

WHEREAS, Tann, Brown & Russ Co., LLC has expertise in preparing Indirect Cost Allocation Plans; and

WHEREAS, Tann, Brown & Russ Co., LLC previously prepared the FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014 Indirect Cost Allocation Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administration recommends the employment of Tann, Brown, & Russ Co., LLC to prepare the Federal Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015 for a fee not to exceed \$5,700.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC to prepare the Federal Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015 for a not to exceed fee of \$5,700.

Council Member Whitwell moved adoption; Council Member Stamps seconded.

Yeas- Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Cooper-Stokes.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, AND CITY CLERK TO ATTEST, A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC., TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE UPGRADES TO THE CITY'S ESRI SOFTWARE, FOR A TERM PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 15, 2014 AND ENDING JULY 14, 2015.**

WHEREAS, the Environmental System Research Institute, Incorporated ("ESRI") standard mapping software is currently utilized by the Information Systems Division of the Department of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the existing software maintenance agreement for the City's ESRI software expires on July 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continued maintenance of the City's ESRI software, it is necessary to execute another maintenance agreement with ESRI, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, ESRI, Inc., has proposed to perform one year of maintenance service to the City's ESRI software, as well as perform needed service upgrades to said software to ensure the City is in line with current standards, at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$15,750.00) for a term period beginning July 15, 2014 and ending July 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Division of the Department of Administration recommends the execution of a software maintenance agreement with ESRI, Inc., to ensure the continued use and utilization of the City's ESRI software.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, a maintenance agreement with ESRI, Inc., to provide maintenance and service upgrades to the City's ESRI software, at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$15,750.00) for a term period beginning July 15, 2014 and ending July 14, 2015.

Council Member Whitwell moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPETITIVE QUOTE OF AIRLOCK INSULATION FOR THE ENCLOSUREMENT OF THALIA MARA HALL RETURN AIR PLENUMS AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is currently engaged in a project to renovate Thalia Mara Hall before the 2014 International Ballet Competition; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the renovation work, contractors encountered asbestos-containing fireproofing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works solicited competitive quotes to provide enclosurement of the asbestos; and

WHEREAS, Airlock Insulation submitted the lowest quote of the enclosurement work in the amount of \$22,303.00; and

WHEREAS, to avoid delays in the renovation project that may have prevented Thalia Mara Hall from being ready to host the 2014 International Ballet Competition, the Department of Public Works directed Airlock Insulation to perform the work; and

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WHEREAS, Airlock Insulation has completed the work agreed to in the competitive quote satisfactorily; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends that the governing authorities ratify the acceptance of the competitive quote of Airlock Insulation in the amount of \$22,303.00 as the lowest and best quote, and authorize fully and final payment to Airlock Insulation in that amount.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the acceptance of the competitive quote of Airlock Insulation for the encloement of the Thalia Mara Hall return air plenums in the amount of \$22,303.00 as the lowest and best quote is ratified.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment to Airlock Insulation for the encloement of the Thalia Mara Hall Return Air Plenums in the amount of \$22,303.00 is authorized.

Council Member Whitwell moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.  
Nays- Priester.  
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON CLASS I RUBBISH FACILITY, PERMIT NO. SW0250020471.**

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson operates a Class I Rubbish Facility and land application site under permit from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, solid waste disposal permits must be periodically renewed through submitting an application for a permit; and

WHEREAS, the current permit will be expiring in the near future and the City must submit an application for the permit in order to renew the permit; and

WHEREAS, the Rubbish Facility is needed to dispose of vegetative waste, construction debris, and other discarded materials suitable for disposal in a rubbish facility, and is needed for land application of sludge, which is a byproduct of the City's wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recommends that the City authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for the renewal of the City of Jackson Class I Rubbish Facility and land application site permit, Permit No. SW0250020471.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to submit an application for the renewal of the permit for the City of Jackson Class I Rubbish Facility, Permit No. SW0250020471.

Council Member Whitwell moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT OF CROWN ENGINEERING, PLLC TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE ST. ANDREWS DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 13B4003.**

**WHEREAS**, road improvements to St. Andrews Drive located east of Old Canton Road, south of County Line Road and north of Pear Orchard Road are being proposed by the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract with Crown Engineering, PLLC was for engineering design services and construction engineering and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Department of Public Works is in need of additional Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the St. Andrews Drive Road Improvements, City Project No.13B4003; and

**WHEREAS**, Crown Engineering PLLC has advised the City of Jackson that it is capable and willing to provide additional Design Services for \$25,000.00 and Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for \$26,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the projected total cost for existing and additional services to be provided is \$140,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department recommends that the City of Jackson amend the contract with Crown Engineering PLLC to include additional Design and Construction Engineering & Inspection Services for the St. Andrews Drive Road Improvements, City Project No.13B4003, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk is authorized to attest Amendment No. 1 to the contract of Crown Engineering, PLLC for the St. Andrews Drive Road Improvements, City Project No.13B4003, for the purpose of amending the scope of work to include additional design and Construction Engineering and Inspection, and increasing the total contract compensation to an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the original contract and amendment No. 1.

**Council Member Whitwell** moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

Yeas- Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.

Nays- Cooper-Stokes.

Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MORRIS AND ASSOCIATES TO DEVELOP, ADMINISTER, AND MANAGE A TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE RANKS OF FIRE LIEUTENANT/DRIVER OPERATOR, FIRE CAPTAIN, AND DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Fire Department (“JFD”) has vacancies for the positions of Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, Fire Captain, and District Fire Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, professional management of JFD requires filling said positions with permanent, independently evaluated personnel, so as to provide for the efficient delivery of services to the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson ("City") readvertised for proposals from consultants interested in developing, administering, and managing a testing and assessment process for promotion to the rank of Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, Fire Captain, and District Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, in response to the City's Request for Proposals for the development, administration, and management of a testing and assessment process for promotion to the rank of Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, Fire Captain, and District Fire Chief with JFD, Morris and Associates a/k/a Morris & McDaniel, Inc., ("Morris") was the only consultant to submit bids; and

WHEREAS, Morris has developed, administered, and managed, for the City of Jackson, successful testing and assessment processes for the rank of Police Sergeant (2010), Fire Captain (2010), District Fire Chief (2010), Police Sergeant (2013) and Police Lieutenant (2013); and

WHEREAS, Morris proposes to develop, administer, and manage a testing and assessment process for the promotion to the ranks of Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, Fire Captain, and District Fire Chief, in JFD at a cost not to exceed \$114,500.00.

IT IS, HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract with Morris and Associates a/k/a/ Morris & McDaniel, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$114,500.00 to develop, administer, and manage a testing and assessment process for promotion to the ranks of Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, Fire Captain, and District Fire Chief within JFD.

Council Member Stamps moved adoption; Council Member Whitwell seconded.

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOST, STOLEN, ABANDONED, AND MISPLACED MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2014.**

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson routinely receives and recovers lost, stolen, abandoned or misplaced motor vehicles which must be disposed of pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is required under said statute to sell lost, stolen, abandoned, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment at a public auction; and

WHEREAS, a list of said motor vehicles and equipment available for sale at a public auction will be placed on file with the City Clerk when approved, and posted in accordance with Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson approve the sale of motor vehicles and equipment available pursuant to Section 21-39-21, the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, at a public auction to be held on September 20, 2014.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that motor vehicles and equipment be sold at a public auction to be held at 4225-C Michael Avalon Street on September 20, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Jackson Police Department's designee be authorized to sign Affidavits of Abandonment and Hold Harmless Forms as necessary to declare such vehicles and equipment which are sold at said auction to be abandoned.



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

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman and Whitwell.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BETTER SCHOOLS, BETTER JOBS TO ENSURE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE FULLY FUNDED FOR ALL STUDENTS K-12.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council acknowledges that a quality education in Mississippi Public Schools is of paramount importance, as there is a correlation between educational attainment and income that directly affects the quality of life afforded to students competing in a global market; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council recognizes the need to fully fund Mississippi Public Schools in an effort to increase student attainment, readiness and competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson strongly encourages the Mississippi State Legislature to fully fund Mississippi Public Schools to remedy the fact the Mississippi has repeatedly ranked as one of the states with the lowest per-student financial support in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council is committed to improving the quality of life, employment opportunities, and economic growth for the citizens of Jackson and desires for the citizens of Jackson, many of whom are products of Mississippi Public Schools, to find solace in knowing that Mississippi Public Schools are truly investing in our children by providing a fully funded education.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**, that the City of Jackson supports Better Schools, Better Jobs and its initiatives aimed at ensuring that Mississippi Public Schools are fully funded for all students K-12, without raising taxes.

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

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- Whitwell.  
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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**ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF MAC & ASSOCIATES, LLC, AND BEST SOLVED SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR THREE-YEARS OF LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR METRO PARKWAY (ITEM #1) AND O.B. CURTIS DRIVE (ITEM #2) (RFP NO. 09495-031114).**

**WHEREAS**, eight (8) sealed bids for a three-year service agreement for lawn care and maintenance services were received on March 11, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Maintenance Division of the Department of Parks & Recreation will use said services to ensure beautification of the Metro Parkway (Item #1) and O.B. Curtis Drive (Item #2) rights-of-way on a regular basis; and

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WHEREAS, the staff of the Purchasing Division and Park Maintenance reviewed the bids submitted for Item #1 and determined that Smith Lawn Care submitted the lowest bid of \$599.00 per week and Blackmon Lawn Service submitted the next lowest bid of \$850.00 per week, but the bidders failed to submit bids that were fully responsive to the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Purchasing Division and Park Maintenance reviewed the bids submitted for Item #2 and determined that Smith Lawn Care submitted the lowest bid of \$800.00 per week, but the bidder failed to submit a bid that was fully responsive to the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Purchasing Division and Park Maintenance reviewed all remaining bids submitted and recommends that the governing authorities deem the bids submitted by MAC & Associates, LLC, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1300, Jackson, MS 39201 and Best Solved Solutions, LLC, 931 Highway 80 West, Suite 2A-17, Jackson, MS 39209 received March 11, 2014, as the lowest and best bids received as follows:

<p><b>MAC &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC</b>  <b>125 South Congress Street, Ste. 1300</b>  <b>Jackson, MS 39201</b></p> <p><b>ITEM 1: METRO PARKWAY</b>  <b>\$900.00 PER WEEK</b></p>	<p><b>BEST SOLVED SOLUTIONS, LLC</b>  <b>931 Highway 80 West, Ste. 2A-17</b>  <b>Jackson, MS 39209</b></p> <p><b>ITEM 2: O.B. CURTIS DRIVE</b>  <b>\$850.00 PER WEEK</b></p>
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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the bids received March 11, 2014 from MAC & Associates, LLC for Metro Parkway (Item #1) and Best Solved Solutions, LLC for O.B. Curtis Drive (Item #2), for a three-year agreement for lawn care and maintenance services (starting from the date of approval by City Council and continuing for three years), be accepted as the lowest and best bids received, it being determined that said bids met the City's specifications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payment for said lawn care and maintenance services be made from the General Funds and/or Water/Sewer Operation & Maintenance Funds.

Council Member Whitwell moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

Yeas- Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- Whitwell.  
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

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Council Member Whitwell left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. after voting on item #12.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 13:

DISCUSSION: SIEMENS UPDATE: President Tillman recognized Mark Inbody, Operations Manager of Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. and Geilia Taylor, a representative of Brilliant Minds Consulting, who provided a brief update on the water meter installation and notification process within the City of Jackson.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 14:

**DISCUSSION: JATRAN UPDATE:** **President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Priester** who recognized **William McElroy** of M3A Architure and **Lena Franklin**, Jatran Project Manager, who provided the Council with a brief update on the Jatran project.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 15:

**DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES PLAN:** **President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Stamps** who stated that said item had been previously discussed during the May 19, 2014 Council Work Session.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 16:

**DISCUSSION: SONNY GUY GOLF COURSE:** **President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who stated that said item had been previously discussed during Public Comments.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 17:

**DISCUSSION: JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION CEREMONIES:** **President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who provided a 2014 high school graduation schedule for the Jackson Public Schools that would be held May 28, 2014 at the Mississippi Coliseum.

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The following announcements/reports were provided during the meeting:

- **President Tillman** recognized **Vanessa Henderson**, Deputy Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development, who provided the Council with an update and the procedures followed to notify the citizens of Jackson on the 2014 Block Grant Funds.
- **Council Member Stamps** invited the citizens of Jackson to participate in United Health on June 4, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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The meeting was closed in memory of the following individuals:

- **Precious Martin**
- **Dr. Eugene Jackson**

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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 Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014; at 9:03 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

6.10.14  
DATE

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