

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 10:00 A.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 10:00 a.m. on September 9, 2014, being the second Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: De'Keither Stamps, President, Ward 4; Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice- President, Ward 2; Quentin Whitwell, Ward 1; LaRita Cooper-Stokes, Ward 3; Charles H. Tillman, Ward 5; Tyrone Hendrix, Ward 6 and Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Kristi Moore, Interim City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: None.

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

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Jeff Stafford** of Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who introduced the following individuals:

- **Judge Patricia Wise**
- **Dr. Cedric Gray**

President Stamps recognized the following individuals who provided public comments:

- **Dorothy Benford** expressed concerns regarding the process of cars being sold at the City of Jackson auctions.
- **Enrique Diaz** invited the citizens of Jackson to attend the "Community Day Celebration" on September 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fondren Hall located 4330 North State Street.
- **Ineva Mae Pittman** expressed concerns regarding a dead animal located on Livingston Road in Jackson, Mississippi.

President Stamps requested that Agenda Item No. 33 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Priester** who presented a **RESOLUTION HONORING REV. DR. JERRY YOUNG ON HIS ELECTION TO PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA**. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Dr. Jerry Young**.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a five (5) minute recess of the meeting.

President Stamps called the meeting back to order. **Council Members Cooper-Stokes, Hendrix and Priester** were absent from the meeting.

ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF \$3,123.90 FROM TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITS INSURED (METRO FOODS, INC.) AS A PROPERTY DAMAGE SETTLEMENT.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the City Attorney or designee, be authorized to execute all necessary documents and accept payment in the amount of \$3,123.90 as a property damage settlement for damage sustained to a City of Jackson vehicle (PT-733) on July 3, 2014.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF \$1,134.92 FROM STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITS INSURED (MARVIN MONCRIEF) AS A PROPERTY DAMAGE SETTLEMENT.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the City Attorney or designee, be authorized to execute all necessary documents and accept payment in the amount of \$1,134.92 as a property damage settlement for damage sustained to a City of Jackson vehicle (TK-732) on June 24, 2014.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF \$5,415.75 FROM LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY ON BEHALF OF ITS INSURED (EDWARD SMITH) AS A PROPERTY DAMAGE SETTLEMENT.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the City Attorney or designee, be authorized to execute all necessary documents and accept payment in the amount of \$5,415.75 as a property damage settlement for damage sustained to a City of Jackson vehicle (PC-1428) on December 26, 2013.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

Council Member Cooper-Stokes returned to the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

There came on for Introduction Agenda Item No. 5:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI REGULATING THE OPERATION OF DRONES IN THE CITY LIMITS AND REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF DRONES. Said item was referred to the Planning Committee.

Council Member Priester returned to the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

There came on for Adoption Agenda Item No. 6:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-102 AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION TITLED "GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE," AND DESIGNATING SECTION 2-107 "GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE" WITH THE FUNCTION OF SAID COMMITTEE DEFINED.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances, provides for the establishment of City Council standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances should be amended, and a new section titled "Government Operations" should be established; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-102 currently states:

Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.

The council shall maintain five standing committees which may make recommendations to the council as appropriate. The five standing committees shall be:

- (1) Finance Committee.
- (2) Rules Committee.
- (3) Planning Committee.
- (4) Legislative Committee.
- (5) Economic Development Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that:

Section 1. Sec. 2-102 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.

The council shall maintain six standing committees which may make recommendations to council as appropriate. The six standing committees shall be:

- (1) Finance committee.
- (2) Rules committee.
- (3) Planning committee.
- (4) Legislative committee.
- (5) Economic development committee.
- (6) **Government operations committee.**

Section 2. Sec. 2-107 shall be added and titled "Government operations committee" and shall read as follows:

Sec . 2-107. Government Operations Committee.

The function of this committee is to streamline internal processes as it relates to government spending, stewardship and accountability. This committee will review the efficiencies and policies that may be outdated. This committee will also review change order requests for efficiencies. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 86, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANOUS OFFENSES, SECTION 86-8, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Section 86-8, Discharge of firearms within the City, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, currently sets forth that the discharge of any firearm throughout the City of Jackson shall constitute a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi has determined that Section 86-8, Discharge of firearms within the city, should be updated and amended based on new findings; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of Jackson is a paramount consideration afforded by this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council finds that violence and harm caused by and resulting from the theft and loss of firearms constitutes a clear and present danger, and find that sensible gun safety measures provide some relief from that danger and a benefit to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council finds that gun violence and harm caused by and resulting from both the intention and accidental misuse of guns constitutes a clear and present danger to the City of Jackson, and finds that the sensible gun safety measures provide some relief from that danger and benefits the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council finds that the duty to report the loss or theft of a firearm within in the City of Jackson is not unduly burdensome for gun owners and does not restrict or require the possession, transportation, sale, transfer or ownership of firearms or ammunition or their components; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council finds that an ordinance establishing the duty to report the loss or theft of a firearm aids law enforcement offices in their duties and offers some protection to all members of the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that an ordinance establishing a duty to report the loss or theft of a firearm within the City of Jackson is in the best interest and welfare of the City of Jackson, and that:

SECTION 86-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be amended to add paragraph (b) and shall read as follows:

Sec. 86-8. Discharge of firearms within city; Duty to report loss or theft of firearm.

- (a) If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol, or firearm of any description within the city limits, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to police officers in the discharge of their duties nor to the discharge of firearms at locations and times approved in advance by the chief of police.
- (b) Any person residing in the City of Jackson who owns or possesses a firearm shall report the theft or loss of the firearm to the Jackson Police Department within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the owner knew or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been lost or stolen. Failure to report this loss shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

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ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY WAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AS SECTION 2-168, ENTITLED "CITY EMPLOYEE WAGE REQUIREMENTS" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama has called addressing income inequality "the defining issue of our time"; and during his 2014 State of the Union Address, called upon the United States Congress to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's minimum wage is only \$7.25 per hour, or \$15,080 a year for a full-time, year round worker, and leaves some City of Jackson employees and their families below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council wishes to provide a minimum wage for City of Jackson employees that is a livable wage that ensures that our economy is fair enough to embrace all who work for the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of city wage requirements will assist employees with buying more goods and services, which helps their families and also helps stimulate the City of Jackson.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that an ordinance establishing city wage requirements for city employees is in the best interest and welfare of the City of Jackson, and that:

SECTION 2-168 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-168. City Employee Wage Requirements.

Unless contrary to federal, state or local law:

- (a) Effective October 1, 2014, minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$8.75.
- (b) An annual incremental hourly wage increase of \$0.95 shall be made for two consecutive years and shall be made effective at the beginning of each fiscal year as follows:
 - i. Beginning October 1, 2015, the minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$9.70.

ii. Beginning October 1, 2016, the minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$10.65.

(c) Each City of Jackson employee shall certify to the City of Jackson Personnel Department that the employee will be compensated at a rate of pay not less than the minimum hourly wage in effect, as set forth by this ordinance.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

President Stamps recognized **Monica Joiner**, City Attorney, who advised the Council that the ordinance would not actually be effective on October 1, 2014 since it must first be published and wait thirty (30) days from the date of passage to become effective according to the applicable statutes.

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

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

Nays- Whitwell.

Absent- Hendrix.

President Stamps requested that Agenda Item No. 32 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing on objections, the Clerk read the following:

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who presented a **CERTIFICATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. PERCY KING AS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.** Accepting the Certificate with appropriate remarks was **Percy King.**

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBERED 15222 TO 15482, APPEARING AT PAGES 2373 TO 2414 INCLUSIVE THERE ON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,956,434.34 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 15222 to 15482, appearing at pages 2373 to 2414, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$1,956,434.34 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:

FROM: **TO**
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
FUND

2012 ED BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	1,453.70
2013 ED BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	920.00
DISABILITY RELIEF FUND	104,431.24
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	496.17
GENERAL FUND	1,180,542.90
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	293.87
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	153,688.31
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	6.32
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	385.00

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P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	291.20
PARKS & RECR. FUND	21,224.97
REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND	332.97
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	10,345.41
TECHNOLOGY FUND	3,018.99
THALIA MARA HALL RENOVATION	151,000.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	146,520.34
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	7,575.62
WATER/SEWER CONST FD 1999-\$35M	4,758.00
WATER/SEWER CONST FD 2004-\$78M	30,413.50
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	137,791.26
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	944.57
	<u>\$1,956,434.34</u>

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

President Stamps recognized **Trivia Jones**, Director of Administration, who provided the Council with a brief overview of the Claims Docket and **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief explanation of the NAPA payment at the request of **Council Member Whitwell**.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote on the Claims Docket:

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

Note: Item failed due to a lack of majority votes.

President Stamps recognized **Mayor Yarber** who indicated that the Council had a statutory responsibility to make sure that the City's bills are paid.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Whitwell** who moved to re-consider the Claims Docket. **Council Member Priester** seconded the motion to re-consider the Claims Docket. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Whitwell** who inquired of the City's Legal Department, the Council's ability to amend the Claims Docket to remove certain items. **Monica Joiner**, the City Attorney, stated that Council has the ability to amend the Claims Docket to remove an item that may be in dispute.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a final vote on the Claims Docket:

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

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 15222 TO 15482 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 15222 to 15482, inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$214,748.41 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 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</u>	<u>TO PAYROLL FUND</u>
GENERAL FUND		2,096,034.30
PARKS & RECR.		68,633.51
LANDFILL FUND		22,572.91
SENIOR AIDES		2,578.71
WATER/SEWER OPER. & MAINT		194,314.52
PAYROLL FUND		1,003.50
EARLY CHILDHOOD		35,639.96
HOUSING COMM DEV		6,687.06
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		5,303.60
AMERICORP CAPITAL CITY REBUILD		9,161.83
TRANSPORTATION FUND		8,919.10
T-WARNER PA/GA FUND		5,299.37
COPS HIRING GRANT 2011		32,795.09
PAYROLL	214,748.41	
TOTAL		\$2,488,943.46

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENOBSERVER, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEB BASED COMMUNITY ALERTING SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, CitizenObserver, LLC has proposed a twenty-four month tip411 Bundle Subscription that covers the implementation and maintenance of the tip411 Community Alerting System; and

WHEREAS, the system will include a Web based application for Community Alerting, Social Media Publishing, and two way anonymous tip communications; and

WHEREAS, the system will include software to proactively engage the public by giving them the ability to contact the Jackson Police Department by using anonymous text tips, iPhone and Android tip Apps or web tips; and

WHEREAS, the system will securely and simultaneously publish information to the City of Jackson Facebook page, Twitter account, and other social media sites; and

WHEREAS, the tip411 product line, developed by CitizenObserver, LLC, is the only solution anywhere with an integrated system for outbound alerting, web publishing, inbound anonymous tips, custom iPhone tip application and an online crime map integrated into one easy use platform; and

WHEREAS, implementation and maintenance of the tip411 Community Alerting System have both been analyzed and execution of an agreement for the Community Alerting System is recommended; and

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with CitizenObserver, LLC, and any other necessary documents, providing for the implementation and maintenance of the system comprising the tip411 Community Alerting System, said implementation, maintenance, and training at a cost of \$16,300.00.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Whitwell** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency, through its Brownfields Program has available grant funds up to \$200,000 that will result in an area-wide plan, including implementation strategies, for the Brownfields-affected area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Brownfields Program is to promote economic redevelopment through grant funding and infill development to ensure sustainability in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfields area-wide plan will outline the assessment, cleanup and reuse of Brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of grant funding that applicants may apply for is \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required under this competition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an application and any and all documents related to the City's acceptance and implementation of the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for an area-wide plan.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 13:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF ERIC ANTHONY JEFFERSON AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 14:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LIND TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 15:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CAMILLE SIMMS TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BORAD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 16:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE COOPER TO THE JACKSON ZOO BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 17:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PLAVIS PATTERSON TO THE JACKSON ZOO BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 18:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. VIRGINIA CORA TO THE JACKSON ZOO BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 19:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 20:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. RICO CHAPMAN TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 21:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY SEABOLD TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 22:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GEAN TUCKER JOHNSON TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 23:

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ROSIE PRIDGEN TO THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. Said item was held for a Confirmation Hearing on September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SUBMISSION OF THE 2014 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson has been granted the opportunity to apply for the 2014 Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Funding Opportunity Announcement and Stakeholder Input Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson will receive allocation from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, funds through this grant will enhance the Jackson Police Department's ability to respond to emergency situations such as riots and/or other serious threats; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement and Stakeholder Input Grant requires no matching funds.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to submit an application for the 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement and Stakeholder Input Grant.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents for the acceptance and administration of said grant if it is awarded.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

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

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, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson approved on May 20, 2014 the sale of motor vehicles and equipment available pursuant to Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, at a public auction to be held on September 20, 2014; 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 sold at a public auction will be file with the City Clerk and posted in accordance with Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that motor vehicles and equipment available for sale 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 the necessary documents to effectuate the sale of the vehicles and equipment which are sold at the auction.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOST, STOLEN, ABANDONED, AND MISPLACED PERSONAL PROPERTY AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2014.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson routinely receives and recovers lost, stolen, abandoned or misplaced personal property, which must be disposed of pursuant to Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended; and

WHEREAS, at the May 20, 2014 City Council Meeting, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson authorized the sale of lost, stolen, abandoned, or misplaced personal property pursuant to Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, at a public auction to be held on September 20, 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, a list of said personal property be sold at a public auction will be delivered and file with the City Clerk in accordance with Section 21-39-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the lost, stolen, abandoned, or misplaced personal property available for sale, be sold at a public auction to be held at 4225-C Michael Avalon Street on September 20, 2014.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Hendrix.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 27:

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Said item was referred to the Legislative Committee.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 28:

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Said item was referred to the Legislative Committee.

DISCUSSION: CARNATION STREET: **President Stamps** recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who expressed concerns from citizens living on Carnation Street regarding neglected properties and overgrown grass.

DISCUSSION: MOTORCYLCE SAFETY AND AWARENESS: **President Stamps** recognized **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** who recognized Sirena Wilson, a representative of Southern MS Motorcycle Training, to address issues motorcyclists encounter within the City of Jackson.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 31:

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MS GREEK WEEKEND IN THE CITY OF JACKSON. Said item was held by **Mayor Yarber** until the next Regular Council meeting.

Council Member Hendrix arrived to the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Mayor Tony Yarber** announced that the 1% Sales Tax Commission would meet every 1st Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor conference room of the Warren Hood building.
- **President Stamps** recognized **Council Member Tillman** who requested that Council re-consider Agenda Item No. 8 to allow **Council Member Hendrix** to vote on said item.

Council Member Tillman moved, seconded by Council Member Barrett-Simon to reconsider Agenda Item No. 8. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

Thereafter, President Stamps requested that the Clerk read the Order:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY WAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AS SECTION 2-168, ENTITLED "CITY EMPLOYEE WAGE REQUIREMENTS" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama has called addressing income inequality "the defining issue of our time"; and during his 2014 State of the Union Address, called upon the United States Congress to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's minimum wage is only \$7.25 per hour, or \$15,080 a year for a full-time, year round worker, and leaves some City of Jackson employees and their families below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council wishes to provide a minimum wage for City of Jackson employees that is a livable wage that ensures that our economy is fair enough to embrace all who work for the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of city wage requirements will assist employees with buying more goods and services, which helps their families and also helps stimulate the City of Jackson.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that an ordinance establishing city wage requirements for city employees is in the best interest and welfare of the City of Jackson, and that:

SECTION 2-168 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-168. City Employee Wage Requirements.

Unless contrary to federal, state or local law:

- (a) Effective October 1, 2014, minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$8.75.
- (b) An annual incremental hourly wage increase of \$0.95 shall be made for two consecutive years and shall be made effective at the beginning of each fiscal year as follows:
 - i. Beginning October 1, 2015, the minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$9.70.
 - ii. Beginning October 1, 2016, the minimum hourly wage for City of Jackson employees shall be \$10.65.
- (c) Each City of Jackson employee shall certify to the City of Jackson Personnel Department that the employee will be compensated at a rate of pay not less than the minimum hourly wage in effect, as set forth by this ordinance.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 10:00 A.M.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

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

Council Member Whitwell left the meeting.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** continued with reports/announcements:

- **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** announced that Ward 3 would host a meeting on September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Vision Baptist Church.
- **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** announced that a public meeting would be held on September 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall regarding the regulations of drones and motorcycle safety and awareness.
- **President Stamps** invited citizens to visit tracepathwayfarms.com to register for a visit to Stamps Farms.

The meeting was closed in memory of the following individuals:

- **Terry Brown**
- **Supervisor Webbie Johnson**
- **Jessie Nichols**


There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Zoning Meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2014; at 12:13 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



INTERIM CITY CLERK



MAYOR, 9.25.14
DATE
