

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was called by a majority of the City Council Members and notices having been placed by the Clerk of Council 2:25 p.m.. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 in the Clerk of Council's Office, electronic notifications to all Council Members', on the City's website and on the public bulletin board in City Hall, relative to: (1) Resolution of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supporting an act to amend section 97-15-13, Mississippi code of 1972, to increase the penalties for discharge of a firearm on public streets; and for related purposes. (2) Resolution of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supporting to revise the penalty to make it a felony for the blocking of any street, road, driveway, interstate or highway for the purpose of drifting. (3) Resolution of the City of Jackson supporting an Additional act of the united states congress for hazard pay for essential workers to include all police and fire personnel, all medical personnel, dispatchers, educators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, janitors and all administrative support staff in public schools. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 being the fourth Wednesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Aaron Banks, Council President, Ward 6; Charles Tillman, Vice-President Ward 5; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Angelique Lee, Ward 2; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; De'Keither Stamps, (via teleconference), Ward 4; and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council; John W. Carroll, Sr., Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Monica Davis Allen, Special Assistant to the City Attorney (via teleconference).

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by **President Aaron Banks**.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-15-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM ON PUBLIC STREETS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi has realized that the unlawful discharge of firearms, has increased and become a major concern to citizens within the City of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports legislation that if any person hunts or discharges any firearm in, on or across any street, public road, public highway, levee, railroad or the right-of-way thereof.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the city council of Jackson, Mississippi supports the act to amend section 97-15-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, to increase the penalties for discharge of a firearm on public streets, and for related purposes.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Lee** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING TO REVISE THE PENALTY TO MAKE IT A FELONY FOR THE BLOCKING OF ANY STREET, ROAD, DRIVEWAY, INTERSTATE OR HIGHWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRIFTING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi realizes the danger harm and risk to pedestrians traveling on its streets, roads, interstate and or highways when traffic is obstructed and or blocked.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports legislation to increase the penalty for such an act as a felony due to the dire harm presented in blocking or obstructing streets, roads, interstates and or highways

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi desires to send a strong message that such acts on city streets, roads, public driveways, highway's and interstates will not be tolerated within the city limits of Jackson.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the city council of Jackson, Mississippi supports revising the penalty to a felony, specifically to willfully obstruct the flow of traffic by use or operation of a motor vehicle, to block city streets, roads, public driveways, highways and interstates.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; **Council Member Lee** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON SUPPORTING AN ADDITIONAL ACT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR HAZARD PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO INCLUDE ALL POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL, ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL, DISPATCHERS, EDUCATORS, BUS DRIVERS, CAFETERIA WORKERS, JANITORS AND ALL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi understands the extreme risk of all front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi recognizes essential workers as all police and fire personnel, all medical personnel, dispatchers, educators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, janitors and all administrative support staff in public schools.

WHEREAS, due to the rapid increase and continuation of COVID-19, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi strongly encourages the introduction and passing of a Hazard Pay for Essential Workers 2021 Act, to include all essential workers defined within this resolution.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports an additional act of the United States Congress for hazard pay for essential workers to include all police and fire personnel, all medical personnel, dispatchers, educators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, janitors and all administrative support staff in public schools.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be given to the federal lobbyist of the City of Jackson, the Mississippi Association of Educators, the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the National League of Cities to help ensure the inclusion of this resolution in any Future act and or appropriation of Hazard Pay.

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

President Banks recognized **Council Member Stokes** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman** to amend the header to add the following: "and/or anyone on the front line". The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

Thereafter, **President Banks** called for a vote on said Order, as amended:

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Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

President Banks recognized **Council Member Stamps**, who stated that an item was needed to be added to the agenda on an emergency basis regarding “Discussion: Litigation.”

President Banks recognized **Council Member Foote** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Stamps**, to add an item to the agenda on an emergency basis regarding Discussion: Litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

There came on as the **Emergency Agenda Item: DISCUSSION: LITIGATION**. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

President Banks stated that the emergency item needed to be discussed in Executive Session regarding “Litigation”.

Council Member Lindsay moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman** to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session regarding "Discussion: Litigation". The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

President Banks announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session regarding "Discussion: Litigation".

During Closed Session, **Council Member Lindsay** moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman**, to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

Council Member Lindsay moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman**, to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

President Banks 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 Regular Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2021. At 3:02 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

 3/12/21
MAYOR MDA DATE

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK
