

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2021, being the first Tuesday 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 (via teleconference); De'Keither Stamps (via teleconference), Ward 4; Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor, Dr. Safiya Omar, Chief of Staff; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council; and Monica Allen, Special Assistant to the City Attorney.

Absent: None.

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

The invocation was offered by **President Baaron Banks**.

The Council recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The meeting was opened in honor of the following individuals:

- In memory of Phil Barnes
- In memory of Dr. Samuel Magee

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**President Banks** announced that there were no public comments received by the Clerk of Council's Office.

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF JACKSON TO BE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-19-11 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE AND BASED ON ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS HELD DECEMBER 15, 2020 FOR THE FOLLOWING CASES:**

2020-1543	2020-1549	2020-1553	2020-1554	2020-1565	2020-1566	2020-1567
2020-1561	2020-1562	2020-1564	2020-1565	2020-1566	2020-1567	2020-1568

**WHEREAS**, Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code as amended provides that a governing authority shall conduct a hearing to determine whether property or parcels of land located within a municipality is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code as amended sets forth the procedure for mailing and posting notice of the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, hearings were held on December 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the hearing officer determined that notice was provided in accordance with Section 21-19-11 prior to the hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, after hearing testimony and reviewing evidence, the hearing officer made findings and recommendations for adjudication concerning certain parcels as follows:

- 1) **Case #2020-1543: Parcel #820-66** located at 1662 Reddix Street: After hearing testimony from owner Gloria Johnson, hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety, and welfare; however, interested parties shall be afforded forty-eight (48) days to cure expiring February 1, 2021. If there is a default and the City proceeds with cleaning, hearing officer recommends an assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 4

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 2) **Case #2020-1549: Parcel #623-47** located at 3233 Beatrice Drive: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 6

Scope of Work: Board up and secure house; cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, fallen tree (parts & limbs), wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tires; and clean curbside.

- 3) **Case #2020-1553: Parcel #709-172** located at 113 Delmar Street: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 2

Scope of Work: Cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tree limbs & parts, tires; and clean curbside.

- 4) **Case #2020-1554: Parcel #517-290** located at 5019 Durfrey Street: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 3

Scope of Work: Board up and secure house; cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, fallen tree (parts & limbs), wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tires; and clean curbside.

- 5) **Case #2020-1558: Parcel #157-89** located at 841 Brookside Place: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 5

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 6) **Case #2020-1559: Parcel #157-103** located at 855 Brookside Place: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 5

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 7) **Case #2020-1561: Parcel #59-54** located at 160 Whitfield Street (Rear): No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 7

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Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 8) **Case #2020-1562: Parcel #65-68** located at 134 East Bell Street: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 7

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 9) **Case #2020-1564: Parcel #709-156** located at 248 Delmar Street: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$750.00. Ward 2

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 10) **Case #2020-1565: Parcel #405-371** located at 3034 Brown Street: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare. Ward 4

Scope of Work: Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards, and cut grass and weeds.

- 11) **Case #2020-1566: Parcel #711-138** located at 5912 Whitestone Road: No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$500.00. Ward 2

Scope of Work: Cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tree limbs & parts, tires; and clean curbside.

- 12) **Case #2020-1567: Parcel #711-613** located at 0 Woodstock Drive (Lot Formerly 6050 Woodstock Drive): No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare with assessment of actual costs and a penalty of \$750.00. Ward 4

Scope of Work: Cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tree limbs & parts, tires; and clean curbside.

- 13) **Case #2020-1568: Parcel #405-369** located at 3036 Brown Street/Lot North of 3034 Brown Street (formerly 3036): No appearance by owner or an interested party. Hearing officer recommends that the property be adjudicated as a menace to public health, safety and welfare. Ward 4

Scope of Work: Cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, saplings; remove trash, debris, wooden boards/crates, appliances/old furniture, building materials/old bricks, tree limbs & parts, tires; and clean curbside.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above parcels be adjudicated a menace to public health, safety and welfare as recommended by the hearing officer.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a copy of the notices mailed and posted to owners and interested parties of the above parcels shall be included in the minutes along with this resolution pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code as amended.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Administration shall be authorized to remedy conditions on the parcels posing a threat to public health, safety and welfare using municipal resources or contract labor if the owners fail to do so.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the adjudication of penalties, if any, shall be reserved until such time that a resolution is approved assessing actual costs.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

The Notices of Hearing pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, as it relates to each parcel of property, is incorporated herein in their entirety, and located in Public Notices, located in the Municipal Clerk Department of the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COSTS AND PENALTIES TOTALING \$49,871.80 FOR PARCELS CLEANED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTIONS ADJUDICATING A ME TO BE MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ON MAY 17, 2016, MARCH 27, 2018, JULY 23, 2019, AUGUST 20, 2019, OCTOBER 1, 2019, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AND MARCH 3, 2020 IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:**

<b>2017-2175</b>	<b>2017-2176</b>	<b>2017-2177</b>	<b>2019-1161</b>	<b>2019-1361</b>	<b>2019-1265</b>
<b>2019-1268</b>	<b>2019-1544</b>	<b>2019-1575</b>	<b>2020-1012</b>		

**WHEREAS**, administrative hearings were held, February 23, 2016, January 23, 2018, June 18, 2019, July 30, 2019, September 10, 2019, January 14, 2020, December 17, 2019 and January 28, 2020, pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code to determine whether certain parcels located in the City of Jackson constituted a menace to public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2016, March 27, 2018, July 23, 2019, August 20, 2019, October 1, 2019, February 4, 2020 and March 3, 2020, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson passed resolutions approving recommendations from the administrative hearing officer that certain parcels be deemed a menace to public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners and interested parties were afforded opportunity to be heard and did not appeal the governing authorities' adjudication; and

**WHEREAS**, contract labor was utilized to clean the parcels and address conditions deemed to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare when the owners failed to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, costs were incurred as a result of the employment of the contract labor; and

**WHEREAS**, penalties have been recommended and should be imposed against those parcel owners who failed to remedy and address violations.

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the following costs and penalties are assessed in the following cases:

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Case No.	Assessed Owner	Address/Zip/Ward	Parcel #	Cost	10% Adm. Cost	Penalty Cost	Total	Work Completed
2017-2175	Daisy Griffith	402 Grandview Cir/39212/7	606-76	\$5,992.40	\$599.24	\$500.00	\$7,091.64	Demolish and remove remains of structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway and cut grass and weeds and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards.
2017-2176	Ironwood Properties LLC	226 Grandview Cir/39212/7	606-53	\$6,359.20	\$635.92	\$500.00	\$7,495.12	Demolish and remove remains of structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway and cut grass and weeds and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards.
2017-2177	Magnolia Reo	140 Grandview Cir/39212/7	606-58	\$3,994.40	\$399.44	\$500.00	\$4,893.84	Demolish and remove remains of structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway and cut grass and weeds and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards.
2019-1161	Q C Sanders Est	160 Whitfield St/39202/7	59-55	\$5,775.00	\$577.50	\$500.00	\$6,852.50	Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards.

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2019-1265	Mamie H Randle & Kevin Baker	158 (AB) E Cohea St/39202/7	72-77	\$4,496.00	\$449.60	\$500.00	\$5,445.60	Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards. cut grass and weeds
2019-1268	Dudley & Lucille Jacobs Est	333 Mckee St/39202/7	68-38	\$5,815.00	\$581.50	\$500.00	\$6,896.50	Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards. cut grass and weeds
2019-1361	Mack B Ballard & John H Sr	1113 Crestview Ave/39202/7	67-15	\$4,605.00	\$460.50	\$500.00	\$5,565.50	Demolish and remove remains of dilapidated structure, trash, debris, foundation, steps, driveway, tires, and any other items to insure property is clear and free of any and all health hazards. cut grass and weeds
2019-1544	Roy A Brown	Lot N of 917 N Farish St/39202/7	72-35	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	Cutting of grass, weeds, bushes, saplings, fence line, shrubbery, and removing of

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								trash and debris, tires, wooden boards, old furniture, building material, tree parts, crates, clean curbside.
2019-1575	Ashely K Burgess	1044 Madison St/39202/7	18-78	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	Board-up and secure house and cut grass, weeds and remove trash and debris tires, clean curbside.
2020-1012	Haley Martha P EST	3718 N West St/39216/7	53-33	\$1,301.00	\$130.10	\$1,000.00	\$2,431.10	Board-up and secure house and cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, saplings, and remove trash and debris, wooden boards, tree parts, inoperable vehicle, tires, furniture, bricks, crates, clean curbside.
					\$0.00		\$0.00	
					\$0.00		\$0.00	
					\$0.00		\$0.00	
						<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,871.80</b>	

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of Mississippi Code as amended that the costs and penalties assessed in this Resolution shall become liens against the parcels stated and shall be included with municipal ad valorem taxes and the payment shall be enforced in the same manner as municipal ad valorem taxes; and all statutes related to the collection of other taxes in the City of Jackson shall apply to the enforcement and collection of the costs and penalties levied by this Resolution.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax collector shall sell the parcels to satisfy the liens in a manner consistent with the sale of land for delinquent taxes and in accordance with the provisions of Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code as amended.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the liens stated may be enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Hinds County as other judgments are enrolled consistent with the provisions of Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code.

**IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to perform any and all acts necessary to ensure that provisions of this Resolution are implemented.

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

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

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**President Banks** requested that Agenda Item No. 9 and Agenda No. 15 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the following were presented:

**ORDER RATIFYING SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY BY WEBQA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SAID SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has utilized WebQA software for its open records system since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract between the City of Jackson and WebQA expired on September 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, since the expiration of said contract WebQA has continued to provide software and services to the City of Jackson to process the City’s public records requests and subpoenas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the City Clerk believes honoring all invoices received to present, is in the best interest of the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the City Clerk is currently taking all legal and necessary steps to present an Order to the City Council that will allow the aforementioned services and provision of software to continue.

**IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED** that the acceptance of software and services rendered by WebQA is hereby ratified and said payment for the same is authorized in the amount of \$21,680.00.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Angela Harris**, Municipal Clerk, who gave a brief overview on said item.

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Thereafter, **President Banks** called for a vote on said item:

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CITY OF JACKSON FUND BALANCE TO COVER EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO THE EMERGENCIES CAUSED BY COVID-19 DETECTION, PREVENTION, AND STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has incurred unusual and extraordinary expenses in the fight against Covid-19 which has occurred over the past six months; and



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**WHEREAS**, the cost to cover these emergencies' expenses incurred by the City of Jackson is \$2,000,000.00 and can only be funded through emergency funding.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** The Mayor be authorized to approve a transfer of funds from the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2 million dollars to pay emergency expenses caused by COVID-19 within the past 6 months.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item, and recommended an amendment changing "\$2,000,000.00 (\$2 million)" to "\$1,000,000.00 (\$1 million)" on said item.

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**Council Member Stokes** moved and **Council Member Tillman** seconded, to amend said order changing "\$2,000,000.00 (\$2 million)" to "\$1,000,000.00 (\$1 million)" on said item. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has incurred unusual and extraordinary expenses in the fight against Covid-19 which has occurred over the past six months; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to cover these emergencies' expenses incurred by the City of Jackson is \$1,000,000.00 and can only be funded through emergency funding.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** The Mayor be authorized to approve a transfer of funds from the Fund Balance in the amount of \$1 million dollars to pay emergency expenses caused by COVID-19 within the past 6 months.

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

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**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 199 to 227 APPEARING AT PAGES 24411 TO 24480 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,819,247.34 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 199 to 227 appearing at pages 24411 to 24480, inclusive thereon in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$3,819,247.34 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:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND	993,739.26
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-STATE	4,790.00
TECHNOLOGY FUND	47,958.07
PARKS & RECR. FUND	39,326.07
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	574,382.01
FIRE PROTECTION	4,276.17
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	431,102.07
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	1,113,948.20
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	4,608.50
NARCOTICS EVIDENCE ESCROW	2,081.60
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	4,125.00
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	28,510.00
CAPITOL STREET 2-WAY PROJECT	538.27
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	170.00
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	3,019.82
WATER/SEWER CAP IMP NOTE 7M	33,550.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	12,008.58
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	291,263.63
POLICE PROP EVIDENCE CASH FUND	1,517.00
P E G ACCESS PROGRAMMING FUND	1,766.84
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE FUND	19,217.16
FLOODING OF 2020	23,395.00
HOPWA COVID CARES	15,703.43
LIBRARY FUND	162,250.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,819,247.34</u></b>

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative Officer**, who provided a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **President Banks**.

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**President Banks** recognized **Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff**, who recommended claims be amended to include payment to Cintas.

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**President Banks** recognized **Council Member Lindsay** moved, and **Council Member Tillman** seconded, to amend said order to add payment to Cintas. After a thorough discussion, **Council Members Lindsay** and **Tillman** withdrew their motion and second. **President Banks** stated said item will be tabled until later in the meeting.

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**ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 24411 TO 24480 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that payroll deduction claims numbered 24411 to 24480 inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$116,164.85 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:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>	<b>TO PAYROLL FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND		1,850,123.23
PARKS & RECR FUND		86,528.90
LANDFILL FUND		16,500.65
SENIOR AIDES		8,797.85
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		196,923.76
PAYROLL	116,164.85	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		27,110.81
HOUSING COMM DEV		8,843.12
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		4,266.48
TRANSPORTATION FUND		13,573.60
PEG ACCESS-PROGRAMMING FUND		6,607.86
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,219,276.26</b>

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH NAVIRETAIL, LLC, TO PROVIDE RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Development desires to enter into an agreement with a professional service provider to perform retail recruitment related services in the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the project is to identify the site selection data for the City of Jackson and to take a proactive approach to increase the retail sales tax base by recruiting eligible retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, NaviRetail, LLC presented a retail recruitment services plan for downtown Jackson to include targeting retailers suitable for downtowns site selection data, performance of market and GAAP analyses and custom marketing material for the area; and

**WHEREAS**, said services will be provided from January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement and related documents with NaviRetail LLC to provide professional retail recruitment related services in the City of Jackson from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the agreement may be renewed under the same terms and conditions up to three (3) years, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year, subject to the right of the succeeding governing authorities to void.

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

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

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 5:

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,819,247.34</u></b>

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative Officer**, who recommended an amendment to include a payment to Cintas in the amount of \$94,763.90.

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**President Banks** recognized **Council Member Lindsay** moved and **Council Member Tillman** seconded, to amend said order to include payment to Cintas in the amount of \$94,763.90. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.**

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

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

**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 199 to 227 APPEARING AT PAGES 24411 TO 24480 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,913,076.67 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 199 to 227 appearing at pages 24411 to 24480, inclusive thereon in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$3,913,076.67 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>
GENERAL FUND	993,739.26
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-STATE	4,790.00
TECHNOLOGY FUND	47,958.07
PARKS & RECR. FUND	39,326.07
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	574,382.01
FIRE PROTECTION	4,276.17
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	431,102.07
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	1,113,948.20
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	4,608.50
NARCOTICS EVIDENCE ESCROW	2,081.60
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	4,125.00
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	28,510.00
CAPITOL STREET 2-WAY PROJECT	538.27
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	170.00
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	3,019.82
WATER/SEWER CAP IMP NOTE 7M	33,550.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	12,008.58
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	291,263.63
POLICE PROP EVIDENCE CASH FUND	1,517.00
P E G ACCESS PROGRAMMING FUND	1,766.84
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE FUND	19,217.16
FLOODING OF 2020	23,395.00
COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND	93,829.33
HOPWA COVID CARES	15,703.43
LIBRARY FUND	162,250.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,913,076.67</u></b>

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MS. KAYE CRAFT, PRESIDENT OF K. CRAFT ASSOCIATES, INC. TO FACILITATE A WORKSHOP ON RACE, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AS IT RELATES TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORKFORCE FOR THE JACKSON WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, A PROJECT FUNDED BY THE ASPEN INSTITUTE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Aspen Institute has awarded the City of Jackson, a grant to host and facilitate a Workforce Leadership Academy (WLA) for one year to grow the network of systems leaders in Jackson with the skills to develop organizational, field and systems strategies to advance more equitable opportunities for workers while meeting talent development needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Workforce Leadership Academy's projected outcomes for the participating fellows and their respective organizations are: enhanced personal leadership and organizational capacity; development of partnerships and collaborations; augmentation to current systems thinking; and advancement of labor market equity through a lens of race, equity and inclusion, and skills in building employer practices and influencing policy in the Jackson ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, Kaye Craft was selected by the Aspen Institute team as a guest presenter for the WLA fellows, on the subject of race, equity, and inclusion as related to leadership development

**IT IS HERBY ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with Kaye Craft, president of K. Craft Associates, Inc. to present to the Jackson Workforce Leadership Academy fellows; and to pay a consulting fee not to exceed \$5,000.00, which will be funded by the Aspen Institute grant awarded to the City of Jackson to host and facilitate the Workforce Leadership Academy.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative Officer**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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Thereafter, **President Banks** called for a vote on said item:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH THE RETAIL COACH TO PROVIDE RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson is subject to regulations promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration because it receives federal monies and assistance in its provision of public transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, FTA C Circular 4220.1 F was promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration as guidance to assist recipients in complying with the various federal laws and legislation which affect FTA assisted procurements; and

**WHEREAS**, state purchasing schedules are identified as a procurement source in Chapter V Paragraph 4 of FTA C Circular 4220.1 F; and

**WHEREAS**, the FTA expects recipients to review state procedures for the award of state contracts and determine if same complied with procedures set forth in the aforementioned circular; and

**WHEREAS**, staff within the Office of Transportation reviewed the procedures used by the State of Mississippi to award the contract and determines that full and open competition was used in the awarding of the procurement and further determined that the procurement meets other requirements of the Circular, including but not limited to, procurement from DBE certified transit vehicle manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Transportation believes and recommends that the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by purchasing three (3) floor 25-passenger ADA accessible buses from Alliance Bus Group pursuant to the purchasing schedule negotiated with the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the procurement is \$199,155.00; and

**WHEREAS**, monies received from the Federal Transit Administration (80%) in the amount of \$159,324.00 will be used to fund the procurement described; and

**WHEREAS**, the sum of \$39,831.00 is not covered by federal funding and must be matched from local sources (20%); and

**WHEREAS**, the local match is included in the division's budget for FY2021.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that procurement of three (3) 25-passenger ADA accessible buses may be purchased from Alliance Bus Group pursuant to the State of Mississippi Contract #8200050841 in accordance with the referenced Circular;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$199,155.00 may be expended for the procurement with the understanding that federal monies in the amount of \$159,324.00 (80%) will be used for the procurement and a local match not exceeding \$39,831.00 (20%) will also be used.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute purchase orders, contracts, and other documents not contrary to the provisions of this order which may be required and necessary for facilitating the procurement and the receipt and delivery of the goods or services stated.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**Note: Council Members Stamps and Stokes** left the meeting.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH THE RETAIL COACH TO PROVIDE RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Department of Planning and Development desires to enter into an agreement with The Retail Coach for retail recruitment related services; and

**WHEREAS**, The Retail Coach will target 30 retailers suitable for Hwy 80 and County Line Road's site selection data, custom marketing materials for both highlighted areas, a market and GAP analysis, real estate profile sheets, and an interactive site map to be used as part of the Economic Development Department's ongoing recruitment tools; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the project is to identify the site selection data for the City of Jackson and to tack proactive approach to increase the retail sales tax base by recruiting eligible retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, said services will be provided from January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00.

**IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement and related documents with The Retail Coach to provide professional retail recruitment related services in the City of Jackson from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the agreement may be renewed under the same terms and conditions up to three (3) years, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year, subject to the right of the succeeding governing authorities to void.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps and Stokes.

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**Note: Council Members Stamps and Stokes** returned to the meeting.

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**ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE WEST CAPITOL STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2020, the City of Jackson received two sealed bids for the West Capitol Street Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid received from Hemphill Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$5,962,007.95, was the lowest and best bid received and met specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works recommends that the City accept the bid of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc., as the lowest and best bid.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the bid of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$5,962,007.95, is accepted in accordance with the City’s Advertisement for Bidders; said bid and the specifications are placed on file with the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Room 424 at 200 S. President Street and the City Clerk, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Charles Williams, Director of Public Works**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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Thereafter, **President Banks** called for a vote on said item:

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

Nays – Stokes.

Absent – None.

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**Note: Council Member Stamps** left the meeting.

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**ORDER AMENDING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CROWN ENGINEERING, PLLC, FOR THE WEST CAPITOL STREET IMPROVEMENTS (PRENTISS STREET TO I-220), CITY PROJECT NO. 19B4014.501.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works desires to have construction administration services for the street improvements to West Capitol Street (Prentiss Street to I-220), Jackson, Mississippi, Hinds County, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Crown Engineering, PLLC, a multi-disciplinary civil engineering firm located in Jackson, Mississippi was approved by City Council for professional engineering services on August 6, 2019 in amount not to exceed \$248,404.37; and

**WHEREAS**, Crown Engineering, PLLC, has submitted a proposal to provide construction administration services in an amount not to exceed \$620,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works recommends the City of Jackson enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Crown Engineering, PLLC, in a total amount not to exceed \$868,804.37, for the West Capitol Street Improvements (Prentiss Street to I-220).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that an engineering services agreement with Crown Engineering, PLLC, in an amount not to exceed \$868,804.37, for the West Capitol Street Improvements (Prentiss Street to I-220) is accepted.

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING A SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FROM GE DIGITAL, LLC, FOR THE ANNUAL GLOBALCARE SUPPORT SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE TO THE PROFICY HMI/SCADA IFIX SOFTWARE SUITE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON’S POTABLE WATER WORKS.**

**WHEREAS**, the water treatment SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system for the City of Jackson is essential for treating water at the O.B. Curtis (conventional process) and J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plants; and

**WHEREAS**, GlobalCare Support provides necessary updates and support to ensure the stable and secure operation of the SCADA system’s software, Proficy HMI/SCADA iFIX; and

**WHEREAS**, GE Digital, LLC, is the sole support service provider in the United States for Proficy software products, and Gray Matter Systems is the sole authorized representative in the state of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the annual GlobalCare Support agreement totals \$27,401.76.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that a single source procurement is authorized from GE Digital, LLC in the amount of \$27,401.76 for GlobalCare Support for the Proficy HMI/SCADA iFix software used at the water treatment plants.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN MODEL LOCATED AT BUDDY BUTTS PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council resolves to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson seeks to continue providing a sustainable and thriving quality of life for its citizens, while enhancing tourism attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson is a central place for tourism, economic growth, and leisure activities; thus, generating a great desire to keep those environments lively and well maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson owns Buddy Butts Park which is home to the Mississippi River Basin Model; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River Basin Model was constructed in 1943 to help predict how and where the Mississippi River would flood before there were computers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River Basin Model is now on the Mississippi Land Mark Heritage Trust List and the Mississippi List of Endangered Places; and

**WHEREAS**, through the aging of this facilities and wear and tear; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe this park is a great asset to Jackson, and anyone who visits it; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is requesting One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for proposed improvements to Buddy Butts Park.

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities, and remedy the maintenance issues as it pertains to certain municipal property.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports proposed legislation initiatives to be considered during the 2021 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature that request funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to make improvements to the Mississippi River Basin Model located at Buddy Butts Park, which will enable the City's ability to foster a more vibrant playing

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING THE JOHN LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, voting is fundamental to democracy in the United States' form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has provided millions of Black, Latino, Asian American, and Native American citizens who were previously denied suffrage with a more equitable opportunity to cast a ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision, the Supreme Court upheld Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, requiring jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to submit any proposed changes in voting procedures to the U.S. Department of Justice or a federal district court in Washington, D.C. to ensure the change would not harm minority voters (known as “preclearance”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States struck down Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which contained a coverage formula determining which jurisdictions are covered by Section 5 of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is rendered practically inoperable until Congress enacts a new coverage formula; and

**WHEREAS**, following the 2013 decision, states enacted new voting restrictions that would otherwise be subject to preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives of the United States, in a report entitled Voting Rights and Election Administration in the United States of America concluded that “without federal protections, new and old barriers to voting have emerged” that “disproportionately impact minority voters”; and

**WHEREAS**, the John Lewis Voting Right Advancement Act creates a new coverage formula that applies to all states; and

**WHEREAS**, the John Lewis Voting Right Advancement Act establishes a targeted process for reviewing voting changes in jurisdictions nationwide, focused on measures that have historically been used to discriminate against voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson is opposed to any federal laws that disenfranchise individuals from exercising their most fundamental constitutional right to vote.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson supports the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and urges its enactment into law.

**Council Member Tillman** moved adoption; **President Banks** seconded.

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CONSIDER LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS WHEN DEVELOPING POLICIES.**

**WHEREAS**, to receive economic impact payment from the CARES Act, most taxpayers had to file an income tax return for 2018 or 2019 to qualify; and

**WHEREAS**, many taxpayers who do not owe federal income taxes benefit from refundable tax credits, creating an incentive to file; and

**WHEREAS**, many low-income taxpayers who do not qualify for refundable credits might skip filing a tax return if they have an income of approximately \$12,200 or less. This number represents 10 million single individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, since this group of individuals is not used to filing an income tax return, they might not have filed in 2019 and miss out on the economic impact payment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson encourages Congress that when legislation impacting low-income individuals is considered, lawmakers need to consider the effects that not needing to file a tax return will have on Americans' access to benefits.

**Council Member Tillman** moved adoption; **President Banks** seconded.

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ENCOURAGING TAXPAYERS TO TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IRS FREE FILE.**

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact payments (CARES Act stimulus payments) generally require taxpayers to file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 to qualify; and

**WHEREAS**, VITA/TCE sites might experience shutdowns due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic during the tax year 2020 filing season; and

**WHEREAS**, Free File is an easy way for low-income households with internet access to file a return and become eligible for the payments-without having to leave their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Policy Center estimates about 15 million households did not file returns in 2019, and the Joint Committee on Taxation found as many as 30 million individuals were non-filers in 2011. Many non-filers otherwise would qualify for the financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, the average fee for a professional to prepare and submit a Form 1040 and state return with no itemized deductions is \$176.00. The average fee for an itemized Form 1040 with Schedule A and a state tax return is \$273.00, according to The National Society of Accountants Reports on Average Tax Return Preparation Fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson will advocate for as many individuals and taxpayers to take advantage of Free File and encourage the IRS to reauthorize the program with the Free File Alliance when it expires on October 31, 2020.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, CALLING TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL CANNABIS LAWS.**

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments share with the federal government the responsibility to ensure public health and safety are addressed through competent, thoughtful, and comprehensive legislation and regulation that is reflective of local values and needs; and

**WHEREAS**, an increasing number of states have passed or are considering voter referenda or legislation to authorize the legal growth and distribution of cannabis for adults' recreational use; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly all states have passed voter referenda or legislation authorizing the legal growth, distribution, possession and use of cannabis for a variety of medical conditions for patients suffering from serious and chronic diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, cannabis' status as a Schedule I illicit substance on the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and the CSA's coupling with the Bank Secrecy Act have created a condition under which the cannabis industry has severely limited access to the federally regulated banking industry; and

**WHEREAS**, this condition has led to a reliance on “cash only” models that involve the transportation of large sums of paper money through cities, increase the risks of theft crimes and tax evasion, and deny large groups of business owners the capital needed to enter the market; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has rescinded guidance that previously provided a minimal level of confidence for financial institutions looking to provide services to this growing industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, while it takes no stance on state-by-state efforts to legalize or prohibit any form of cannabis, City of Jackson urges the federal government to resolve the conflict between state and federal cannabis laws, and to provide guidance to financial institutions that results in the cannabis market having access to the federally regulated banking system.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps.

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**RESOLUTION OF CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF  
FEDERAL ACTION ON THE COVID-19 CRISIS.**

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented threat to the wellbeing of America’s cities, towns, and villages; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic fallout is overwhelming the social safety net, public safety, health and medical infrastructure, education facilities, public institutions, and businesses of American cities, towns, and villages; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, businesses and schools have closed to limit transmission and transitioned to mandatory remote work or online learning, despite the large numbers of residents who lack access to adequate broadband at home or cannot afford a subscription; and

**WHEREAS**, countless community events have been canceled and local governments are conducting meetings and business online in order to adhere to social distancing protocols as established by the Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments are on the frontlines of our nation’s public health emergency response and overall public safety efforts and need strong federal, state, and local intergovernmental collaboration to address this crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns, and villages are experiencing unanticipated expenses due to the COVID-19 crisis as well as declining local revenue streams as the economy slows; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent survey of elected officials and city/town manager from cities, towns, and villages from across the country found that local governments are taking a variety of actions to address the public health crisis and keep vulnerable populations safe, such as closing facilities and banning large gatherings, halting utility shutoffs and funding food delivery programs, like school meal replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, based on results of a similar survey conducted by the International City/County Management Association and the Government Finance Officers Association, it is estimated that 60% of local governments anticipate spending up to \$500,000 in the next six months on COVID- 19-related expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson calls on Congress and the Administration to take immediate, direct action to support pandemic response and recovery at the local level; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson calls on the federal government to develop and coordinate a comprehensive containment strategy that involves commitments of federal funding, supplies, equipment, training, expertise, personnel, countermeasures, and public health measures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges Congress to enact a stabilization fund for local government operations and services that makes emergency aid available to every unit of local government, including cities, counties, and states; and that minimizes any new administrative burdens on state governments by providing uniform sub-allocation requirements for every state to clearly and efficiently transfer funding to all localities that do not meet requirements for direct federal aid, within 20 days for rapid-response and on-the-ground programming; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson calls on Congress to provide substantial emergency supplemental appropriations to local governments for the purpose of stabilizing residents, households, and small businesses that have lost income and opportunity as a result of public measures to contain COVID-19, through existing programs including, but not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Surface Transportation Block Grant, the Social Services Block Grant, and the Community Services Block Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress should reduce burdensome reporting requirements and suspend the 15% public services cap on emergency supplemental funding for CDBG, which will allow for maximum flexibility in the use of the funds to assist vulnerable residents with critical social services (i.e., health services, food pantries, senior meals programs) and short-term rental assistance to help stave off evictions and assist people impacted by the massive slowdown occurring in local economies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress should support additional policies and programs that will provide local governments assistance, stimulate the economy, and provide relief to residents and businesses, including but not limited to:

- funding for homelessness assistance, emergency rent relief, and other housing assistance funds to prevent housing instability and homelessness;
- supporting critical infrastructure services that depend on fares, including transit service and airports, which are essential to economic recovery; expanding access to the lifeline program for low-income residents to subscribe to broadband at home;
- deploying emergency rapid-response funding to schools and libraries to distribute wireless hotspots for residents without in-home broadband;
- providing a mix of grants and loans for economic development assistance; restoring tools for efficient use of government resources such as the advanced refunding tax-exempt bonds;
- expanding tax supports for individuals and families including the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit;
- ensuring the Federal Emergency Management Agency has enough resources to provide long-term technical, financial, and procurement assistance to local governments to manage response and recovery efforts; and
- supporting local law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges Congress to include a provision in law that provides tax credits to local governments for providing mandated paid sick and paid emergency family leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges Congress to adopt the 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act, a bipartisan, bicameral piece of legislation that would extend the apportionment data from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021, and extend the statutory delivery of redistricting data to the states from March 31, 2021 to July 31, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges the Administration to extend agency comment periods and suspend federal shot clocks for a reasonable period of time to allow state and local leaders to focus on addressing the nation's immediate pandemic response needs and ensure their ability to devote proper consideration of agency regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges the federal government to respect local governance and local democracy during this unprecedented time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson urges Congress and the Administration to oppose measures that create new unfunded mandates on local governments, or those that preempt local authority.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SUPPORTING REFORMING AND UPDATING OPPORTUNITY ZONES TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS AND INVESTORS.**

**WHEREAS**, Opportunity Zone legislation was part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (“TCJA”); and

**WHEREAS**, Opportunity Zones are designed to provide equity investments in low-income communities nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the underlying incentive for Opportunity Zones is the tax treatment of capital gains; and

**WHEREAS**, Opportunity Funds invest in Opportunity Zone businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and investors in Opportunity Zones might not have access to personal capital gains or capital gains from a Fund needed to start a business in an Opportunity Zone community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson encourages Congress to work to help those who lack capital gains and those who cannot access capital through an existing Opportunity Zone Fund to use alternative mechanisms to allow businesses to qualify as an Opportunity Zone Business.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the federal tax exemption for municipal bonds has been in place since the federal income tax was instituted in 1913; and

**WHEREAS**, tax-exempt municipal bonds are the primary funding mechanism for state and local government infrastructure projects with three-quarters of the total United States investment in infrastructure being accomplished with tax-exempt financing from over 50,000 state and local governments and authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the tax-exemption for municipal bonds was granted to ensure affordable access to credit for municipal projects that, among other things, provide for public health and well-being, and as a result, local governments have saved taxpayers an average of 20 to 25 percent on interest costs with tax-exempt municipal bonds as compared to taxable bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, a cap or elimination of the federal tax exemption for municipal bonds would place federal, state, and local governments at cross-purposes because any savings realized by the federal government as a result of tampering with the tax exemption would be more than offset by economic losses at the state and local level due to higher credit costs, canceled infrastructure projects, fewer job opportunities, and a greater burden on local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, stability in the municipal bond market rests on the tax exemption for municipal bonds, and market stability is essential to local and national economic recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson calls on members of Congress and the President to support maintaining the tax exemption for municipal bonds to promote employment and investment in our nation's cities and towns.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the year of 2021, in the City of Jackson, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration will be recognized January 15- 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. King, Jr. dedicated his life to the fight for equality and justice for humankind; the annual celebration highlights a renewal of dedication to this primary focus; and

**WHEREAS**, traditionally this holiday is recognized throughout the world with a diversity of educational, inspirational and celebratory events; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of our celebration is to promote human equality, principles of nonviolence and the understanding and acceptance of racial harmony, respect, and goodwill among citizens in the building of a strong community in Jackson, Mississippi, across the United States of America and throughout the world.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports and encourage the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi to recognize and support the January, 2021 birthday celebration for Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with healthy and safe effort.

**SO RESOLVED**, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 25:

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING OPERATIONS OF NIGHT CLUBS IN THE CITY OF JACKSON BY CLOSING OR BY RESTRICTED HOURS AND CAPACITY DURING COVID-19.** President Banks recognized Council Member Stokes who stated said item would be tabled until a later date.

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There came for Discussion Agenda Item No. 26:

**DISCUSSION: RATS:** President Banks recognized Council Member Stokes who expressed concerns about rats coming out of drains due to the sewage issues.

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There came for Discussion Agenda Item No. 27:

**DISCUSSION: MEDGAR EVERS BLVD:** President Banks recognized Council Member Stokes who expressed concerns regarding the work being done on Medgar Evers affecting businesses near the construction site.

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There came for Discussion Agenda Item No. 28:

**DISCUSSION: LAWLESS ACT:** President Banks recognized Council Member Lindsay who stated that a discussion was held during Work Session about this topic. Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba provided a brief overview of a recent incident.

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There were no reports/announcements provided during the meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Special Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2021. At 12:02 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

*Shanekia Mosley-Brendan*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

*Chokwe Antar Lumumba* 2/11/2021  
MAYOR *ALB* DATE

ATTEST:

*Angela Harris*  
CITY CLERK

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