

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 2:45 P.M.**

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 at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 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 the City Hall, relative to: (1) Discussion: Urgent Request For Assistance (Jackson City Council). The meeting was convened at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021, being the first Friday 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, Ward 4; and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council; Constance White., Chief Deputy Clerk of Council; and Monica Allen, Interim City Attorney.

Absent: None.

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

DISCUSSION: URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (JACKSON CITY COUNCIL): Council Members discussed the need to ask for assistance from the State of Mississippi for emergency funding necessary for improvements to the City of Jackson's water treatment plants and distribution network. **President Banks** recognized **Charles Williams, Director of Public Works**, who gave a brief overview of the condition of the water treatment plants and distribution network.

President Banks recognized **Council Member Lindsay** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Stamps**, to add a resolution in support of a request to the State of Mississippi for emergency funding necessary for improvements to the City of Jackson's water treatment plants and distribution network. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Stokes.

Note: Council Member Stokes left the meeting.

There came on as the Emergency Agenda Item: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON'S WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
CITY OF JACKSON'S WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND DISTRIBUTION
NETWORK**

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the National Weather Service issued a winter weather/storm warning for an area including the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, rain, sleet, ice, snow, and prolonged subfreezing temperatures occurred in the City of Jackson beginning February 13, 2021, which resulted in dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 16, 2021, the City began experiencing problems with its two water treatment plants due to continuous hard freeze conditions, which resulted in the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, hard freeze conditions limited the transportation of chemicals necessary to treat water at both water treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the hard freeze also appears to have resulted in breaks in water distribution lines that hamper efforts to provide potable water to City of Jackson water customers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conditions and damage caused by the rain, sleet, snow, and prolonged hard freeze, customers of the City of Jackson water system were without potable water and many customers are still without any water, which is creating public health and safety issues, including, but not limited to the inability to maintain proper hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the inability to properly dispose of human waste, and otherwise preventable fire losses due to a lack of water with which to fight fires; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba did declare a civil emergency effective February 12, 2021, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to take all efforts to protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 33-15-1, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, declared a local emergency to support the civil emergency declared by the Mayor effective as of February 12, 2021, for the entire City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in the proclamation declaring a local emergency, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, ordered that said proclamation should be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal government officials, including, but not limited to, the Governor of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of City of Jackson, Mississippi hereby find that conditions of extreme peril exist in the City as a result of need to make necessary capital improvements to its water treatment plants and distribution network; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi further find that these improvements are critical to ensure clean water is provided to all customers within its service area, as well as to preserve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, based on the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost incorporated in the City of Jackson's 2020 Water System Capital Improvement Plan (dated December 16, 2020), funding in the amount of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00) is required to make the capital improvements necessary to the water treatment plants and distribution network; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, on March 3, 2020, submitted a formal written request to the Governor of the State of Mississippi to assist in obtaining the funding needed to complete the referenced capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi support the Mayor's request to the Governor of the State of Mississippi to assist in obtaining said funding to complete the necessary improvements, as well as assist with requesting funding from State and Federal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi join the Mayor in formally requesting that the State of Mississippi immediately provide emergency funding in the amount of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00) to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to make necessary capital improvements to its water treatment plants and distribution network to ensure safety, health, and welfare of its citizens and customers.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, and that the Governor request funding assistance from State and Federal agencies.

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

President Banks recognized **Council Member Stamps** who moved, **Council Member Lee** seconded, to amend said order to reference "The United States Government" in header and throughout said item. The motion prevailed by the following votes:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

Note: Council Member Stokes returned to the meeting during discussion.

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON'S WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK.

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the National Weather Service issued a winter weather/storm warning for an area including the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, rain, sleet, ice, snow, and prolonged subfreezing temperatures occurred in the City of Jackson beginning February 13, 2021, which resulted in dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 16, 2021, the City began experiencing problems with its two water treatment plants due to continuous hard freeze conditions, which resulted in the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, hard freeze conditions limited the transportation of chemicals necessary to treat water at both water treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the hard freeze also appears to have resulted in breaks in water distribution lines that hamper efforts to provide potable water to City of Jackson water customers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conditions and damage caused by the rain, sleet, snow, and prolonged hard freeze, customers of the City of Jackson water system were without potable water and many customers are still without any water, which is creating public health and safety issues, including, but not limited to the inability to maintain proper hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the inability to properly dispose of human waste, and otherwise preventable fire losses due to a lack of water with which to fight fires; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba did declare a civil emergency effective February 12, 2021, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 45-17-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to take all efforts to protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 33-15-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, declared a local emergency

to support the civil emergency declared by the Mayor effective as of February 12, 2021, for the entire City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in the proclamation declaring a local emergency, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, ordered that said proclamation should be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal government officials, including, but not limited to, the Governor of the State of Mississippi and the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of City of Jackson, Mississippi hereby find that conditions of extreme peril exist in the City as a result of need to make necessary capital improvements to its water treatment plants and distribution network; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi further find that these improvements are critical to ensure clean water is provided to all customers within its service area, as well as to preserve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, based on the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost incorporated in the City of Jackson's 2020 Water System Capital Improvement Plan (dated December 16, 2020), funding in the amount of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00) is required to make the capital improvements necessary to the water treatment plants and distribution network; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, on March 3, 2020, submitted a formal written request to the Governor of the State of Mississippi to assist in obtaining the funding needed to complete the referenced capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi support the Mayor's request to the Governor of the State of Mississippi to assist in obtaining said funding to complete the necessary improvements, as well as assist with requesting funding from State and Federal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi join the Mayor in formally requesting that the State of Mississippi and the United States government immediately provide emergency funding in the amount of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00) to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to make necessary capital improvements to its water treatment plants and distribution network to ensure safety, health, and welfare of its citizens and customers.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, and that the Governor request funding assistance from State and Federal agencies.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate agencies within the United States government.

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

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

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President Banks recognized **Council Member Stamps** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Lindsay**, to add a resolution of the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, requesting immediate funding for the erection and maintenance of four (4) water storage towers: (1) in Byram, Mississippi; (2) in South Jackson, Mississippi; and (1) in West Jackson, Mississippi. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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There came on as the Emergency Agenda Item RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI REQUESTING IMMEDIATE FUNDING FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FOUR (4) WATER STORAGE TOWERS: (1) IN BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI; (2) IN SOUTH JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; AND (1) IN WEST JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI REQUESTING IMMEDIATE FUNDING FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FOUR (4) WATER STORAGE TOWERS: (1) IN BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI; (2) IN SOUTH JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; AND (1) IN WEST JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the National Weather Service issued a winter weather/storm warning for an area including the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, rain, sleet, ice, snow, and prolonged subfreezing temperatures occurred in the City of Jackson beginning February 13, 2021, which resulted in dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 16, 2021, the City began experiencing problems with its two water treatment plants due to continuous hard freeze conditions, which resulted in the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, hard freeze conditions limited the transportation of chemicals necessary to treat water at both water treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the hard freeze also appears to have resulted in breaks in water distribution lines that hamper efforts to provide potable water to City of Jackson water customers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conditions and damage caused by the rain, sleet, snow, and prolonged hard freeze, customers of the City of Jackson water system were without potable water and many customers are still without any water, which is creating public health and safety issues, including, but not limited to the inability to maintain proper hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the inability to properly dispose of human waste, and otherwise preventable fire losses due to a lack of water with which to fight fires; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba did declare a civil emergency effective February 12, 2021, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 45-17-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to take all efforts to protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to Section 33-15-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, declared a local emergency to support the civil emergency declared by the Mayor effective as of February 12, 2021, for the entire City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in the proclamation declaring a local emergency, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, ordered that said proclamation should be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal government officials, including, but not limited to, the Governor of the State of Mississippi and the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of City of Jackson, Mississippi hereby find that conditions of extreme peril exist in the City as a result of the need to make necessary capital improvements to its water treatment plants and distribution network; specifically its water storage towers and/or facilities ; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi further find that these improvements are critical to ensure clean water is provided to all customers within its service area, as well as to preserve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi formally request that the State of Mississippi and United States government immediately provide emergency funding in the amount of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to erect and maintain four (4) water storage towers: 2 water storage tanks in South Jackson, Mississippi; 1 water storage tank in West Jackson, Mississippi; and 1 water storage tank in Byram, Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, and that the Governor request funding assistance from State and Federal agencies.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate agencies within the United States government.

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

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council meeting at 1:00 p.m. on March 11, 2021. At 3:45 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shanekia Mosley - Brandon
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Chris Ford, 5/17/2021
MAYOR DATE

ATTEST:

Angela Harner
CITY CLERK

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 1:00 P.M.**

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 at 9:57 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 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 the City Hall, relative to: (1) Claims. The meeting was convened at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, being the second Thursday 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; De’Keither Stamps, Ward 4; and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council; Constance White., Chief Deputy Clerk of Council; and Monica Allen, Interim City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 24831 to 24831 APPEARING AT PAGES 390 TO 390 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,575.00 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 24831 to 24831 appearing at pages 390 to 390, inclusive thereon in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$192,575.00 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
2018 TIF BOND \$1.7M – WESTIN	192,575.00
TOTAL	<u>\$192,575.00</u>

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

President Banks recognized **Marlin King, Interim Chief Administrative Officer**, who provided a brief overview of the Claims Docket.

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

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

Note: Council Members Foote and Stamps joined the meeting.

President Banks recognized **Council Member Tillman** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Lindsay** to reconsider the previous item. The motion prevailed by the following vote: