

**PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 6:00 P.M. 478**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Public Hearing/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 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 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) Proposed millage/FY 2021-2022 budget for the City of Jackson. (2) Order establishing ad valorem tax levy on real and personal property for the City of Jackson and the Jackson/Hinds Library system for fiscal year 2021-2022 (tax year 2021). (3) Order establishing ad valorem tax levy on real and personal property for the City of Jackson and the Jackson/hinds library system for fiscal year 2021-2022 (tax year 2021). (4) Order establishing ad valorem tax levy on real and personal property for the Jackson municipal separate school district for fiscal year 2021-2022 (tax year 2021). (5) Order rescinding the March 30, 2021 order authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal cooperative agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and Hinds County, Mississippi, to provide five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to Hinds County, Mississippi, to engage deputies of the sheriff of Hinds County to assist with public safety activities within the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (6) Order terminating agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi, Holmes County, Mississippi, and the Holmes County sheriff's department for the temporary housing of Jackson police department arrestees and unencumbering funds for the same. (7) Order rescinding order authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi, Yazoo County, Mississippi, and the Yazoo County sheriff's department for the temporary housing of Jackson police department arrestees. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 being the first Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7, Council President; Angelique Lee, Ward 2, Vice-President; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; Brian Grizzell, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; 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 Virgi Lindsay**.

President Lindsay requested that Agenda Item No. 5, 6 and 7 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

ORDER RESCINDING THE MARCH 30, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO PROVIDE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) TO HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ENGAGE DEPUTIES OF THE SHERIFF OF HINDS COUNTY TO ASSIST WITH PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, during the City Council meeting on March 30, 2021, the governing body, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974 and other applicable law, invoked an order authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City") and Hinds County to provide \$500,000.00 to the Hinds County Sheriff Department to hire additional deputies to assist with public safety within the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, this interlocal cooperative agreement was proposed after careful consideration of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Jackson and recognizing the fact that the Jackson Police Department (JPD) is presently understaffed and in need of tangible assistance; and

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WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Jackson, Mississippi has been unable to reach a finite agreement with Hinds County, Mississippi leadership in a timely manner to define the terms of the aforementioned agreement; and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi is rescinding the order, thereby terminating the authorization of the aforementioned interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, rescinding this order will unencumber the earmarked funds of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to be repurposed for use within the City of Jackson's budget for first responders.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the March 30, 2021 Order Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Jackson, Mississippi, And Hinds County, Mississippi, to Provide Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500, 000.00) to Hinds County, Mississippi to Engage Deputies of the Sheriff of Hinds County to Assist with Public Safety Activities Within the City of Jackson, Mississippi is rescinded.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; **Vice President Lee** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, and, Lindsay

Nays – Stokes.

Absent – None.

ORDER TERMINATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE HOLMES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY HOUSING OF JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTEES AND UNENCUMBERING FUNDS FOR THE SAME.

WHEREAS, during the City Council meeting on October 13, 2020, the governing body, pursuant to applicable law, passed an order authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City"), Holmes County, Mississippi, and the Holmes County Sheriff's Department for the temporary housing of Jackson Police Department ("JPD") Arrestees, in particular persons charged with misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, due to the chronic overcrowding of the now consolidated Jackson City Jail and Hinds County Detention Center, the City was forced to seek supplemental jail space to house JPD arrestees; and

WHEREAS, Holmes County, Mississippi and the Holmes County Sheriff's Office agreed to provide the City with additional jail space, approximately 12 beds, at the Holmes-Humphreys County/Regional Correctional Facility in Lexington, Mississippi to house JPD arrestees; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed one-year term agreement, the City would pay \$31.00 per occupied bed per day. Said cost would include all supplies and equipment, health screening, blankets, water, food and clothing, and routine medical services, which shall be provided to the arrestee(s); and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi agrees to terminate the agreement and unencumber the funds earmarked for said agreement; and

WHEREAS, terminating this order will allow funds to be repurposed for use within the City of Jackson's budget for first responders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the order authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Holmes County, Mississippi, and Holmes County Sheriff's Office to provide the City with supplemental jail space is hereby rescinded and the agreement is terminated.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay
Nays – Stokes.
Absent – None.

ORDER RESCINDING ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, YAZOO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE YAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY HOUSING OF JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTEES.

WHEREAS, during the City Council meeting on October 13, 2020, the governing body, pursuant to applicable law, passed an order authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City"), Yazoo County, Mississippi, and the Yazoo County Sheriff's Department for the temporary housing of Jackson Police Department Arrestees, in particular persons charged with misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, due to the chronic overcrowding of the now consolidated Jackson City Jail and Hinds County Detention Center, the City was forced to seek supplemental jail space to house JPD arrestees; and

WHEREAS, Yazoo County, Mississippi and the Yazoo County Sheriff's Office agreed to provide the City with additional jail space, approximately 25 beds, at the Yazoo County Regional Correctional Facility in Yazoo City, Mississippi to house JPD arrestees; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed one-year term agreement, the City would pay \$25.00 per occupied bed per day. Said cost would include all supplies and equipment, health screening, blankets, water, food, clothing, and routine medical services, which shall be provided to the arrestee(s); and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi agrees to rescind said order and unencumber the funds earmarked for said agreement; and

WHEREAS, rescinding this order will allow funds to be repurposed for use within the City of Jackson's budget for first responders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the order authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Yazoo County, Mississippi, and Yazoo County Sheriff's Office to provide the City with supplemental jail space is hereby rescinded.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, and Lindsay
Nays – Stokes.
Absent – None.

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No.1, Public Hearing:

PROPOSED MILLAGE/FY 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON.

There was no one from the public who spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed millage for FY 2020-2021 Budget for the City of Jackson.

ORDER ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AND THE JACKSON/HINDS LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (TAX YEAR 2021).

IT IS HEREBY, ORDERED that for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, there is levied on all taxable property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, the following ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes, said levies to be collected upon each dollar of assessed value as shown upon the real and personal ad valorem assessment rolls of the property within the City limits, to wit;

FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES – FIFTY-ONE AND 06/100 (51.06) MILS

FOR BOND AND INTEREST FUND – FIVE AND 45/100 (5.45) MILS

FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FUND – TWO AND 00/100 (2.00) MILS

FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND – THREE AND 79/100 (3.79) MILS (Section 21-19-117)

TOTAL FOR SAID MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – SIXTY-TWO AND 30/100 (62.30) MILS

TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM – ONE AND 73/100 (1.73) MILS (Section 39-3-7)

TOTAL FOR MUNICIPAL AND LIBRARY PURPOSES – SIXTY-FOUR AND 03/100 (64.03) MILS

Note: Said item failed for a lack of motion.

President Lindsay recognized **LaaWanda Horton, Director of Administration**, who provided a brief overview of Agenda Item No. 2.

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

- Yeas – None.
- Nays – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
- Absent – None

Note: Said item failed for a lack of a majority vote.

ORDER ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AND THE JACKSON/HINDS LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (TAX YEAR 2021).

IT IS HEREBY, ORDERED that for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, there is levied on all taxable property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, the following ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes, said levies to be collected upon each dollar of assessed value as shown upon the real and personal ad valorem assessment rolls of the property within the City limits, to wit;

FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES – FIFTY AND 06/100 (50.06) MILS

FOR BOND AND INTEREST FUND – FIVE AND 45/100 (5.45) MILS

FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FUND – TWO AND 00/100 (2.00) MILS

FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND – THREE AND 79/100 (3.79) MILS (Section 21-19-117)

TOTAL FOR SAID MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – SIXTY-ONE AND 30/100 (61.30) MILS

TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM – ONE AND 73/100 (1.73) MILS (Section 39-3-7)

TOTAL FOR MUNICIPAL AND LIBRARY PURPOSES – SIXTY-FOUR AND 03/100 (63.03) MILS

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, and Lindsay

Nays – Stokes.

Absent – None

ORDER ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (TAX YEAR 2021).

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District has submitted a certified copy of its Order formally requesting an ad valorem tax levy and officially approving the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt an ad valorem tax levy sufficient to fund said budget.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, there is levied on all taxable property, real and personal, within the Jackson Municipal Separate School District, composed of property both inside and outside the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, the following ad valorem taxes for school purposes, said levies to be collected upon each dollar of assessed value as shown upon the real and personal ad valorem assessment rolls of the said Jackson Municipal Separate School District for Tax Year 2021, to wit;

DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT LEVY – SIXTY-FIVE AND 91/100 (65.91) MILS

DEBT SERVICE RETIREMENT – 2012A BOND SERIES PHASE I (4907) – ONE AND 90/100 (1.90) MILS

DEBT SERVICE RETIREMENT – 2012B BOND SERIES PHASE I (4908) – THREE AND 58/100 (3.58) MILS

DEBT SERVICE RETIREMENT – 2015A BOND SERIES PHASE I (4910) – TEN AND 85/100 (10.85) MILS

DEBT SERVICE RETIREMENT – 2017 LIMITED TAX NOTES (4913) – 22/100 (0.22) MILS

DEBT SERVICE RETIREMENT – 2018 BOND SERIES (4914) – FOUR AND 34/100 (4.34) MILS

TOTAL LEVIED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES – EIGHTY-SIX AND 80/100 (86.80) MILS

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, and Lindsay

Nays – Stokes.

Absent – None

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 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021. At 6:38 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shanekia Mosley-Jordan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Charles L. ..., 11/12/2021
MAYOR DATE

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
CITY CLERK
