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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN.**
- 2. DISCUSSION: LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**
- 3. DISCUSSION: CITY LOBBYIST**

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, MAYOR OR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING THE CITY OF JACKSON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Jackson’s Strategic Plan – “Investing in The Inherent Dignity of Every Citizen of Jackson”, contains elements for synchronous alignment regarding addressing the critical infrastructure needs of the city and building a pathway to Human Dignity through five Goals and Initiatives; and

**WHEREAS,** The Strategic Capital Infrastructure Improvement Plan is a comprehensive plan for projects developed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) in consultation with the 1% Municipal Sales Tax Commission which will implement projects approved within the master plan; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Jackson is confronting seemingly insurmountable challenges in meeting its basic infrastructure needs due to decades of deferred maintenance, combined with loss of jobs and a shrinking tax base have resulted in crumbling streets and deteriorating water, wastewater, and stormwater systems.; and

**WHEREAS,** Public Works officials are compelled to spend enormous amounts of limited capital dollars addressing major maintenance issues that provide temporary patches, when these resources should be spent on capital improvements that bring long-term value; and

**WHEREAS,** Since March 2013, the City has been under a Consent Decree agreement with USEPA and the MDEQ, requiring the City to undertake an estimated \$700 million in wastewater system improvements over a period of 17.5 years, to bring the City into compliance with the Clean Water Act and prevent contaminated discharges into the Pearl River; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2018 the Mississippi Legislature enacted legislation creating the Capitol Complex Improvement Fund and to make deposits to the fund to be used by the Department of Finance and Administration to make improvements within the Capitol Complex District; and

**WHEREAS,** The scope of the Strategic Capital Infrastructure Improvement Plan includes street, curb and gutter reconstruction/resurfacing/repairs, bridge construction/reconstruction/repair, surface water drainage system reconstruction/repair, street lighting installation/replacement, traffic signal installation/replacement, water and sewer line installation/replacement/rehabilitation, public park and public rights-of-way reconstruction/repair, sidewalk reconstruction/repair/landscaping, relocation of power and communication lines underground, and other infrastructure, public safety and similar improvements as deemed necessary by the DPW;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi formally support the Department of Public Works Strategic Capital Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

**(JACKSON CITY COUNCIL)**