

**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 2:23 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, 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) Order confirming the mayor's reappointment of Henry C. Clay III, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (2) Order confirming the mayor's reappointment of June Hardwick, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (3) Order confirming the mayor's reappointment of Jeffery P. Reynolds, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (4) Order confirming the mayor's reappointment of Taurean Buchanan, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (5) Order confirming the mayor's appointment of Anthony Vernaci to the Municipal Election Commission. (6) Order confirming the mayor's appointment of Frances Hampton to the Municipal Election Commission. (7) Order confirming the mayor's appointment of Linda Sanders to the Municipal Election Commission. (8) Order confirming the mayor's appointment of Sandra Griffin McCall to the Municipal Election Commission. (9) An ordinance creating section 2-171 adopting a premium pay plan for employees of the City of Jackson, Mississippi. (10) Discussion: JROTC West Point Leads Conference (11) Discussion: Garbage Contract. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, being the fourth Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

**Present:** Council Members: Virgi Lindsay, Council President, Ward 7; Angelique Lee, Council Vice President, Ward 2 (via teleconference); Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Aaron Banks, Ward 6. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Constance White, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Council; and Catoria Martin, City Attorney.

**Absent:** Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

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The meeting was called to order by **President Virgi Lindsay**.

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**President Lindsay** requested that Agenda Item 10 for discussion be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**DISCUSSION: JROTC WEST POINT LEADS CONFERENCE:** **President Lindsay** recognized **Council Member Foote** who introduced **Reggie Fulwood, President of West Point Society of Mississippi** and **Colonel Fredrick Brown, Director of U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) in Jackson Public Schools (JPS)** who encouraged all citizens to attend the JROTC West Point Leads Conference.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF HENRY C. CLAY III, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has reappointed Henry Clay, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective January 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the reappointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the reappointment and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the appointment should be confirmed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Henry C. Clay, III is reappointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Henry C. Clay III**, who gave his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

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Note: **Vice President Lee** joined the meeting.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF JUNE HARDWICK, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has reappointed June Hardwick, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective January 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the reappointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the reappointment and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the appointment should be confirmed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that June Hardwick, Esq. is reappointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **June Hardwick**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFFERY P. REYNOLDS, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has reappointed Jeffery P. Reynolds, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective January 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the reappointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the reappointment and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the reappointment should be confirmed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Jeffery P. Reynolds is reappointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Jeffery P. Reynolds**, who gave his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

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Note: **Vice President Lee** left the meeting.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF TAUREAN BUCHANAN, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has reappointed Taurean Buchanan, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson to be effective January 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the reappointment is made pursuant to Section 21-23-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is now before the City Council for confirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the reappointment and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the appointment should be confirmed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Taurean Buchanan is reappointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Taurean Buchanan**, who gave his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY VERNACI TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Vernaci’s term expired on June 30, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Vernaci, resident of Ward 7, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor’s appointment of Anthony Vernaci to the Municipal Election Commission for Ward 7 be confirmed with said term to expire on June 30, 2025.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Anthony Vernaci**, who gave his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members via teleconference.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF FRANCES HAMPTON TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Frances Hampton’s term expired on June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Frances Hampton, resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor’s appointment of Frances Hampton to the Municipal Election Commission for Ward 5 be confirmed with said term to expire on June 30, 2025.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Frances Hampton**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA SANDERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Sanders’ term expired on June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Sanders, resident of Ward 4, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor’s appointment of Linda Sanders to the Municipal Election Commission for Ward 4 be confirmed with said term to expire June 30, 2025.

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

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Council Member Grizzell**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Linda Sanders**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Lindsay** called for a vote on said item:

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

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA GRIFFIN MCCALL TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Election Commission consists of seven (7) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Griffin McCall’s term expired on June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Griffin McCall, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been re-appointed by the Mayor.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor’s appointment of Sandra Griffin McCall to the Municipal Election Commission for Ward 3 be confirmed with said term to expire June 30, 2025.

**Council Member Grizzell** moved adoption; **President Lindsay** seconded.

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President Lindsay recognized Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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President Lindsay recognized Sandra Griffin McCall, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, President Lindsay, called for a vote on said item:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2-171 ADOPTING A PREMIUM PAY PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson was a recipient of a payment pursuant to Section 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" as a nonentitlement unit of local government consistent with 42 U.S.C. 5306(d) to respond to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 or the economic effects from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603(c)(1)(B) of the ARPA provides that a nonentitlement unit of local government may use funds provided under Section 603 of the ARPA to cover costs incurred by the nonentitlement local unit of government to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the nonentitlement government unit that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603(g)(2) of the ARPA defines eligible worker to mean those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each nonentitlement local government unit may designate as critical to protect the health and well- being of the residents of their local government; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603(g)(6) of the ARPA defines premium pay to mean an amount of up to \$13.00 per hour that is paid to an eligible worker, in addition to wages or remuneration the eligible worker otherwise receives, for all work performed by the eligible worker during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603(c)(1)(C) of the ARPA provides that a nonentitlement unit of local government may use funds provided under Section 603 of the ARPA to cover costs incurred by the nonentitlement local unit of government for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such nonentitlement local government unit due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the nonentitlement local government unit prior to the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, employees of the City of Jackson provide critical and essential functions to the operation of the infrastructure of the City and provide services relating to public health, safety, childcare, education, sanitation, and transportation.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Jackson that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the following allocation out of the payment received by the City of Jackson under Section 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act to cover costs incurred by the City of Jackson to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers that are performing such essential work or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work and to cover costs incurred by the City of Jackson for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of the City of Jackson due to the COVID-19 public health emergency in an amount not to exceed Five Million Seven Hundred and Forty Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Four and No/100 Dollars (\$5,740,184.00);

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1. All eligible **full-time captain and lieutenant fire employees** of the City of Jackson employed by the City on or after March 1, 2021 shall receive premium pay on a biweekly basis not to exceed an annual total salary of \$45,000.00 for lieutenants and \$48,000.00 for captains.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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There came on for Discussion Agenda Item No. 11:

**DISCUSSION: GARBAGE CONTRACT:** **President Lindsay** recognized **Catoria Martin, City Attorney**, who provided a detailed overview of the garbage contract and answered all questions posed to her by Council Members. **Catoria Martin, City Attorney** introduced **Attorney John Walker** and **Attorney Gloria Green**, who spoke on behalf of Richards Disposal. **Lakesha Weathers, Solid Waste Manager** gave clarity on the house count and the current number of customers for the City of Jackson.

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**President Lindsay** stated that there were items that needed to be discussed in Executive Session regarding “Potential Litigation”.

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**President Lindsay** recognized **Council Member Banks** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Hartley** to go into Closed Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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**President Lindsay** announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session regarding “Potential Litigation.”

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During Closed Session, **Council Member Banks** moved, seconded by **Council Member Grizzell** to go into Executive Session regarding potential litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lee and Stokes.

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An announcement was made to the public that the Council voted to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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Note: **Council Member Foote** left the meeting during the discussion.

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CITY CLERK  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 2:30 P.M.**

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

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Foote, Lee and Stokes.

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**President Lindsay** announced to the public that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

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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 Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2022. At 5:45 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

**PREPARED BY:**

Shanekia Mosley-Hunter  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**APPROVED:**

Charles L. ..., 4/5/22  
MAYOR DATE

**ATTEST:**

Angela Hunter  
CITY CLERK

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