

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 2:00 P.M.**

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**Present:** Committee Members: Chairperson, Aaron Banks; Vice Chair; Ashby Foote (via Teleconference), Brian Grizzell (via Teleconference), Vernon Hartley and Virgi Lindsay (via Teleconference), Council President. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Louis Wright, Chief Administrative Officer; Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, and Constance White-Anderson, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council.

**Absent:** Angelique Lee.

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

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**Chairperson Banks** requested agenda item No. 3 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STEVEN JAMES AND THE CITY OF JACKSON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TO ASSIST WITH THE MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE SOULFUL SERIES KICK-OFF, THE 3 ON 3 PEACE IN THE STREETS AND KIDS FEST, JACKSON SOULFUL SERIES EVENTS.**

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

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**Chairperson Banks** recognized **Ison Harris, Director of Parks and Recreation**, who provided a brief overview on said item.

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell and Hartley.

Nays – Lindsay.

Absent – Lee.

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**Chairperson Banks** requested agenda item No. 5 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**DISCUSSION: Continued Council Support to Aid in Achieving Safety Goals:** **Chairperson Banks** recognized **Council Member Ashby Foote**, who directed questions concerning the Ticket, Arrest, and Tow (T.A.T.) initiative and additional police presence to **James Davis, Chief of Police**. **Chairperson Banks** recognized **James Davis, Chief of Police** who stated that the purpose of the Ticket, Arrest and Tow (T.A.T.) initiative was to

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make sure citizens driving on the streets of Jackson were in compliance of State laws that require them to have a valid driver's license and current insurance and not to unfairly target certain groups of citizens. **Chief Davis** also stated the Jackson Police Department was working to increase police presence in the City of Jackson and asked for the governing authorities' continued support.

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

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**Chairperson Banks** requested agenda item No. 4 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**DISCUSSION: Common Justice Model/Violence Intervention: Chairperson Banks** recognized **Brook Floyd, Jackson People's Assembly**. **Chairperson Banks** recognized **Brook Floyd** who stated that the Jackson People's Assembly is seeking support from the City of Jackson in the form of finances to help the organization hire people to educate the community on violence prevention through their curriculum. The Jackson People's Assembly is requesting \$200,000.00 the first year, and \$500,000.00 the second year for a total of \$700,000.00 over a two year period to cover the salaries of potential hires. **Chairperson Banks** recognized **Rukia Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of the Jackson People's Assembly. **Chairperson Banks** recognized **Terun Moore, Co- Director of The Strong Arms Organization** who provided a list of the violence prevention programs currently operating in South Jackson.

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After a thorough discussion and there being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.