

**DISASTER/PREPARATION RESPONSE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 3:00 P.M.**

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Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Vernon Hartley, Vice Chair, Aaron Banks (via teleconference), Ashby Foote, Angelique Lee and Brian Grizzell (via teleconference). Directors: Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Attorney Catoria Martin.

Absent: Virgi Lindsay.

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The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson Vernon Hartley**.

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**DISCUSSION: DISASTER PREPARATION AND RESPONSE.** Chairperson Hartley recognized **Marlin King, Director of Public Works**, who gave an overview of the O. B Curtis Water Treatment Plant and repairs for the previous week. He also addressed the staffing deficiencies and vacancies needed properly run the plants. **Mr. King** stated that he was working to fill the vacancies with retired operators and in the process of recruiting Class A operators as well. He also informed the council of current operators that would be able to take an exam within the week to become certified. **Chairperson Hartley** recognized **Jeananne Gettle, Director of Water Division with EPA** and **Carol Kemker, Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division with EPA Region 4**, who provided pertinent information in regard to the importance of having adequate staffing for the water plants and repairs that were needed to bring plants up to code by the EPA. **Councilmember Foote** asked about 3<sup>rd</sup> party management and was told by **Jeananne Gettle** that mutual aid has been established with the Waterwork Associations as well as a pledge made to work with the EPA in resolving the city’s work plant issues. A projected date for the system restoration could not be given because of two (2) consecutive days of clean samples which had not occurred to date according to **Director King**. **Director King** also gave an overview of resources and vendors that would provide drinking and potable water to the citizens of Jackson and the strategy as to how and when those distributions would take place.

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**Note: Councilmember Grizzell** joined via teleconference.

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**DISCUSSION: COMMITTEE OVERVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Chairperson Hartley recognized **Deputy Fire Chief, Cleophus Sanders** who provided an overview of the disasters and threats during hurricane season and the need for citizens to participate in drills in order to prepare for the worse. This would be done in conjunction with Hinds County Emergency Management team. **Chairperson Hartley** also recognized **Assistant Chief, Joseph Wade** of the **Jackson Police Department** who provided an overview of an active shooter drill. Assistant Chief Wade also stated that when it comes to emergency response to disasters and threats that JPD along with JFD are on the front line ready to serve. **Councilperson Hartley** asked for Emergency Response Plan Update Management Operations manual.

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**Note: Council Member Banks** left meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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