

**WATER BILLING AND INFRASTRUCTURE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 2:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: None.

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

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DISCUSSION: UPDATES. Chairperson Lindsay recognized Mike Secor of PREO Group, who gave an overview of the Water Sewer Billing Administration Remediation Program which included the completion of the meter installation and water billing revenue. Mr. Secor also discussed goals for the year, as well as the increase in revenue due to the number of disconnects. Chairperson Lindsay also recognized Chris Crockwell, Deputy Director of WSBA, who informed the council of the start date of disconnects and the hours of operations for WSBA. Mr. Crockwell also provided information in regard to assistance available for customers through Hinds County.

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DISCUSSION: SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REPAIR. Chairperson Lindsay recognized Marlin King, Director of Public Works, who provided a brief overview of WSBA and Solid Waste. Mr. King also provided information regarding the water plant improvements and winterization. Mr. King also stated that he was looking at a proposal to look at employees to help and handle after-hours in order to address the SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow).

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DISCUSSION: FINANCIAL REPORTS SHOWING STATUS OF THESE FUNDS: Chairperson Lindsay recognized Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer who provided a brief overview of State Revolving Funds, One Percent (1%) Sales Tax Dollars and Bonds. Mr. Malembeka expressed that information regarding funding for repairs for water sewer plants will be discussed during Budget Hearings. He also gave a breakdown of other state and federal agencies that would assist in the repairs.

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DISCUSSION: WATER AND SEWER EPA CONSENT DECREES. Said item would remain in committee to allow further research.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.