

**DISASTER/PREPARATION RESPONSE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 4:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: None.

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

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Council Members asked questions regarding:

- Identification of Disasters and Threats and Crisis Plan for the City of Jackson
- Public Information, Community Involvement, Daily Communication about Water Crisis
- Agencies includes Hinds County Emergency and MEMA, JPD and JFD availability to assist.
- Copy of Disaster Preparedness for the City of Jackson
- Impact on businesses as a result of unclean and unsafe drinking water
- Water Treat Plant Operations
- Staffing of the Water Plants
- Equipment needed to repair Water Plants and Process

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Chairperson Hartley recognized business owners that spoke in regards to the water crisis in the City of Jackson.

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Jeff Good, owner of **Bravos, Broadstreet**, Sal and Mookie’s, who expressed concerns regarding the lack of communication of boiled water notices not given to restaurants which was a grave concern for restaurants within the City of Jackson. **Mr. Good** also spoke about the amount of monetary loss for all his business as well due to the water crisis.

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Steven O’Neil, owner of **Aplos and Manship**, who expressed concerns regarding the cost that the water crisis is costing his business daily. **Mr. O’Neil** also advised council to reach out to Rankin County and form a MOU to help with the water crisis.

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John Tierre, owner of **Johnny T's**, who expressed concerns about the amount of money being lost daily as a result the water crisis. **Mr. Tierre** also stated that the crisis was affecting employees as well.

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Chief Pierre Pryer, Sr. of Iron Horse Grill, who expressed concerns regarding the affect of the water crisis on his restaurant and his employees. Chief Pierre desires to look for a solution because it is putting a burden on his employees.

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Pat Fontaine, Executive Director of the Mississippi Hospitality & Restaurant Association, who expressed concerns regarding the restaurants and their labor shortages, food costs and bottom-line profit decrease of 75 percent.

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Chairperson Hartley recognized **Rachel Mays, Executive Director of Southern Echo**, who provided information regarding water pickup at the old Sam's building on Raymond Road. Ms. Mays indicated that they were distributing two cases of water per household.

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Chairperson Hartley recognized **Catoria Martin, City Attorney**, who offered ways to communicate with council and business owners to provide updated information which would to eliminate communication issues about the status of the water crisis within the City of Jackson.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.