

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

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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 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2023 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) Public Comments: Citizen Agenda. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2023 being the fourth Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Ashby Foote, Council President, Ward 1; Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4 and Vernon Hartley, Ward 5. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff, Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council, Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Council and Catoria Martin, City Attorney.

Absent: Angelique Lee, Council Vice President, Ward 2; Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3; Aaron Banks, Ward 5 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7.

President Foote announced that there was no quorum for the Citizens Agenda Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Foote recognized **Terrance Burns** who expressed concerns about the trash and litter on the side of the road. He also asked if the City of Jackson had something in place to pick up trash on the side of the roads and what can be done to rectify the terrible eyesore within the City. He also inquired about Code Enforcement and its role in keeping Jackson beautiful.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Foote recognized **James Finklea** who expressed concerns about the water billing system and role of the 3rd party administrator. He also voiced his concerns about potholes near Burks and Shaw Streets and the need for assistance with infrastructure. Lastly, **Mr. Finklea** conveyed his concerns about burnt houses near Dorgan Street and Dardanelle Drive in Ward 6. **President Foote** requested a master list of burned houses within the City of Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: President Foote recognized **Thomas Cheatham** who expressed concerns about the preservation of Grove Park. He requested that the Clerk read the information presented on the handout that he provided to give to the Council. **Mr. Cheatham** provided the history of Grove Park; its acquisition of over 64 years ago and the importance of its existence for African Americans in Jackson. He expressed the dire need for cleanup and replacement of lights for the park and other necessities that are needed in order for the park to flourish. **Mr. Cheatham** acknowledged the winning of 6 State baseball championships and four (4) World Series. He requested that the City of Jackson "SAVE GROVE PARK!"

There were no reports/announcements provided during the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Regular City Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2023. At 6:56 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

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PREPARED BY:

Shanekia Mosley-Jordan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Ashby Foote, 2/14/2023
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

[Signature]

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angele Harris
CITY CLERK
