

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 12:06 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 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) Resolution of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi requesting transparency in communicating the status of implementation and other matters concerning the Drinking Water Interim Stipulated Order executed by the governing authorities. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 2:00 p.m. on July 6, 2023 being the first Thursday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Aaron Banks, Council President, Ward 6; Angelique Lee, Council Vice President, Ward 2; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 (via teleconference); and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council; Denise Fortner, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Catoria Martin, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

The meeting was called to order by **President Banks**.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI REQUESTING TRANSPARENCY IN COMMUNICATING THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE DRINKING WATER INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi authorized the Office of the City Attorney to enter into an Interim Stipulated Order with the United States of America through the Environmental Protection Agency concerning violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Mississippi Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Stipulated Order appointed Edward "Ted" Henifin as Interim Third-Party Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Stipulated Order was executed November 29, 2023 by Honorable United States District Judge Henry T. Wingate; and

WHEREAS, since execution, the Interim Third-Party Manager, Ted Henifin has assumed control of the water system and the governing authorities of the City of Jackson find it is of extreme importance that transparency in communication concerning the City's water system be achieved; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson recognizes transparency in government is essential for accountability and public trust and believes it is equitable for the governing authorities to have access to documents concerning the water system and participate in discussions regarding the status of the water system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi takes seriously its legislative duty to represent citizens of Jackson by protecting their health and safety and ensuring financial responsibility and integrity for the future.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi is requesting all communication of the status of implementation and other matters concerning the Interim Stipulated Order be submitted to the City of Jackson governing authorities, including copies of any documents submitted to the Court, and that the Interim Third Party Manager, shall notify the governing authorities of any decisions made and shall provide the governing authorities

the opportunity to be present or offer a written response to any discussions with the Court concerning the water system.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; **President Banks** seconded.

President Banks recognized **Catoria Martin, City Attorney**, who provided a brief overview of said item. After discussion, **President Banks** and **Council Member Grizzell** withdrew their motion and second. Said item would be table until later date.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Council stood adjourned until the Special Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023. At 2:32 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shanetic McGray-Jordan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Abel, 8/1/23
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

Chapman
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
CITY CLERK
