



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

July 6, 2023

AGENDA

2:00 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

- 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. (JACKSON CITY COUNCIL)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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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 serious its legislative duty to represent citizens of Jackson by protecting their health and safety and ensuring financial responsibility and integrity for the future; and

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.