

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 3:42 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, 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) Order approving the payment of lodging and per diem expenses to individuals providing Mock Accreditation Services to the Jackson Police Department on October 10 through October 12, 2023. (2) Resolution of the Jackson City Council committing to support the financial obligation for energy efficient street lights for Jackson State University. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 4:00 p.m. on October 11, 2023 being the second Wednesday 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 (via teleconference); Ashby Foote, Ward 1 (via teleconference); Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Louis Wright, Chief Administrative Officer; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of the Council, Alice Patterson, Deputy Clerk of Council and Catoria Martin, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LODGING AND PER DIEM EXPENSES TO INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING MOCK ACCREDITATION SERVICES TO THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 10 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2023.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Police Department received accreditation from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) in the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Police Department's accreditation is now on the schedule for renewal and will require assessment by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department would like to prepare for the assessment by engaging the services of individuals certified by the Mississippi State Board of Minimum Standards to perform a mock or trial assessment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of mock or trial assessment is to identify and correct procedures, policies, or practices which may be problematic prior to the actual accreditation assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department had discussions with two individuals who are amenable to assisting it with a mock trial assessment during the period October 10-12, 2023 if lodging and meals or per diem expense is paid; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting of LaTonya Norris and Derek L. Brown will provide the mock trial assessment; and

WHEREAS, LaTonya Norris is the only team member requiring lodging; and

WHEREAS, reservations at the Homewood Suites in Fondren at the rate of \$154.00 per night for a total cost of \$344.19 have been made; and

WHEREAS, the second member of the team is local and will not require lodging accommodations but will be provided with meals; and

WHEREAS, the per diem expense of \$46.00 per day for each member of the team which totals \$92.00 per day has been computed; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by authorizing the payment of the sum of \$344.19 for the lodging of LaTonya Norris; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served authorizing the payment of \$46.00 per day for each member of the mock assessment team serves the best interest of the City.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the sum of \$344.19 may be paid for the lodging of LaTonya Norris.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the sum of \$46.00 per day may be paid to LaTonya Norris as per diem expense.

Council Member Hartley moved adoption; **Council Member Grizzell** seconded.

President Banks recognized **Deputy Chief, Deric Hearn, Jackson Police Department**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

Thereafter, **President Banks**, called for a vote on said item:

- Yeas – Banks, Foote, Hartley, Grizzell and Lindsay.
- Nays – None.
- Abstention – None.
- Absent – Lee and Stokes.

Note: **Vice President Lee** joined the meeting.

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTING TO SUPPORT THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT STREET LIGHTING FOR JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi is committed to the well-being and progress of the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, more efficient, attractive and consistent street lighting is needed within the City of Jackson to reduce energy use, provide adequate lighting for safer and more attractive neighborhoods, and save money; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Jackson City Council President received a request from Jackson State University Acting President, Dr. Elayne H. Anthony, requesting financial support for energy efficient street lights; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Jackson that the Jackson City Council express full support and commitment for financial support to cover the added \$760.20 in monthly cost for the maintenance and service related to installing energy-efficient street lights along Lynch Street between Dalton Street and University Boulevard.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi hereby commits to the City of Jackson paying the additional costs of \$760.20 per month to support the installment of energy efficient street lights for Jackson State University.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay.
Nays – None.
Absent – Stokes.

DISCUSSION: MUNICIPAL GARAGE PURCHASING PROCUREMENT:
President Banks stated that an item was passed on October 10, 2023 that included vehicle parts for Auto Zone as well as service repair and Auto Zone does not do service repair. **Catoria Martin, City Attorney**, explained the MS State Statue in regards to service repair for vehicles and a repair is treated the same as a commodity and confirmed parts being used for each vehicle. **President Banks** recognized **Robert Lee, Interim Director of Public Works**, who provided a brief overview of said item by stating that parts for vehicles were from Auto Zone, whereas, the sewer related service was from Mid-South.

The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

Council Member Hartley announced the following:

- Everyone is invited to attend Jim Hill High School Homecoming Parade.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until Regular Zoning Meeting at 2: 30 p.m. on October 16, 2023. At 4:39 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shanekia Maslay Gordon
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

[Signature], 11/7/2023
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK
