

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on December 5, 2023, being the first Tuesday 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, Vice-President, Ward 2; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; Brian Grizzell, Ward 4 (via teleconference); Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7 (via teleconference). Directors: Louis Wright, Chief Administrative Officer; Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer; 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 **President Banks**.

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The invocation was offered by **Pastor Willie Berry of Metropolitan Full Gospel Baptist Church**.

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The Council recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 2, Public Hearing:

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORARY RENAMING 723 ROSE STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF ROSE STREET AND LYNCH STREET TO ALPHA DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. STREET.**

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There was no one to speak in favor of said item and was no opposition from the public.

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**President Banks** recognized **Council Member Foote** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Hartley**, to suspend the rules to allow for public comments for non-agenda related items. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Stokes.

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The following individuals provided public comments during the meeting:

- **Adrienne Tin** expressed concerns regarding the lack of enforcement of the noise ordinance.
- **Yolanda Brinston** expressed concerns regarding sewer issues at 2961 Smith Robertson St.
- **Pamela** and **Jimmie Kelly** expressed concerns regarding sewer issues at 2961 Smith Robertson St.

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**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

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

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**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR ZONING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

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

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN TO ADD THE JOB CLASSIFICATION OF MARKETING COORDINATOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson entered into a contract with TransDev for the operation and maintenance of its transit program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s contract with TransDev states that it shall be responsible for marketing activities and the promotion of ridership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Development advised the Department of Human Resources that the creation of the position of marketing coordinator for the specific purpose of performing the function contemplated in the City’s contract with TransDev is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the functions of the marketing coordinator will be: (a) assist in the development and maintenance of transit programs, coordinating ridership and community outreach projects; (b) creating marketing, customer, and public information materials, conducting ridership, pass sales and other promotions; (c) branding; supporting community partnerships and assisting with organizational participation in community events; (d) website content development and management; (e) creating and developing bus advertisement; (f) promoting ridership using social media; (g) other; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Resources submitted inquiries submitted to the following Southeastern cities regarding the compensation paid to persons performing similar functions: Mobile, Alabama and Little Rock, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the response from aforementioned cities, the median salary paid for the position equivalent of a Marketing Coordinator was within the range of \$53,125.39-\$64,174.81; and

**WHEREAS**, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by adding the Marketing Coordinator classification to the current pay plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the Marketing Coordinator job classification be added as a pay range 26 with annual compensation being between \$41,703.88-\$50,333.08; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning has informed the Department of Human Resources that they have the monies in their budget to cover the recommended position that will be added to the compensation plan.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Pay Plan adopted by the City Council on September 22, 1998, found in the Minute Book 4Y, be further amended to add the Marketing Coordinator with a pay range of 26 (\$41,703.88-\$50,333.08) to be effective immediately.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

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

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**Note: Council Member Stokes** joined the meeting.

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**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 29624 to 29664 APPEARING AT PAGES 104 TO 122 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,952,892.02 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 29624 to 29664 appearing at pages 104 to 122, inclusive thereon in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$2,952,892.02 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND	630,708.28
SEIZURE & FORF PORP-STATE	63,708.00
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-FED	49,666.67
TECHNOLOGY FUND	16,554.90
PARKS & RECR. FUND	41,819.95
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	833,436.30
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	410,000.00
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	1,061.48
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	11,459.15
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	130,584.05
PAYROLL FUND	374.41
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	470.19
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION REVO	7,255.97
H O P W A GRANT – DEPT OF HUD	109,261.87
TRANSPORTATION FUND	65,564.11
2018 TIF BOND \$1.7M - WESTIN	1,750.00
2018 TIF BOND \$4.6M – EASTOVER	61,586.40
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE FUND	388.84
MDB SO INFRASTRUCTURE BOND 2020	3,000.00
MHC BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM	3,000.00
CDBG COVID CARES	316,966.78
ZOOLOGICAL PARK	32,024.01
LIBRARY FUND	162,250.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,952,892.02</u></b>

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Lindsay** seconded.

**President Banks** recognized **Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer**, who recommended an amendment on claims to remove a payment to Jackson Resource Center, in the amount of \$316,966.78.

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**President Banks** recognized **Catoria Martin, City Attorney, Kristie Metcalf, Deputy City Attorney, and Sharon Thames, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration** who provided a brief overview of the item removed from claims.

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**Council Member Foote** moved; seconded by **Council Member Lindsay**, to amend said order to reflect the changes as stated by **Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer**. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Council Member Grizzell** who moved; seconded by **Vice President Lee** to remove all Mac Haik Chrysler and Jackson Mac Haik payments in the amount of \$93,558.07 from claims and refer them to the Audit & Investigation Ad Hoc Committee. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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Thereafter, **President Banks**, called for a vote of said item as amended:

**ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 29624 to 29664 APPEARING AT PAGES 104 TO 122 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,542,367.17 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that claims numbered 29624 to 29664 appearing at pages 104 to 122, inclusive thereon in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$2,542,367.17 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND	601,415.47
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-STATE	49,666.67
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-FED	49,666.67
TECHNOLOGY FUND	16,554.90
PARKS & RECR. FUND	41,262.69
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ZOOLOGICAL PARK	32,024.01
LIBRARY FUND	162,250.66

**TOTAL** **\$2,542,367.17**

Yeas – Foote, Grizzell, Lee and Lindsay.

Nays – Banks, Hartley and Stokes.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 29624 TO 29664 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that payroll deduction claims numbered 29624 to 29664 inclusive therein, in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$98,908.59 plus payroll, are approved for payment and necessary amounts are appropriated from various municipal funds for transfer to the payroll fund for the immediate payment thereof.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that the following expenditures from the accounts payable fund be made in order to pay amounts transferred thereto from the payroll fund for payment of the payroll deduction claims authorized herein for payment:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</b>	<b>TO PAYROLL FUND</b>
GENERAL FUND		2,670,947.42
PARKS & RECR FUND		89,506.08
LANDFILL FUND		22,700.66
SENIOR AIDES		3,446.22
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		62,841.10
PAYROLL	\$98,908.59	
HOUSING COMM DEV		8,894.73
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		5,994.63
TRANSPORTATION FUND		15,975.85
PEG ACCESS-PROGRAMMING FUND		5,463.74
2020 SAKI GRAND DOJ		7,405.71
ZOOLOGICAL PARK		32,946.37
NLC-MUNICIPAL REIMAGINING COMM		7,400.70

**TOTAL** **\$2,933,523.21**

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER RATIFYING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00) TO THE MS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING/PROPERTY AGENTS FOR THE COST OF ATTENDANCE OF THE PURCHASING MANAGER AND A BUYER TO ATTEND THE 2023 MAGPPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND VENDOR EXPO.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 21-17-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, states that the governing authorities of every municipality in the state shall have the care, management, and control of municipal affairs and its property and finances and may adopt orders, resolutions, or ordinances with respect to same which are not inconsistent with the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, or any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the power granted to governing authorities of municipalities by Section 21-17-5 is complete without the existence of or reference to any specific authority granted in any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mississippi State Association of Governmental Purchasing and Property Agents (MAGPPA) serves hundreds of public purchasing professionals throughout Mississippi by promoting and maintaining high ethical values, enhancing public purchasing practices, protecting the public trust, and making a positive difference by leading the way through excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, various seminars, conferences, workshops, and other educational programs are held from time to time that contain information that would greatly benefit the City by the attendance of the Purchasing Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 MAGPPA Annual Conference and Vendor Expo took place from Sunday, October 15, 2023 until Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in Natchez, MS; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the Purchasing Manager and a Buyer for the city of Jackson attended this conference was \$175.00 per member; and

**WHEREAS**, the requisite finding regarding the necessity of the expenditure for the benefit of the municipality must be made before the expenditure is authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Finance requests that the governing authorities for the City find that the cost to attend the 2023 MAGPPA Annual Conference and Vendor Expo is reasonable and necessary to the performance of the Purchasing Manager's and a Buyer's duties and the attendance of these employee's at said conference accrued to the benefit of the city of Jackson, and any benefit to the employees are merely incidental.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the governing authorities find that the cost to attend the 2023 MAGPPA Annual Conference and Vendor Expo is reasonable and necessary to the performance of the Purchasing Manager's and a Buyer's duties and the attendance of these employees at said conference accrued to the benefit of the city of Jackson, and any benefit to the employees are merely incidental.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a payment of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) is hereby ratified, and payment should be made to the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agent from account no. 00141410-6473 for the cost of the Purchasing Manager and a Buyer for the city of Jackson to attend the 2023 MAGPPA Conference and Vendor Expo held on October 15, 2023 through October 18, 2023 in Natchez, MS.

**Note:** Said item failed due to a lack of motion.

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**ORDER REAPPOINTING SHARON F. BRIDGES TO THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board consists of five (5) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of five (5) years; and

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**WHEREAS**, the term of Sharon F. Bridges expired October 23, 2023.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Sharon F. Bridges be reappointed to the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board with said term to expire October 23, 2028.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

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**President Banks** recognized **Louis Wright, Chief Administrative Officer**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**President Banks** recognized **Sharon Bridges**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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After a thorough discussion, **President Banks** called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPOINTING EMILY POTE TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members who each serve four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2019, the City Council confirmed the Mayor’s appointment of Jennifer Welch to the Planning Board with a term to expire on March 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of her qualifications, has appointed Emily Pote to fill the board vacancy for Ward 7 with a term to begin on November 21, 2023 and to expire on March 19, 2027.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor’s nomination of Emily Pote to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with said term to begin on November 21, 2023 and to expire on March 19, 2027.

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

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – Foote.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPOINTING VICK HUDSON TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members who each serve four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2019, the City Council confirmed the Mayor’s appointment of Jennifer Welch to fill the At-Large board vacancy for the Planning Board with a term that expired on March 19, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of his qualifications, has appointed Vick Hudson to fill the At-Large board vacancy with a term to begin on December 1, 2023.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Vick Hudson to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with the term to begin on December 1, 2023 and to expire on December 1, 2027.

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

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – Foote.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPOINTING SIDNEY H. GLADNEY TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members who each serve four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2017, the City Council confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Vivian Dotson to fill the board vacancy for Ward 5 on the Planning Board with a term that expired on October 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of his qualifications, has appointed Sidney H. Gladney to fill the board vacancy for Ward 5 with a term to begin on November 21, 2023.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Sidney H. Gladney to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with the term to begin on November 21, 2023 and to expire on November 21, 2027.

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

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – Foote.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPOINTING BERTHA THAMES TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members who each serve four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2017, the City Council confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Samuel J. Mitchell to fill the board vacancy for Ward 2 on the Planning Board with a term that expired on October 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of her qualifications, has appointed Bertha J. Thames to fill the board vacancy for Ward 2 with a term to begin on November 21, 2023.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Bertha J. Thames to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with the term to begin on November 21, 2023 and to expire on November 21, 2027.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – Foote.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER APPOINTING CHRIS MYERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**



**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members; and that serve for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth M. Brister's term expired on December 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Myers resident of Ward 1, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of Chris Myers, to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with said term to expire January 31, 2027.

**Note:** Item failed due to a lack of motion.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY (MSFA) TO PROVIDE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH NFPA107F COURSE TO THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Fire Department will begin a recruit training class on November 27, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson Fire Department provides some training to recruits and other training is conducted by the Mississippi State Fire Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Fire Minimum Standards Board was authorized to promulgate regulations establishing minimum educational and training standards, and process for certifying fire personnel in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, regulations of the Mississippi State Minimum Standards Board require the completion of the NFPA 1072F by all candidates prior to entering into an approved Firefighter I and II training program; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulations further require that the NFPA 1072F be administered at the Mississippi State Fire Academy or through a field delivery program; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated date for the commencement of the field delivery program is November 27, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Fire Academy has provided the Jackson Fire Department with a Memorandum of Understanding related to the candidates it is recommending for participation in the field delivery program with provisions as follows:

- (1) The location of the field delivery program will be the Jackson Fire Department Training Facility; and
- (2) The Mississippi State Fire Academy will furnish to the course coordinator for the City of Jackson Fire Department the Fire Fighter NFPA 1072F course and a complete package to manage delivery of the course; and
- (3) Books will not be included in the materials furnished the City of Jackson Fire Department, and the City of Jackson is responsible for purchasing any required books from textbook publisher; and
- (4) All documents and curriculum furnished to the City of Jackson Fire Department shall constitute property of the Mississippi State Fire Academy and may not be duplicated or used outside of the subject delivery; and
- (5) The Mississippi State Fire Academy will approve and administer all written and skill examinations

(6) Certifications will be issued upon the successful completion of the course; and

(7) The minimum number of candidates has been removed due to COVID and the maximum number of candidates for the field delivery course is fifteen (15); and

(8) The Jackson Fire Department will have a total of twenty (20) students participating. There is no charge (GRANT FUNDED); and

**WHEREAS**, the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare would be served by authorizing the Mayor to execute the MOU with the Mississippi State Fire Academy.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the MOU with the Mississippi State Fire Academy for the delivery course anticipated to commence on November 27, 2023.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Stokes** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Abstention – Grizzell.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RECEIVE FUTURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM AND MAKE PAYMENTS TO OPEN DOORS GARAGE DOOR SERVICES LLC RELATED TO THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND SERVICING OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES' DOORS AND GARAGE DOORS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Zoo has a chimp exhibit that needs maintenance and repairs including the maintenance and repair of doors to the exhibit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Zoo requested a quote from Open Doors Garage Doors Services (Open Doors); and

**WHEREAS**, Open Doors is an active vendor with the City of Jackson - vendor no. 400338; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Doors is a Limited Liability Company, currently in Good Standing with the Mississippi Secretary of the State, created pursuant to the Laws of the State of Mississippi on October 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Doors provided a quote for maintenance, repairs and/or replacement of the door(s) for the chimp exhibit at the Jackson Zoo; and

**WHEREAS**, the quote submitted by Open Doors included two (2) Liftmaster 8165 door opener(s), two (2) 7' Chain Rails with labor, fabrication, and servicing to the door(s) for the chimp exhibit, for the price of Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$3,285.00); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Jackson and the Jackson Zoo to have the above-described work performed to the chimp exhibit to provide efficiency and safer habitats for animals, keepers, and patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also in the best interests of the City of Jackson that Open Doors be permitted to perform maintenance, repairs, servicing, and other related work, as needed, to other Parks and Recreation Department facilities that need that type of servicing.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above-described quote for professional door services of the chimp exhibit at the Jackson Zoo provided by Open Doors is approved and accepted and that payment in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,170.00) be made to Open Doors from account no. 390-498.00-6317.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the above-described quote for professional door services of the chimp exhibit at the Jackson Zoo provided by Open Doors is approved and accepted and that payment in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$2,115.00) be made to Open Doors from account no. 390-498.00-6419.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all future professional door services performed by Open Doors for the Parks and Recreation Department is approved and that payments for said professional door services be made to Open Doors from the Parks and Recreation Department's Budget.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute any document(s) needed to effectuate the above professional door services that are to be performed by Open Doors.

**Note:** Item failed due to a lack of motion.

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**President Banks** recognized **Vice President Lee** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Hartley** to reconsider the previous item. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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Thereafter, **President Banks** requested that the Clerk read the Order:

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**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Zoo requested a quote from Open Doors Garage Doors Services (Open Doors); and

**WHEREAS**, Open Doors is an active vendor with the City of Jackson - vendor no. 400338; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Doors is a Limited Liability Company, currently in Good Standing with the Mississippi Secretary of the State, created pursuant to the Laws of the State of Mississippi on October 30, 2020; and

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**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **President Banks** seconded.

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**President Banks** recognized **Abram Muhammad, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Abstention – Stokes.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR HOME FUNDS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSISSIPPI CAPITAL AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 the Department of Planning and Development accepted proposals for the use of HOME funds within the Division of Housing and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area submitted a response to the request for proposals for the use of HOME funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area has a principal office located at 615 Stonewall Street Jackson, Mississippi 39213; and

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area has been awarded \$690,711.69 (six hundred ninety thousand seven hundred eleven dollars and sixty-nine cents) in Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds and \$335,588.31 in entitlement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount awarded is \$1,026,300 and will be used to assist in the Broadmoor Initiative with the acquisition, rehab and new construction of six (6) homes to be sold to low-income families.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor be authorized to contract with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area to provide certain development and construction cost relating to the Broadmoor Initiative project located in the City of Jackson.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Hartley** seconded.

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**President Banks** recognized **Chloe Dotson, Director of Planning and Development**, and **Merrill Tenney McKewen, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CHAIN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE FARISH STREET LIGHTING PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson seeks to engage in street light improvements needed for Farish Street; and

**WHEREAS**, said improvements will be made along Amite and Hamilton on Farish Street and will include the removal of 23 light poles and the installation of 7 cobra head lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson’s Department of Planning and Development solicited quotes for professional services for construction and maintenance including but not limited to boring and light removal; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Electric Company submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$72,900.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized execute a contract and related documents with Chain Electric Company to provide light removal and boring on Farish Street.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the amount payable under the contract shall not exceed \$72,900.00.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Chloe Dotson, Director of Planning and Development** and **Robert Lee, Interim Public Works Director**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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**Council Member Stokes** who moved, and **Council Member Hartley** seconded to amend said order in the Header and It Is Therefore Ordered section, to change “contract” to “professional services agreement”. The motion prevailed by the following votes:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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Thereafter, **President Banks** called for a vote on said order, as amended:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHAIN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE FARISH STREET LIGHTING PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson seeks to engage in street light improvements needed for Farish Street; and

**WHEREAS**, said improvements will be made along Amite and Hamilton on Farish Street and will include the removal of 23 light poles and the installation of 7 cobra head lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson’s Department of Planning and Development solicited quotes for professional services for construction and maintenance including but not limited to boring and light removal; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Electric Company submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$72,900.00.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized execute a professional services agreement and related documents with Chain Electric Company to provide light removal and boring on Farish Street.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the amount payable under the contract shall not exceed \$72,900.00.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO K. MARK BRADY AND INSITE VALUATIONS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICE ON A PORTION OF CITY OF JACKSON OWNED LAND PARCEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FAIR MARKET LEASE AMOUNT FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LEASE.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2022, the U.S. Army submitted an application to the Surplus Property Division to renew a fifty-year lease that expired on June 30, 2022, the lease being of 9.46 acres of parcel number 307-1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surplus Property Committee approved the renewal of a fifty-year lease pursuant to terms of Mississippi Code Section 21-17-1(2)(b)(i), which requires that two appraisals are to be obtained to get the average market value, and thus the monthly lease amount; and

**WHEREAS**, after no city department expressed a municipal need for the property, the Surplus Property Division issued a request for appraisal service quotes to six (6) certified appraisers; and

**WHEREAS**, the two lowest quotes were received from K. Mark Brady in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and Insite Valuations in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,950.00); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 21-17-1(2)(b)(i), the applicant will reimburse the City One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$1,725.00), representing fifty percent of the total fee.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that it be authorized that The City of Jackson pay K. Mark Brady One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) and Insite Valuations One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty dollars (\$1,950.00) for the appraisal of 9.46 acres of City-owned property for the purpose of establishing the fair market value lease amount for renewal of a fifty-year lease with the U.S. Army.

**IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED** that a sum not to exceed \$3,450.00 shall be paid for the appraisal service rendered from funds budgeted for the Division.

**Vice President Lee** moved adoption; **Council Member Grizzell** seconded.

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**President Banks** recognized **Chloe Dotson, Director of Planning and Development**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

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**ORDER RATIFYING PROCUREMENT OF TREE CUTTING AND REMOVAL SERVICES AT LEAVELL WOODS PARK FROM EVANS TREE SERVICE, LLC AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID VENDOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, the Department of Parks and Recreation requested assistance with removal of a tree that snapped; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works assessed the tree and found it to be broken at the base, leaning on another tree, and in danger of falling onto the walking trail, Meadow Lane, and on overhead power and utility lines; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the public from the danger of a tree unpredictably falling onto passing vehicles and pedestrians, the Department of Public Works contacted a tree service to cut down and remove the tree on very short notice the day before Thanksgiving; and

**WHEREAS**, due to these exigent circumstances, the procurement of this tree cutting and removal work was done without prior approval by the City Purchasing Manager or the City Council of the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the services set forth in the invoice attached hereto was provided to the Department of Public Works and said tree work has been rendered.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the procurement of tree cutting and removal services at Leavell Woods Park from Evans Tree Service, LLC is hereby ratified.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that payment to the following vendor in the amount set forth be made, consistent with the attached invoice:

Vendor	Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Amount
Evans Tree Service, LLC	6386	11/22/2023	\$2,800.00

Evans Tree Service LLC No. 6386

6017605093

SOLD TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Contacts ADDRESS: Meadow Brook-Sykes Park CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____		SHIP TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Contacts ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____	
CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	SOLD BY	TERMS	F.O.B.
			DATE
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	Cut and remove one pine tree in the park Hanging over into the road over the main line And stomp grind	\$2800.00	\$2,800.00
TOTAL			\$2,800.00

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

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

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH LEWIS ELECTRIC, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT NORTHSIDE DRIVE AT LIVINGSTON ROAD.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council ratified a contract with Lewis Electric, Inc. to repair to the traffic signal at Northside Drive at Livingston Road in an amount not to exceed \$27,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, all work has been completed on the contract, inspected, and accepted.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that final payment in the amount of \$27,250.00 to Lewis Electric, Inc. for repairs to the traffic signal at Northside Drive at Livingston Road is hereby authorized.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to publish the Notice of Completion for the project.

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Robert Lee, Interim Public Works Director**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE KWANZAA CELEBRATION AND WISHING A HAPPY AND SAFE OBSERVANCE FOR ALL CITIZENS.**

**WHEREAS**, citizens in the City of Jackson and people throughout the world pause to celebrate KWANZAA, December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration is marked by community gatherings, cultural events and historical commemorations; and

**WHEREAS**, KWANZAA events are held nightly with each night designated by a guiding principle: 1) Umoja, 2) Kujichagulia, 3) Ujima, 4) Ujamaa, 5) Nia 6) Kuumba and 7) Imani; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson City Council promotes safety and expresses hope for a positive and enlightening cultural experience for all.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes and his Council colleagues highly support the observance of Kwanzaa and wish for its citizens a safe, happy KWANZAA celebration.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE CELEBRATION OF A MERRY CHRISTMAS, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, the well-being of family and community shall be considered in this resolution; and



**WHEREAS**, the first official mention of December 25<sup>th</sup> as a holiday honoring Jesus' birthday appeared on an early Roman calendar from 336 A.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Christmas spread throughout the Western world over the next several centuries; in 1870, Christmas became a federal holiday; Christians throughout the world will celebrate this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Monday, December 25, 2023, will be celebrated as a time for family to: gather, focus on the center of Christmas - -the birth of Jesus, prepare and share in fellowship and food; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate this joyous season, may we embrace ways to love and serve humankind throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, we wish each citizen a safe, joyful and peaceful Christmas, filled with love.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes and his Council colleagues recognize and wish for each of you, a very Merry Christmas.

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE CELEBRATION OF A HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, the well-being of family and community shall be considered in this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday, referred to as New Year, marks the end of the year and time to start afresh, make new and/or evaluate decisions as we prepare for 2024; the new year has not always been celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup> and is not recognized in some cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, Monday, January 1, 2024, will be celebrated as a time for family to gather, share a delightful meal, reflect on its journey and renew family commitment(s); and

**WHEREAS**, as the countdown to midnight begins, we admonish each person to take a moment to reflect, introspect and change or make new plans as we go forward into the New Year; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage our citizens to relax, restore and recommit to investing our time and talents for the betterment of our family, community and city, Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, we wish for each citizen a safe and fulfilling New Year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes and his Council colleagues recognize and wish for each of you, a Happy New Year.

**Council Member Stokes** moved adoption; **Vice President Lee** seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF THE 2024 REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OBSERVANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr was born January 15, 1929 and fell to the bullet of an assassin on April 4, 1968 which saddened hearts of people throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration shall be observed January, 2024 in Jackson, MS; and

**WHEREAS**, minister, Nobel Peace Prize recipient, civil and human rights drum major and leader, Reverend Dr. King, Jr. was at the helm of matchless efforts on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised in the United States and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire nation and world will join in the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, 2024; we in Jackson, Mississippi will observe through: literary contests, church celebrations, choir performances, crowned by an enlightening Awards Banquet; the largest Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Parade in the United States, January 13, 2024 and a Birthday Bash, January 15, 2024.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City of Jackson is hereby authorized to support and join the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Observance, 2024.

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

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

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**President Banks** recognized **Council Member Grizzell** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Hartley** to reconsider Agenda Item No. 15. After a brief discussion, **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Grizzell** and **Council Member Hartley** who withdrew their motion and second.

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**DISCUSSION: LITTER CONTROL:** **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Lindsay** who expressed concerns regarding what citizens can do to report liter. **President Banks** recognized **Robert Lee, Interim Director of Public Works**, who provided an overview of the possibility of getting help with liter control from the penal farm. **President Banks** also recognized **Lakesha Weathers, Solid Waste Manager**, who stated a new Ordinance would soon be introduced to aid in liter control.

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**DISCUSSION: MEDGAR EVERS BLVD:** **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who expressed concerns regarding drag racing on Medgar Evers Blvd. **President Banks** recognized **Chris Gray, Constituent Services Manager**, who stated the Jackson Police Department was aware of the problem and would be addressing it.

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**DISCUSSION: WATER BILLS:** **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who expressed concerns regarding sewer problems on Mobile St. and the need for customers to have an appeal process with JXN Water when there is a dispute.

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**MONTHLY REPORT OF PRIVILEGE TAXES AS REQUIRED ACCORDING TO SECTION 27-17-501 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED OF 1972.** President Banks stated that all City Council members had received the monthly financial report for review.

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The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Chris Gray, Constituent Services Manager**, announced the following:
  - The Jackson Christmas Parade will be held downtown Jackson, Saturday December 12, 2023 Starting at 3:00 p.m.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 13, 2023. At 2:22 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

**PREPARED BY:**

Shanekia Wesley-Jordan  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**APPROVED:**

ABE, 12/19/2023  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

Chapman  
MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

Angela Harris  
CITY CLERK

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