

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 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 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) Claims. (2) Order authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with 2C Mississippi to facilitate the "Going Green for a Cool Healthy Jackson" Project. (3) Order authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the submission of a request for a no-cost grant extension for the "Going Green for a Cool Healthy Jackson" Project. (4) Order ratifying the submission of a request for a twelve-month grant extension to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for the development of the proposal entitled Employment Pathways to Human Dignity (EPHD). (5) Order authorizing the execution of an installation and maintenance agreement between the City of Jackson and Adopt a Charger, Inc. to install electric vehicle charging stations. (6) Order authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional service purchase order request with DownSouth Global for creation of jingles that will cover lyrics, writing, music production, singing, talk over talent editing, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on Y101, and 90.1 for the I Am Jackson Microenterprise Grant. (7) Order authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional service purchase order request with DownSouth Global for the creation of jingles, video for social media, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on 107.5, and 99.7 for the I Am Jackson Microenterprise Grant. (8) Discussion: Update on items needed for ACFR. (9) Discussion: Inventory Management. (10) Discussion: JXN Water 2024 proposed rates. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 2: 00 p.m. on December 13, 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; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Brian C. Grizzell, Ward 4 (via teleconference); Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Catoria Martin, City Attorney.

Absent: Angelique Lee, Vice President, Ward 2 and Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

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

President Banks requested that Agenda Item No. 10 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the following was discussed:

DISCUSSION: JXN WATER 2024 PROPOSED RATES: **President Banks** recognized **Ted Henifin, Third Party Interim Manager**, who provided a thorough overview of 2024 proposed water rates. **Mr. Henifin** also provided the current budget for water, the debt service, metering cost, operation cost, budget for sewer and the amount of funding needed for the city to be self-sustained by the end of 2025. **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Foote**, who expressed concerned about the rates being fair for all citizens and the city be able to collect enough revenue to pay garbage vendor. **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Hartley**, who expressed concerns in regards to customer service protocol. **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Lindsay**, who requested clarification on the necessity a rate increase is a necessity and were there any additional funding for sewer on the federal and state level.

President Banks requested that Agenda Item No. 8 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the following was discussed:

DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON ITEMS NEEDED FOR ACFR: **President Banks** recognized **Scott Hodges, Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC**, stated that he was not prepared to discuss an update on items needed for ACFR.

President Banks requested that Agenda Item No. 9 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the following was discussed:

DISCUSSION: INVENTORY MANAGEMENT: **President Banks** recognized **Scott Hodges, Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC**, provided information on account debt, accounts payable late payment, land liable, long-term obligation and lease of twelve months or more. **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Foote**, who requested information on lease payment that are counted as debt.

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 296665 to 29665 APPEARING AT PAGES 123 TO 123 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,524.85 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 29665 to 29665 appearing at pages 123 to 123, inclusive thereon in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$410,524.85 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:

FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND
GENERAL FUND	29,292.81
SEIZURE & FORF PORP-STATE	63,708.00
PARKS & RECR. FUND	557.26
CDBG COVID CARES	316,966.78
TOTAL	<u>\$410,524.85</u>

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

President Banks recognized **Sharon Thames**, Deputy Director of Administration, **Captain George Jimerson**, Jackson Police Department, **Vincent Grizzell**, Assistant Chief Jackson Police Department and **Eric Foxx**, Jackson Police Department, who provided an overview of said item.

President Banks moved, seconded it by **Council Member Foote** to amend claims to exclude the payment amount of \$63,708.00 for two (2) Jackson Police Department vehicles. After discussion, **President Banks** and **Council Member Foote** withdrew their motion and second.

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

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

Note: Council Member Grizzell left the meeting.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 2C MISSISSIPPI TO FACILITATE THE “GOING GREEN FOR A COOL HEALTHY JACKSON” PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the Jackson City Council ratified the submission of the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and authorized the Mayor to accept the grant award to reduce mortality and prevent illness associated with urban-heat-island (UHI) effects in Jackson, Mississippi, while providing a range of social, economic, cultural, and ecological co-benefits for the City of Jackson’s at-risk residents for the term beginning November 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant award to revise the budget and budget narrative and to permit the City of Jackson to subcontract or subgrant funds to 2C Mississippi such that 2C Mississippi would facilitate said project for the remainder of the grant term; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to amend consultant agreements with Dr. Vivek Shandas, Anna Marandi, Dr. Berneece Herbert, Dr. Dominika Parry, and UMMC to reflect that the consultants will be paid by 2^o Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with 2C Mississippi to facilitate the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” project for the remainder of the grant term beginning February 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$475, 549.00; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, RWJF notified the Deputy Director of Economic Development that the grant period has been extended to October 31, 2023; however, the amendment does not modify the scope of work or increase the Foundation’s commitment; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2023, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with 2C Mississippi, to facilitate the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” project for the remainder of the grant term beginning upon execution of the agreement and ending October 31, 2023 in the amount of \$91,131.00; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, RWJF notified the Deputy Director of Economic Development that the grant period has been extended to March 31, 2024; however, the amendment does not modify the scope of work or increase the Foundation’s commitment; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has received \$382,472.00 in grant funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the City was due to receive the remaining amount of \$93,077.00 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City will keep \$1,946.00 of the grant funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Chief Administrative Officer recommends the Mayor execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with 2C Mississippi, 116 Summerlake Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi, 39157, an organization founded by Dr. Dominika Parry that is purposed with building environmentally and economically sustainable communities, municipalities and businesses in Mississippi, to facilitate the project for the remainder of the grant term beginning upon execution and ending March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$91,131.00.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with 2C Mississippi, to facilitate the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” project for the remainder

of the grant term beginning upon execution of the agreement and ending March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$91,131.00.

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

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

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR A NO-COST GRANT EXTENSION FOR THE “GOING GREEN FOR A COOL HEALTHY JACKSON” PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the Jackson City Council ratified the submission of the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and authorized the Mayor to accept the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant award from RWJF in the amount of \$650,000.00 to reduce mortality and prevent illness associated with urban-heat-island (UHI) effects in Jackson, Mississippi, while providing a range of social, economic, cultural, and ecological co-benefits for the City of Jackson’s at-risk residents for the term beginning November 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, RWJF had agreed to amend the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant award to revise the budget and budget narrative to \$475,549.00 and to permit the City of Jackson to subcontract or subgrant funds to 2C Mississippi Toward Sustainable Educated & Empowered Mississippi (2CM); and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an amendment to the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” grant award to revise the budget and budget narrative and to permit the City of Jackson to subcontract or subgrant funds to 2C Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2023, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to accept the six-month no-cost grant extension from the Robert Johnson Foundation for the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” project and to execute any and all documents related to the acceptance of said grant extension; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, RWJF has notified the Deputy Director of Economic Development that the grant period has been extended to March 31, 2024; however, the amendment does not increase the Foundation’s commitment.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to accept the no-cost grant extension from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the “Going Green for a Cool, Healthy Jackson” project and to execute any and all documents related to the acceptance of said grant extension.

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

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

ORDER RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR A TWELVE-MONTH GRANT EXTENSION TO THE W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSAL ENTITLED EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS TO HUMAN DIGNITY (EPHD).

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to accept a \$1,895,000.00 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to be allocated over three years for the development of the proposal entitled EPDH; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is building a comprehensive strategy to heal communities in trauma that encompasses four domains: Community Safety, Conflict Resolution, Occupational Opportunity, and Collective Healing and Community Building; and

WHEREAS, the Employment to Human Dignity (EPHD) proposal represents the foundational element to the third domain of the comprehensive plan – Occupational Opportunity, and focuses on delivering training and job connection to City of Jackson residents who are below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to create a targeted stratified framework to increase employment, job creation, employer engagement, and economic growth, allowing citizens to access tools to help them traverse pathways to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, the City of Jackson submitted a request for an 18-month extension for the implementation of the EPHD grant to increase employment opportunities for low-income families of color through a stratified framework of the workforce and economic development, job creation, and employer engagement to achieve family economic security and regional prosperity; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2022, W.K. Kellogg Foundation notified the Deputy Director of Economic Development that the grant period would be extended to September 30, 2023; however, the amendment does not increase the Foundation's commitment; and

WHEREAS, the remaining budget of \$1,117,293.00 will be utilized to uplift underemployed and under-skilled workforce to meaningful employment, to create a bridge for low to mid-skilled workers to move into mid to high-skilled employment, and to build pathways for the retention of low Pell grant recipient, college-educated workers produced through Jackson's institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Jackson City Council authorized the Mayor to accept the grant extension from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for the development of the Employment Pathways to Human Dignity project and execute any and all documents related to the acceptance of said grant extension; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2023, the City of Jackson submitted a request for a 12-month extension for the implementation of the EPHD grant to increase employment opportunities for low-income families of color through a stratified framework of the workforce and economic development, job creation, and employer engagement to achieve family economic security and regional prosperity; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, W.K. Kellogg Foundation notified the Deputy Director of Economic Development that the grant period would be extended to September 30, 2024; however, the amendment does not increase the Foundation's commitment; and

WHEREAS, the remaining budget will be utilized to uplift underemployed and under-skilled workforce to meaningful employment, to create a bridge for low to mid-skilled workers to move into mid to high-skilled employment, and to build pathways for the retention of low Pell grant recipient, college-educated workers produced through Jackson's institutions of higher learning.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to accept the grant extension from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for the development of the Employment Pathways to Human Dignity project and execute any and all documents related to the acceptance of said grant extension.

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Hartley and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Grizzell, Lee and Stokes.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND ADOPT A CHARGER, INC. TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2023, Entergy Services, LLC entered into an agreement with Adopt A Charger, Inc. (AAC) to donate One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$160,000.00) to enable AAC to install electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) at high profile locations in Jackson, Mississippi metro area; and

WHEREAS, AAC seeks to enter into an agreement with the City of Jackson (COJ) to install and maintain, through Lavallee Services, EVCS in Jackson for an agreement period of five years after the execution of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, COJ will designate parking spaces available for the purpose of electric vehicle charging, will stripe the spaces to identify them as “Electric Vehicles Charging Only,” and will be responsible for electricity costs incurred by the EVCS; and

WHEREAS, AAC will purchase and install the EVCS at the mutually agreed upon locations and will pay all up-front cost for the installation, equipment, operation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, COJ will have no financial obligation to repay the equipment and installations costs; and

WHEREAS, AAC will provide the COJ access to the site host dashboard software system to track utilization at the stations; and

WHEREAS, AAC will also contract with Lavallee Services for the maintenance of EVCS for five years of the agreement period.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an Installation and Maintenance Agreement with Adopt A Charger, Inc. to install and maintain electric vehicle charging stations for an agreement period of five years.

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

President Banks recognized **Chloe Dotson, Director of Planning and Development**, who provided a brief overview of said item. After discussion, **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Lindsay** and **Council Member Hartley** who withdrew their motion and second. Said item would be table until a later date.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST WITH DOWNSOUTH GLOBAL FOR CREATION OF JINGLES THAT WILL COVER LYRICS, WRITING, MUSIC PRODUCTION, SINGING, TALK OVER TALENT EDITING, SPOT MANAGER FOR ALL STATIONS AND AIRTIME FOR RADIO SPOTS ON Y101, AND 90.1 FOR THE I AM JACKSON MICROENTERPRISE GRANT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Planning and Development/Office of Economic Development received one (1) quote for professional services for creation of jingles that will cover

lyrics, writing, music production, singing, talk over talent, editing, spot manager for all stations, and airtime for radio spots on Y101, and 90.1 for the I Am Jackson Microenterprise Grant; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Jackson's intention to award a professional services purchase order to DownSouth Global for the creation of jingles that will cover lyrics, writing, music production, singing, talk over talent, editing, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on Y101, and 90.1 for the I Am Jackson Microenterprise Grant; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the purchase order is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and will be covered by the FY2023 budget.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a professional services purchase order with DownSouth Global for the creation of jingles that will cover lyrics, writing, music production, singing, talk over talent, editing, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on Y101, and 90.1 for the I Am Jackson microenterprise grant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the total amount expended to DownSouth Global during the term of this professional services purchase order shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

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

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

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST WITH DOWNSOUTH GLOBAL FOR THE CREATION OF JINGLES, VIDEO FOR SOCIAL MEDIA, SPOT MANAGER FOR ALL STATIONS AND AIRTIME FOR RADIO SPOTS ON 107.5, AND 99.7 FOR THE I AM JACKSON MICROENTERPRISE GRANT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Planning and Development/Office of Economic Development received one (1) quote for professional services for the creation of a jingle, video for social media, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on 107.5 and 99.7 for the I Am Jackson microenterprise grant; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Jackson's intention to award a professional services purchase order to DownSouth Global for the creation of a jingle, video for social media, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on 107.5 and 99.7 for the I Am Jackson microenterprise grant; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the purchase order is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and will be covered by the CDBG-CV funds.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a professional services purchase order with DownSouth Global for the creation of a jingle, video for social media, spot manager for all stations and airtime for radio spots on 107.5 and 99.7 for the I Am Jackson microenterprise grant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the total amount expended to DownSouth Global during the term of this professional services purchase order shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Hartley seconded.

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

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

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Hartley and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Grizzell, Lee and Stokes.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023. At 3:43 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shane Kia M. Jordan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

A. B. L., 11/18/2024
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK
