

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 10:30 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened at City Hall at 10:30 a.m. on January 30, 2024, being the fifth 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; Vernon Hartley, Ward 5 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, Sabrina Shelby; Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Drew Martin, Interim City Attorney.

Absent: None.

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

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Eddie Rester**.

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

Note: Council Member Stokes and Council Member Grizzell joined the meeting.

President Banks recognized **Council Member Foote** who introduced the following individuals during the meeting:

- **Mr. Jones of West Point Society of MS and JROTC Colonel Brown**

President Banks opened the meeting in the memory of the following:

- **In Memory of Kenneth Bolden**
- **In Memory of Kelvin Gentry**

The following individual provided public comments during the meeting:

- **Claire Campbell** expressed concerns regarding loud music coming from a business located at 1401 E. Fortification St.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND FOUR SEASONS ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR THE DEMOLITION AND CLEANING OF PARCELS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ACCORDING TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 21-9-11 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2022, the Jackson City Council approved a resolution declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health,

safety, and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code following administrative hearing held on September 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Community Improvement Division of the Planning and Development Department placed an advertisement requesting qualified vendors, performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare, to submit bids on a CDBG funded project; and

WHEREAS, based on stated requirements, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC submitted the best bid and through its representative, Robert Love, has agreed to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions constituting a menace to public health and welfare for parcels listed in the bid package titled CDBG Demo Project 7: Parcel 409-537 for the sum of \$10,681.76; and

WHEREAS, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC has a principal office address 5822 Canton Park Dr, Jackson, MS 39211.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract and related documents with Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions for property located at 1909 Utah St.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$10,681.76 shall be paid to Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC for the services provided from CDBG funds budgeted for the Division.

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

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

Nays - None.

Absent – None.

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WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the Jackson City Council approved a resolution declaring certain parcels of real property in the City of Jackson to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code following administrative hearing held on October 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Community Improvement Division of the Planning and Development Department placed an advertisement requesting qualified vendors, performing services related to the remedying of conditions on property adjudicated to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare, to submit bids on a CDBG funded project; and

WHEREAS, based on stated requirements, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC submitted the best bid and through its representative, Robert Love, has agreed to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions constituting a menace to public health and welfare for parcels listed in the bid package titled CDBG Demo Project 6: Parcel 606-279 for the sum of \$7,008.75; and

WHEREAS, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC has a principal office address 5822 Canton Park Dr. Jackson, MS 39211.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract and related documents with Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions for property located at 2938 Englewood Blvd.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$7,008.75 shall be paid to Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC for the services provided from CDBG funds budgeted for the Division.

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

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

Nays - None.

Absent – None.

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WHEREAS, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC has a principal office address 5822 Canton Park Dr. Jackson, MS 39211.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract and related documents with Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions for property located at 12 Fleming Rd.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$9,307.33 shall be paid to Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC for the services provided from CDBG funds budgeted for the Division.

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

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

Nays - None.
Absent – None.

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WHEREAS, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC has a principal office address 5822 Canton Park Dr. Jackson, MS 39211.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract and related documents with Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions for property located at 3603 Lampton Ave.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$9,746.00 shall be paid to Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC for the services provided from CDBG funds budgeted for the Division.

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

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

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WHEREAS, Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC has a principal office address 5822 Canton Park Dr. Jackson, MS 39211.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract and related documents with Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC to demolish structure, foundation, steps, driveway and/or cut grass, weeds, shrubbery, fence line, bushes, and saplings; remove trash, debris, tires, crates, appliances, building materials, furniture, and fallen tree parts; and clean curbside to remedy conditions for property located at 203 Ferguson Dr.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that a sum not to exceed \$10,681.76 shall be paid to Four Seasons Enterprise, LLC for the services provided from CDBG funds budgeted for the Division.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 22, 2024 REGULAR ZONING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

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

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

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 29819 to 29871 APPEARING AT PAGES 192 TO 210 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL “DOCKET OF CLAIMS”, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,987,096.49 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 29819 to 29871 appearing at pages 192 to 210, inclusive thereon in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of

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\$4,987,096.49 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	1,295,666.29
TECHNOLOGY FUND	127,369.62
PARKS & RECR. FUND	33,922.56
BUSINESS IMPROV FUND (LANDSCP)	179,415.67
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	990,859.04
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	985.00
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND	1,202,007.25
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	130,484.81
NARCOTICS EVIDENCE ESCROW	306.00
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	22,500.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION REVO	2,920.51
H O P W A GRANT – DEPT OF HUD	63,815.96
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	22,627.65
TRANSPORTATION FUND	27,160.26
FONDREN BUSINESS IMPROV FUND	22,534.24
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	307,126.10
MODERNIZATION TAX	92,660.00
ZOOLOGICAL PARK	6,329.13
DFA-PLANETARIUM	403,867.30
LIBRARY FUND	9,453.50
BELHAVEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT	26,132.31
LEFLEUR EAST BUSINESS DISTRICT	19,953.29
TOTAL	<u>\$4,987,096.49</u>

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

President Banks recognized **Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer**, who provided a brief overview of larger claims at the request of **President Banks**.

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

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

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 29819 TO 29871 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 29819 to 29871 inclusive therein, in the Municipal “Docket of Claims”, in the aggregate amount of \$102,977.41 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:

FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	TO PAYROLL FUND
GENERAL FUND		2,667,033.61
PARKS & RECR FUND		84,193.32
LANDFILL FUND		22,351.88
SENIOR AIDES		3,470.52
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		62,942.61
PAYROLL	\$102,977.41	
HOUSING COMM DEV		6,985.57
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		5,946.28
TRANSPORTATION FUND		15,947.21
PEG ACCESS-PROGRAMMING FUND		5,265.28
2020 SAKI GRAND DOJ		7,405.71
ZOOLOGICAL PARK		31,182.11
NLC-MUNICIPAL REIMAGINING COMM		9,905.82
TOTAL		\$2,922,629.92

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

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

Nays - None.

Absent – None

Note: Council Member Grizzell left the meeting.

**ORDER APPOINTING GENEVA JOHNSON TO THE CITY OF JACKSON
PLANNING BOARD.**

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 appointment of Kim Robinson to fill the board vacancy for Ward 3 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 Geneva Johnson to fill the board vacancy for Ward 3 with a term to begin on January 16, 2024.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor’s appointment of Geneva Johnson to the Planning Board of the City of Jackson be confirmed with the term to begin on January 16, 2024 and to expire on January 16, 2028.

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

President Banks recognized **Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

President Banks recognized **Vice President Lee** who moved; seconded by **Council Member Hartley** to amend said item in the 2nd WHEREAS to remove the name “Kim Robinson”.

After thorough discussion, **President Banks** recognized **Vice President Lee** and **Council Member Hartley** withdrew their motion and second.

President Banks recognized **Geneva Johnson**, who gave a personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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

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

ORDER APPOINTING GENEVA JOHNSON TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Jackson is comprised of not less than nine (9) members who shall each serve a three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the City Council confirmed the Mayor’s re-appointment of Heather Wilcox to fill a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission with a term that expired on July 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of her qualifications, has appointed Geneva Johnson to fill the board vacancy for the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Jackson with a term to begin on December 19, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor’s appointment of Geneva Johnson to the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Jackson be confirmed with the term to begin on December 19, 2023 and to expire on December 19, 2026.

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

President Banks recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER AND A SUPPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SQUARE9 SOFTWARES AND THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO RENEW THE SUBSCRIPTION AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR THE SQUARE9 SMART SEARCH DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is required to preserve, store, and maintain essential public records pertaining to the business of the municipality and is required to provide public records to those requesting said records pursuant to § 25-61-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, known and cited as “the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson entered into an agreement with Advantage Business Systems on May 1, 2015, for the procurement, implementation, maintenance, and support of Square 9 smart search document management software; and

WHEREAS, to increase efficiency in the review, storage, collaboration, classification, revision, and accessibility of records by the City purchased and implemented Square 9 SmartSearch Document Management Software; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, the Council approved payment to renew support and maintenance for a one-year term set to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the renewal term period for these services will be from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, in the amount of Eight Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$8,084.41).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a purchase order and a support service agreement between Square9 Softworks and the City of Jackson, Mississippi, beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$8,084.41).

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

President Banks recognized **Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Grizzell.

Note: Council Member Grizzell returned to the meeting.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN MOU WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ATF) FOR THE RECEIPT OF A NATIONAL BALLISTICS INFORMATION NETWORK MOBILE UNIT WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE TIMELY COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND DISSEMINATION OF CRIME GUN DATA.

WHEREAS, Section 21-17-1 of the Mississippi Code authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality to perform and exercise any duty, responsibility, or function and enter into agreements and receive services or assistances in accordance with and as may be authorized by a federal law, rule, or regulation creating, establishing or providing for any program, activity, or service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are amenable to loaning to the City of Jackson’s police department a mobile unit which will be used to collect, analyze, and disseminate data concerning gun crimes for National Integrated Ballistic Information Network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson received a grant for the establishment of a Crime Gun Intelligence Center which contemplates that there would be collaboration with local, state, and federal law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities; and

WHEREAS, the ATF’s willingness to loan the City of Jackson’s police department a mobile unit to collect, analyze, and disseminate data for the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network supports the City of Jackson’s effort to establish a Crime Gun Intelligence Center; and

WHEREAS, the mobile unit will be loaned to the City of Jackson without cost; and

WHEREAS, the sovereign immunity available to the parties to the MOU will not be defeated as a result of entering into the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the rights and obligations set out in the MOU are between the signatories and are not intended to create substantive or procedural rights, privileges, or benefits enforceable in any administrative, civil, or criminal matter by any prospective or actual third parties; and

WHEREAS, the applicable statutes, regulations, directives, and procedures of the U.S. DOJ and ATF shall govern the MOU and all documents and actions pursuant to it; and

WHEREAS, the mobile unit will remain the property of the U.S. Department of Justice ATF; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by authorizing the police chief to execute the MOU.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Chief of Police shall be authorized to execute the MOU with the ATF providing for the loan of the mobile unit which will be used to collect, analyze, and disseminate data.

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

President Banks recognized **Assistant Chief Wendell Watts, of the Jackson Police Department**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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.

President Banks requested that Agenda Item No. 21 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

ORDER AMENDING THE JANUARY 18, 2022 ORDER AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN FOR THE KEITH HARING FITNESS COURT AND CHANGING THE LOCATION FROM THE WOODROW WILSON PARK TO THE BELHAVEN HEIGHTS PARK.

WHEREAS, the National Fitness Campaign has collaborated with the Keith Haring foundation to unite art and fitness across America and has selected the City of Jackson as one of only ten national location sites for a Limited- Edition Signature Series Keith Haring Fitness Court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson supports the National Fitness Campaign to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Keith Haring Fitness Court is a collective effort supported in part by the Greater Jackson Arts Council, Visit Jackson, the Jackson Heart Foundation and the City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the National Fitness Campaign initiative is a powerful integrated community wellness program, anchored by the world-class, outdoor fitness courts designed for adults of all ages and abilities. The program is active in over 150 cities and schools across America, and is funded to grow to 500 site partners by the end of 2022. The goal of the campaign is to change and improve health outcomes, breaking down the barriers to living an active and healthy lifestyle across America; and

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 17-3-1, any municipality of Mississippi, may in their discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend moneys, not to exceed one mill of their respective valuation and assessment for the purpose of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of such municipality; and

WHEREAS, by Order entered January 18, 2022, the Council authorized and approved a sponsorship in the amount of \$25,000.00 to support the Keith Haring Licensed Fitness Court at the Woodrow Wilson Park; and said payment was authorized to be paid from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reconsidered the location of the Keith Haring Licensed Fitness Court and now determines that the Keith Haring Licensed Court should be located at the Belhaven Heights Park.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Keith Haring Licensed Court shall be placed at the Belhaven Heights Park.

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

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

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.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN MOU WITH THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE RELATED TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO THE CYBER FRAUD TASK FORCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO CYBER FRAUD TASK FORCE WORK.

WHEREAS, Section 21-17-1 of the Mississippi Code authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality to perform and exercise any duty, responsibility, or function and enter into agreements and receive services or assistances in accordance with and as may be authorized by a federal law, rule, or regulation creating, establishing or providing for any program, activity, or service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secret Service was directed by the U.S. Patriot Act of 2001 to take appropriate actions to expand the national network of Electronic Crimes Task Forces (ECTF) throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to the directive, the Secret Service consolidated its Financial Crimes Task Forces with the ECTF and named the consolidated forces Cyber Fraud Task Force (CFTF); and

WHEREAS, a CFTF is a partnership between the Secret Service, private industry, state, local, tribal, territorial, federal law enforcement agencies, federal and state prosecutors, and academia; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CFTF is to prevent, detect, and mitigate complex cyber-enabled financial crimes with the goal of arrest and convicting the most harmful perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department is eligible to participate as a member in the CFTF established by the Secret Service; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governs the relationship between the United States Secret Service and members of the CFTF; and

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes (a) information handling procedures; (b) provides for the deputation of law enforcement officers as Secret Service Task Force Officers; (c) Provides for access to Secret Service Systems and /or unescorted access to Secret Service facilities upon attaining the appropriate clearances; and (e) provides for the reimbursement of overtime compensation arising out of CFTF work by assigned personnel; and

WHEREAS, task force officers with access to Secret Service systems and unescorted facilities access will be subject to Secret Service policies; and

WHEREAS, task force officers will be assigned a CFTF supervisor and shall be subject to the use of force policies of the Secret Service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson shall be responsible for establishing salary and paying compensation to officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson may be reimbursed for overtime paid to assigned officers which results and arises out of actual work and activities of the CFTF; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement will be based upon the actual hourly rate of compensation exclusive of taxes and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the maximum overtime compensation which may be paid to an officer is \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement of the overtime compensation is subject to approval of the CFTF supervisor; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement of overtime compensation is also subject to availability of funds in the Department of Treasury Forfeiture Fund to satisfy requests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson must provide to the Secret Service within 10 days of the Chief of Police's signing of the MOU the following: (1) Mailing address of agency; (2) Contact name and telephone number; (3) tax identification number; (4) ABA routing number and account number where electronic funds transfers for reimbursements are to be deposited; and

WHEREAS, the failure to provide the information referenced within 10 days of signing of the MOU will nullify the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by authorizing the police chief to execute the MOU with the Secret Service for the Cyber Fraud Task Force.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Chief of Police shall be authorized to execute the MOU with the Secret Service.

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

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

Note: Council Member Lindsay left the meeting.

ORDER TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH LILLIE'S RESTAURANT FOR SERVICES IN PROVIDING MEALS FOR THE JACKSON POLICE ACADEMY 70TH RECRUIT CLASS FOR THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024 THROUGH MAY 10, 2024.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson Police Department (“JPD”) is conducting 12-week recruit classes to train and certify new police officers, and

WHEREAS, the Police Recruits are housed in the barracks of the Jackson Police Training Academy for the duration of their training, and

WHEREAS, because the recruits are mandated to remain onsite except for the weekend release, meals will be furnished and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Attorney General has previously opined that agreements for the procurement of professional or personal services are not subject to the purchasing laws codified at Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code and any process may be used to procure; (See Haley Broom Opinion #2018-00443 issued January 18, 2019); and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Attorney General has recommended that governing authorities use some form of a competitive process for personal or professional service contracts to ensure that it is receiving best value for the cost and the appearance of favoritism of specific contractors; See footnote Haley Broom Opinion #2018-00443 issued January 18, 2019); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department solicited quotes from Lillie’s Restaurant located at 412 Highway 80 East in Clinton, Mississippi and Josephine’s Kitchen located at 4638 Hanging Moss Road Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Josephine’s Kitchen submitted the following quote for the weekly provision of the meals:

Monday through Thursday	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner	
Friday	Breakfast and Lunch	
		Total: \$4,150.00

WHEREAS, Lillie’s Restaurant submitted the following quote for the weekly provision of the meals:

Monday through Thursday	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner	
Friday	Breakfast and Lunch	
		Total: \$3,775.00

WHEREAS, the quote received from Lillie’s Restaurant was the lowest and best quote received; and

WHEREAS, dinner is not served on Friday evening; and

WHEREAS, no meals are served on Saturday or Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the meals to be provided is \$45,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the monies in account #001.442.26.6419 are adequate to pay for the service to be provide.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the City of Jackson is authorized to enter agreement with Lillie’s Restaurant to provide food services to the City of Jackson Training Academy for the 70th Police Recruit Class and to pay Lillie’s Restaurant in an amount not to exceed \$45,300.00.

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

President Banks recognized **Captain Christian Vance, of the Jackson Police Department**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City of Jackson executed a professional services agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for the Riverside Drive Project; and

WHEREAS, due to changes during the project, the construction contract time was extended resulting in additional construction engineering and inspection time on the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement #3, which adds additional funds to the contract due to the longer project construction time, results in a cost increase of \$276,500.00.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute Amendment #3 to the contract of Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for the Riverside Drive Project, increasing the contract not to exceed amount by \$276,500.00 to \$2,862,953.00.

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

President Banks recognized **Terry Williamson, Legal Counsel**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

ORDER RATIFYING PROCUREMENT OF STREET SIGNS AND RELATED HARDWARE FROM CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID VENDOR.

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council voted to rename most of Ellis Avenue to Bobby Rush Boulevard and all of Griffith Street to James Meredith Drive to honor two outstanding Mississippians who each have contributed greatly to Mississippi's history; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the larger than usual number of signs could be procured in a timely manner considering the age of the honorees, the Mayor invoked the City's Emergency Procurement Procedure, which implements Section 31-7-13 (k) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to expedite the purchase of the signs and all mounting hardware necessary for installation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Declaration Invoking the Emergency Procurement Procedure, a copy of which is attached hereto, the Department of Public Works solicited, received, and accepted a quote from Custom Products Corporation to provide the signs and related mounting hardware; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends that the City Council ratify the acceptance of the quote from Custom Products Corporation for signs and related mounting hardware in the amount of \$12,941.59 and authorize payment of the invoice in that amount attached hereto.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the acceptance of the quote from Custom Products Corporation for signs and related mounting hardware in the amount of \$12,941.59 is hereby ratified.

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

Vendor Name	Amount of Invoice
Custom Products Corporation	\$12,941.59

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

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE MEDGAR EVERS BOULEVARD RAISE GRANT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Jackson was awarded a \$20 million RAISE Grant from the United States Department of Transportation to reconstruct Medgar Evers Boulevard from Woodrow Wilson Avenue to Ridgeway Street; and

WHEREAS, whereas design engineering is well underway and being funded through the Mississippi Infrastructure Modernization Tax; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement among the United States Department of Transportation, the Mississippi Transportation Commission, and the City of Jackson lists the duties and obligations of all parties as part of the grant.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a grant agreement and related documents with the United States Department of Transportation and the Mississippi Transportation Commission for the Medgar Evers Boulevard RAISE Grant Project.

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

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

There came on for consideration Agenda Item No. 22:

ORDER AMENDING ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, AARON BANKS, TO RETAIN COUNSEL FOR CAUSE NO. 21-646 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI. President Banks stated said item would be tabled until a later date.

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING JXN WATER TO REFRAIN FROM TURNING OFF WATER SERVICES FOR 90 DAYS AND ISSUE CREDIT FOR CUSTOMERS FOR THE FREEZING TEMPERATURES AND HAVING TO RUN WATER TO KEEP PIPES FOR BURSTING.

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council recognize the importance of clean water for public health and basic hygiene; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Jackson, Mississippi have faced difficult times due to the freezing temperatures and water main breaks; and

WHEREAS, many residents may be facing financial difficulties due to circumstances beyond their control; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Jackson that a credit is applied to resident's water bill account and/or encouraging JXN water to explore all available resources to assist those in need.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi hereby encourage JXN water to refrain from turning off water services for 90 days and issue a credit for customers for the freezing temperatures and having to run water to keep pipes from bursting.

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

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

Nays – Foote.

Absent – Lindsay.

ORDER REVIEWING AND CONTINUING AUGUST 29, 2022 STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2022, the Mayor issued a proclamation of emergency as a result of (1) excessive rainfall and extreme flooding, (2) the March 7, 2020 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Emergency Administrative Order (EAO); (3) the February 2021 system-wide failure due to extreme water conditions that caused pipes to freeze and lose pressure; (4) the July 1, 2021 SDWA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC); (5) the July 29, 2022 Boil Water Notice which existed for more than thirty (30) days; and (6) the August 25, 2022 flooding of the Pearl River, which lead to problems with treating water at the O.B. Curtis Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, Section 33-15-17(d) of the Mississippi Code allows the mayor of a municipality to proclaim a local emergency and authorizes the governing body of a municipality to review and approve or disapprove the need for continuing the local emergency at its first regular meeting following such proclamation or at a special meeting; and

WHEREAS, Section 33-15-5 (h) of the Mississippi Code defines an emergency as “any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or man-made, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to loss of property;” and

WHEREAS, Section 33-15-5 (g) of the Mississippi Code defines a local emergency as “the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of person and property within the territorial limits of a...municipality caused by such conditions as...water pollution...or other natural or man-made conditions, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the political subdivision and require the combined forces of other subdivisions or of the state to combat;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33-15-17 (b) of the Mississippi Code, the City “is authorized to exercise the powers vested under [Section 33-15-1, et seq.,] in light of the exigencies of the extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations...and the expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that we the governing body of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in the body by Section 33-15-17 (d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare of the City of Jackson, do hereby approve of the continued need for a civil emergency for the entire City of Jackson for the reasons set forth in this Order.

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

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

ORDER REVIEWING AND CONTINUING STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the Jackson City Council, pursuant to Section 33-15-17(8)(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, passed an Order Declaring the Need to Continue the State of Emergency that was issued on February 13, 2020 by Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, in the February 18, 2020 Order, found that flood waters and wide spread drainage system issues had affected several Jackson creeks, including, but not limited to: Belhaven Creek; Bogue Chitto Creek; Canney Creek; Eubanks Creek; Hanging Moss Creek; Lynch Creek; Purple Creek; Three Mile Creek; Town Creek; Travon Creek; and White Oak Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, in the February 18, 2020 Order, found that the flood waters and wide spread drainage system issues caused extensive damages to homes, business, public property, and threatened the safety of the citizens and property of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, requiring the exercise of extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, in the February 18, 2020 Order, found that all efforts should be taken to protect people and property in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, on March 17, 2020; April 14, 2020; May 12, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 4, 2020, September 1, 2020, September 29, 2020, October 27, 2020, November 24, 2020, December 22, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 17, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 27, 2021, May 25, 2021, June 22, 2021, July 20, 2021, August 31, 2021, September 28, 2021, October 26, 2021, November 23, 2021, December 21, 2021, January 25, 2022, February 15, 2022, March 29, 2022, April 26, 2022, May 24, 2022, June 21, 2022, July 19, 2022, August 30, 2022, September 27, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 20, 2022, January 31, 2023, February 28, 2023, March 21, 2023, April 25, 2023 and May 23, 2023, June 22, 2023, July 18, 2023, August 29, 2023, September 26, 2023, October 24, 2023, November 21, 2023 and December 19, 2023 pursuant to Section 33-15-17(8)(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, reviewed the need for and continued the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33-15-17(8)(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Jackson City Council has again reviewed the need for continuing the local emergency and determined that the emergency should be continued.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERED that said Order Declaring the Need to Continue the Declared State of Emergency as delineated by the Jackson City Council, remains in full force and effect and shall be reviewed again in thirty (30) days in accordance with Section 33-15-17(8)(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

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

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

President Banks requested that Agenda Item No. 34 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED ACCORDING TO SECTION 21-35-13 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED OF 1972. **President Banks** stated that all City Council members had received the monthly financial report for review.

DISCUSSION: LANDON’S WORLD: President Banks recognized Council Member Stokes who expressed concerns regarding cars being intentionally set on fire at Landon’s World Towing. President Banks recognized the business owner Mr. McGhee who gave a brief overview of the security footage he has of the perpetrators setting the cars on fire. Council Member Stokes encouraged Mr. McGhee to speak with Chief Wade of the Jackson Police Department.

President Banks recognized Vice President Lee who moved, seconded by Council Member Grizzell to add an item to the agenda on an emergency basis, Order amending the fiscal year 2024 budget of the City of Jackson department of public works traffic maintenance division. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

There came on as the Emergency Agenda Item: ORDER AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JACKSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE DIVISION: Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

ORDER AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF JACKSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

WHEREAS, certain unbudgeted needs and allocations have arisen since the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 City of Jackson budget for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 City of Jackson budget should be amended to provide funding for temporary contract signal maintenance and for the replacement of seven old computers that were on the verge of failing; and

WHEREAS, the following accounts should be amended as follows:

From Account	To Account	Amount
001 44820 6111	001 44820 6419	\$100,000.00
001 44850 6111	001 44810 6242	\$7,000.00
001 44880 6111	001 44810 6242	\$3,081.00

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Fiscal Year 2024 budget be revised for the Department of Public Works:

From Account	To Account	Amount
001 44820 6111	001 44820 6419	\$100,000.00
001 44850 6111	001 44810 6242	\$7,000.00
001 44880 6111	001 44810 6242	\$3,081.00

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-35-25, this budget revision shall be published or posted within two (2) weeks of approval, in a newspaper in the same manner as the final adopted budget. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-35-25, the published notice shall contain a description of the amendment, the amount of money and funds affected, and a detailed statement explaining the need and purpose of the amendment, as well as, the vote of each City Council member.

Vice President Lee moved adoption; Council Member Grizzell seconded.

President Banks recognized **Robert Lee, City Engineer**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

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

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

Nays – None.

Absent – Lindsay.

DISCUSSION: KEYSHIA SANDERS: **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Stokes** who expressed concerns regarding over a million dollars missing from the City’s coffers. **Council Member Stokes** expressed interest in hiring lawyers to recover missing funds as well as seeking State or Federal help.

DISCUSSION: TOUGALOO COLLEGE SIGN: **President Banks** recognized **Vice President Lee** who expressed concerns regarding the Tougaloo College sign being down. **President Banks** recognized **Louis Wright, CAO**, who stated that the sign was being repaired as well as the lighting problem with their other sign and he expected it to be fixed within the coming days.

DISCUSSION: GARBAGE CONTRACT STATUS: **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Foote** who expressed concerns regarding the garbage RFP process. **Council Member Foote** also stated the emergency garbage contract is set to expire soon and strongly encouraged the Administration to move forward with making selections for the contract to help avoid another garbage crisis.

DISCUSSION: REPAIRS OF THE CITY ARTS BUILDING: **President Banks** recognized **Council Member Foote** who expressed concerns regarding budgetary restraints delaying bathroom repairs the City Arts building. **Council Member Foote** stated the bathrooms have since been repaired. **Council Member Foote** requested monies from the Zurich settlement be used to sure up the building maintenance budget

DISCUSSION: REDISTRICTING: **President Banks** stated said item was previously discussed in Work Session held on January 29, 2024.

DISCUSSION: REVIEW AND CONTINUATION OF COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY: **President Banks** and the City Council members discussed to continue the emergency.

DISCUSSION: PENDING LITIGATION: **President Banks** stated said item would be discussed in Executive Session.

President Banks recognized **Council Member Hartley** who moved, seconded by **Vice President Lee** to go into Closed Session regarding Agenda Items No. 27 and 33 – Pending Litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

President Banks announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session regarding Agenda Items No. 27, and 33 - Pending Litigation.

Note: Council Member Stokes left the meeting.

During Closed Session, **Council Member Hartley** moved, seconded by **Vice President Lee** to go into Executive Session regarding Agenda Items No. 27 and 33 – Pending Litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

President Banks announced that the Council would go into Executive Session regarding Agenda Items No. 27 and 33 – Pending Litigation: **City of Jackson vs Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**.

Council Member Hartley moved, seconded by **Vice President Lee** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

President Banks announced to the public that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Special Council Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on February 2, 2024. At 12:37 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED:

Shanika M. Jordan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

A. B. L., *2/13/2024*
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

[Signature]
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angele Harris
CITY CLERK
