

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 6:00 P.M.

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on February 25, 2014, being the fourth Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done, to wit:

Present: Council Members: Charles Tillman, President, Ward 5; Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice President, Ward 2; Quentin Whitwell, Ward 1; LaRita Cooper-Stokes, Ward 3; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; Tony Yarber, Ward 6 and Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7. Directors: Safiya Omari, the Mayor's Chief of Staff; Brenda Pree, City Clerk; and Gail Lowery, City Attorney.

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by **President Charles Tillman**.

President Tillman announced that **Mayor Chokwe Lumumba** had passed and that the meeting would be recessed until reconvened.

President Tillman stated that the regularly scheduled February 25, 2014, Council Meeting would be rescheduled and reconvened on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 6:21 p.m. until further notice.

The Council reconvened and called an emergency session due to the death of **Mayor Chokwe Lumumba** to discuss urgent matters regarding the City of Jackson leadership. Upon reconvening, all members of the Council unanimously voted and declared to enter executive session to discuss matters related to the City's extraordinary emergency resulting from **Mayor Lumumba's** death.

Upon exiting Executive Session, **President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Whitwell** who moved that **President Tillman** serve as Acting Mayor, and **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman, Whitwell and Yarber.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

President Tillman recognized **Council Member Yarber** who moved that **Council Member Priester** serve as President of the City Council, and **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** seconded. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman, Whitwell and Yarber.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

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President Priester recognized **Council Member Yarber** who moved that **Council Member Stamps** serve as Vice President of the City Council, and **Council Member Cooper-Stokes** seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Cooper-Stokes, Priester, Stamps, Tillman, Whitwell and Yarber.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

The meeting recessed at 6:48 p.m. until further notice.

The meeting reconvened and **Charles H. Tillman** was sworn in as **Acting Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi**, with the oath of office administered by **The Honorable Melvin V. Priester, Sr.**, County Court Judge of Hinds County, Mississippi.

There being no further business to come before the City Council on this day, the City Council unanimously voted to reschedule the remainder of the Regular Meeting of the City Council until Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.; at 6:52 p.m., the Council stood adjourned until the Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR DATE 3/11/14
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