

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

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 December 16, 2014, being the third Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: De'Keither Stamps, President, Ward 4; Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice- President, Ward 2; Charles H. Tillman, Ward 5; Tyrone Hendrix, Ward 6 and Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Aalice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by **President De'Keither Stamps**.

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Samuel Green**, a member of Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The following individuals were introduced during the meeting:

- **Pastor Ernest Slaughter**
- **Charles Alexander**
- **Pastor Jesse Sutton**
- **Safiya Omari**

President Stamps requested that Agenda Items No. 19 and 18 be moved forward on the Agenda. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
HONORING AND COMMENDING PASTOR DR. JESSE SUTTON, JR. AS AN
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND FOR DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP.**
Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Dr. Jesse Sutton, Jr.**

President Stamps presented a **WARD THREE CERTIFICATE** to Mama's Eats and Sweets. Accepting the Presentation with appropriate remarks were **Aletha Thomas** and **Ineva Mae Pittman**.

President Stamps recognized the following individuals who provided public comments:

- **Albert Wilson** expressed concerns regarding the amount of bus transfers that the citizens of Ward 3 have to get in order to transport from one area of Ward 3 to another.
- **Safiya Omari** spoke in support of the Human Rights Initiative resolution.
- **Amelie Hahn** read a letter sent to Council members regarding human rights.
- **Larry Nelson**, President of Victim of Violent Crimes, spoke about the murders within the city of Jackson and preventative measures to stop the violence.

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- **Ivory Phillips** spoke in support of making Jackson a human rights city and stated the difference between human rights vs. civil rights.
- **Joe Jackson**, invited citizens to attend a youth program on December 31, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. in Fondren Hall.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Priester** who requested that Agenda Item #30 be moved forward. Hearing no objections, the Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING PASTOR JOE JACKSON AND MAURICE (UNCLE REESE) HICKS ON THEIR NEW YEAR'S EVE 2014 YOUTH CELEBRATION. Accepting the Resolution with appropriate remarks was **Pastor Joe Jackson**.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** continued with public comments:

- **Margrit Garner** complimented **Commander McGowan** and the officers of Precinct Four in providing services to an abandoned house on Francis St.
- **Bill Chandler** spoke in support of human rights and racial profiling.

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBERED 2718 TO 3057, APPEARING AT PAGES 436 TO 487 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,492,437.23 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 2718 to 3057, appearing at pages 436 to 487, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$6,492,437.23 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:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u> <u>FUND</u>
09 TAX INCREMENT BD FD \$1.6M	26,125.00
09 TIF BOND FD \$375,000	1,302.20
2008 GO STREET CONST B & I FD	2,065,610.63
2012 ED BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	213.95
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE FUND	2,000.00
CONVENTION CTR CONSTRUCTION FD	1,000.00
DRAINAGE – REPAIR & REPL. FD	19,770.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	210.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,500.00
G O PUB IMP CONS BD 2003 (\$20M)	24,606.82
GENERAL FUND	385,622.74
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	3,065.20
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	39,302.40
MADISON SEWAGE DISP OP & MAINT	51.79
MEMA- DOMESTIC PREPARDNSS EQUIP	5,710.54
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	215.27
PARKS & RECR. FUND	29,069.85

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REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND	28,500.00
SEIZURE & FORFEITED PROP-STATE	13,816.00
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	4,749.93
TECHNOLOGY FUND	22,392.67
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	405.24
TRANSPORTATION FUND	146,057.39
WATER/SEWER CON FD 2013-\$89.9M	3,482,424.00
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	182,795.36
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	5,920.00

TOTAL **\$6,492,437.23**

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

President Stamps recognized **Trivia Jones**, Director of Administration, who provided the Council with a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **President Stamps**.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote on the Claims Docket:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester and Stamps.
Nays- Tillman.
Absent- None.

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 2718 TO 3057 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 2718 to 3057, inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$137,508.56 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:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND</u>	<u>TO PAYROLL FUND</u>
GENERAL FUND		2,126,764.40
PARKS & RECR.		70,163.17
LANDFILL FUND		24,250.85
SENIOR AIDES		2,578.72
WATER/SEWER OPER. & MAINT		216,090.13
PAYROLL FUND		1,335.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD		34,497.20
HOUSING COMM DEV		6,701.06
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS		6,176.40
AMERICORP CAPITAL CITY REBUILD		10,740.64
TRANSPORTATION FUND		6,974.72
T-WARNER PA/GA FUND		7,142.36
COPS HIRING GRANT 2011		2,290.95
PAYROLL	137,508.56	

TOTAL

\$2,515,705.60

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **Council Member Hendrix** seconded.

Yeas-, Cooper-Stokes, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon.

ORDER DESIGNATING BANCORPSOUTH AS THE CITY OF JACKSON PUBLIC FUNDS DEPOSITORY FOR 2015 AND 2016 AND ACCEPTING THE BID OF BANCORPSOUTH TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES FOR 2015 AND 2016 AND DESIGNATING TRUSTMARK, BANKPLUS, AND LIBERTY BANK AS PUBLIC FUNDS DEPOSITORIES FOR 2015 AND 2016 FOR INVESTMENT ONLY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, BancorpSouth, BankPlus, and Trustmark National Bank submitted bids to be public funds depositories for 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, BancorpSouth, BankPlus, and Trustmark National Bank meet the statutory requirements for public funds depositories, as provided by Sections 27-105-315, 27-105-5 and 27-105-9 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, BancorpSouth submitted the lowest and best bid to provide banking services; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to solicit investment offerings from BankPlus, Trustmark National Bank, and Liberty Bank at various times and for various purposes, therefore, it is necessary to designate these banks as depositories for 2015 and 2016.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that BancorpSouth bid to provide banking services is accepted as the lowest and best bid and BancorpSouth is designated as a depository for 2015 and 2016.

IT IS, FURTHER, ORDERED that BankPlus, Trustmark National Bank, and Liberty Bank, be designated as public funds depositories for 2015 and 2016.

IT IS, FURTHER, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

Council Member Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Hendrix** seconded.

President Stamps recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** and **Trivia Jones**, Director of Administration, who spoke on the time sensitive nature of said item and requested that Council take said matter into consideration.

President Stamps recognized **Felecia Young**, the City's Treasurer, who explained the bid process of obtaining banking services at the request of **Council Member Tillman**.

After a thorough discussion on said item, **President Stamps** requested that motion and second be withdrawn in order to table said item until Monday, December 22, 2014 Special Council meeting. **Council Members Priester** and **Hendrix** withdrew their motion and second.

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF BEATRICE SLAUGHTER AS THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2014, the Mayor nominated Beatrice Slaughter as Director of the Department of Constituent Services for the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the nomination came before the City Council for confirmation as required by Section 21-8-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and Section 2-325 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the nomination, and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the nomination should be confirmed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Beatrice Slaughter is appointed as the Director of the Department of Constituent Services for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Council Member Hendrix moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

President Stamps recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Beatrice Slaughter** for consideration as Director of the Department of Constituent Services. **Beatrice Slaughter** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARK PLANETARIUM FOR THE FULL DOME SHOW "LET IT SNOW."

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson's Russell C. Davis Planetarium operates Mississippi's only public planetarium bringing Jackson residents and visitors educational Full Dome Show experiences; and

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium is the owner of distribution rights for the Full Dome Show entitled "Let it Snow", made exclusively for screening in Full Dome theaters and very popular in such theaters around the country; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Planetarium's management that the Full Dome Show named above will be very popular with Jackson residents and visitors of all ages.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute a 50 year License Agreement between Clark Planetarium and the City of Jackson for the presentation of "Let it Snow."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City pay to Clark Planetarium the one time sum of \$1,400.00 for the cost of one (1) New Full Dome show, with a lease period of 50 years.

Council Member Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARK PLANETARIUM FOR THE FULL DOME SHOW “PERFECT LITTLE PLANET.”

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson’s Russell C. Davis Planetarium operates Mississippi’s only public planetarium bringing Jackson residents and visitors educational Full Dome show experiences; and

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium is the owner of distribution rights for the Full Dome Show entitled “Perfect Little Planet,” made exclusively for screening in Full Dome theaters and very popular in such theaters around the country; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Planetarium’s management that the Full Dome Show named above will be very popular with Jackson residents and visitors of all ages.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute a 50 year License Agreement between Clark Planetarium and the City of Jackson for the presentation of “Perfect Little Planet.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City pay to Clark Planetarium the one time sum of \$6,500.00 for the cost of one (1) New Full Dome show, with a lease period of 50 years.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARK PLANETARIUM FOR THE FULL DOME SHOW “BLACK HOLES.”

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson’s Russell C. Davis Planetarium operates Mississippi’s only public planetarium bringing Jackson residents and visitors educational Full Dome Show experiences; and

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium is the owner of distribution rights for the Full Dome Show entitled “Black Holes,” made exclusively for screening in Full Dome theaters and very popular in such theaters around the country; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Planetarium’s management that the Full Dome Show named above will be very popular with Jackson residents and visitors of all ages.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute a 50 year License Agreement between Clark Planetarium and the City of Jackson for the presentation of “Black Holes.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City pay to Clark Planetarium the one time sum of \$6,500.00 for the cost of one (1) New Full Dome show, with a lease period of 50 years.

Council Member Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARK PLANETARIUM FOR THE FULL DOME SHOW “EXPLODING UNIVERSE.”

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson’s Russell C. Davis Planetarium operates Mississippi’s only public planetarium bringing Jackson residents and visitors educational Full Dome Show experiences; and

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium is the owner of distribution rights for the Full Dome Show entitled “Exploding Universe,” made exclusively for screening in Full Dome theaters and very popular in such theaters around the country; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Planetarium’s management that the Full Dome Show named above will be very popular with Jackson residents and visitors of all ages.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute a 50 year License Agreement between Clark Planetarium and the City of Jackson for the presentation of “Exploding Universe.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City pay to Clark Planetarium the one time sum of \$4,550.00 for the cost of one (1) New Full Dome show, with a lease period of 50 years.

Council Member Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS MANDATED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE CITY OF JACKSON.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson sponsors an Early Childhood Development Program in three centers known as Jones, Westside and Virden; and

WHEREAS, the City's Early Childhood Development Centers receive federal funding from the Mississippi State Department of Human Services as a sub-grantee for the services it provides to eligible families; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Human Services has informed the City that it is eligible to receive the sum of \$809,315.00 in funding for the period of January 1st - September 30th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a match of \$ 290, 620.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Department of Human Services has enacted certain policies and procedures which must be adhered to by the City prior to disbursing funds; and

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures include the execution of certain contracts, forms, and compliance documents; and

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WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Mayor be authorized to execute documents required by the Mississippi State Department of Human Services for the receipt of the funds so that services can continue to be provided; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the City of Jackson would be served by authorizing the Mayor to execute documents required by the Mississippi State Department of Human Services for the funding period January 1st - September 30th, 2015.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute agreements, forms, and compliance documents required by the Mississippi State Department of Human Services for the awarding of funds during the period January 1st - September 30th, 2015.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that matching funds not to exceed \$290,620.00 be expended for the City's Early Childhood Development Program.

Council Member Priester moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE USE OF 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND TO INCLUDE FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES WHICH INVOLVES EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, the City Council adopted an Order, recorded in Minute Book 6-F, page 448 authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Jackson's 2014 Consolidated Plan, containing its One-Year Action Plan consisting of the City's CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA components, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, HUD notified the City of Jackson of its approval of the 2014 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG component of the 2014 Annual Action Plan allocated funding for undetermined public service organizations during the 2014 Program Year (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015); and

WHEREAS, the City, based upon the recommendation of the City of Jackson's Proposal Review Committee, wishes to award contracts to public service organizations for the use of CDBG funds for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred during the 2014 Program Year.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute contracts with various organizations for the use of 2014 CDBG funds as follows:

HARBOR HOUSE OF JACKSON	\$16,111.00
Y.M.C.A I.S. SANDERS FARISH STREET	\$14,000.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES/SECOND STAGE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	\$14,000.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES/SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES	\$14,000.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES/IKARITAS THERAPEUTIC DAY CARE CNTR	\$14,000.00
HOUSING EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$11,500.00
JAMBOREE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$11,500.00
DELIVER ME SENIOR SUPPORT	\$11,500.00
AGAPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	\$11,500.00
STEW POT COMMUNITY SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	\$10,920.00
OPERATION SHOESTRING, INC.	\$9,111.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES/RAPE CRISIS CENTER	\$8,876.00

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BETHLEHEM CENTER, INC.	\$6,900.00
JOBS FOR MS GRADUATES	\$4,600.00
ALCOHOL SERVICES, INC.	\$2,300.00
VOICE OF CALVARY MINISTRIES, INC. \$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE USE OF 2014 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, the City Council adopted an Order, recorded in Minute Book 6-F, page 448, authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Jackson’s 2014 Consolidated Plan, containing its One-Year Action Plan, consisting of the City’s CBDG, HOME and ESG components to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, HUD notified the City of Jackson of its approval of the 2014 Annual Action Pan of the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the ESG component of the 2014 Consolidated Plan allocated funding for undetermined public service organizations during the 2014 Program Year (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015); and

WHEREAS, the City, based upon the recommendation of the City of Jackson’s Proposal Review Committee, wishes to award contracts to public service organizations for the use of CBDG funds for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred during the 2014 Program Year.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor be authorized to execute contracts with public service organization for the use of 2014 ESG funds as follows:

PARTNERS TO END HOMELESSNESS, INC.	\$ 54,778.00
CHRISTIANS IN ACTION, INC.	\$ 29,240.00
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$29,188.00
STEW POT COMMUNITY SERVICES/BILLY BRUMFIELD	\$ 23,740.00

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSON AND ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2104 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service and the City of Jackson Police Department are desirous of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding which authorizes a Regional Task Force (RFTF); and

WHEREAS, as part of a joint law enforcement operation, the primary mission of the task force is to investigate and arrest persons who have active state and federal warrants; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the joint operation to investigate and apprehend local, state and federal fugitives, thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Marshal Service shall reimburse the City of Jackson for overtime and expenses incurred by Jackson Police Investigators, pending availability of funds, who provide full time support to the Regional Fugitive Task Force.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the herein-described agreement between the City of Jackson Police Department and the United States Marshall Service for the term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, is hereby authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of Jackson and/or his designee is authorized to execute an agreement with the United States Marshals Service for participation in a Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH CDM SMITH INC. FOR THE DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION OF THE SAVANNAH STREET WWTP STORM CELL REHABILITATION PHASE II – SLUDGE DISPOSAL, CITY PROJECT NO. 11B0500-904.

WHEREAS, in September 2010, the City of Jackson signed MDEQ Agreed Order 5823-10; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreed Order, the City of Jackson was required to implement the cleaning and rehabilitation of the storm cells at the Savanna Street WWTP; and

WHEREAS, under an amendment to that Agreed Order dated September 29, 2011, the City was required to advise MDEQ on or before May 1, 2012 of the method it intends to use excavating and dewatering the sludge in the storms cells at the Savanna Street WWTP; and

WHEREAS, under that amendment, the City must remove all sludge from the storm cells at the Savanna Street WWTP no later than April 30, 2014 and properly dispose of all removed sludge no later than December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the removal and rehabilitation of the storm cells is complete and the sludge removed from the storm cells is stored at the Savanna Street WWTP in geotextile tubes; and

WHEREAS, the City retained CDM Smith Inc. as the engineer for the Savanna Street WWTP Storm Cell Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 11B0500-902; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends the continued retention of CDM Smith Inc. as the engineer for the design, bidding, and construction engineering and inspection of the City project to properly dispose of the sludge stored in the geotextile tubes no later than December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, CDM Smith Inc. is willing to undertake the project for a fee not to exceed \$1,087,210.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with CDM Smith Inc. for the Savanna Street WWTP Storm Cell Rehabilitation and Sludge Removal, City Project No. 11B0500-902, for an amount not to exceed \$1,087,210 for design, bidding, and construction engineering and inspection for the Savannah Street WWTP Storm Cell Rehabilitation Phase II – Sludge Disposal, City Project No. 11B0500-904.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Hendrix** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER LARITA COOPER-STOKES AND SETTING TUESDAY, _____, AS THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL POSITION.

WHEREAS, Jackson City Council Member LaRita Cooper-Stokes submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, a letter of resignation as the council member of Ward 3 of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, effective December 10, 2014, thereby creating a vacancy on the City Council for Ward 3; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the City Council is required to enter on the minutes of the City Council an Order for an election to be held to fill the vacancy for the minutes of the City Council an Order for an election to be held to fill the vacant office when an unexpired term exceeds six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the Ward 3 position is set to expire on or about June 30, 2017, which is in excess of six (6) months from the effective date of the vacancy stated herein; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, further requires the City Council to set the date of an election to fill a vacancy on the council at the next regular meeting of the Council after such vacancy shall have occurred or at a special meeting not later ten days after such vacancy, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, whichever shall occur first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the election to fill the vacancy shall be held on a date not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days after the date upon which the Order for election is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jackson has determined that _____ shall be the date for a special election to fill the vacancy in the Ward 3 City Council position; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, if a run-off election is necessary, it shall be held Tuesday, _____.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the City Clerk shall give notice of the election in the manner prescribed by law and shall immediately undertake all duties required by law to effectuate such election.

Council Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

Council Member Priester moved to amend the order to set the special election on January 27, 2015 and February 10, 2015 as a run-off if necessary. **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded to amend to set the special election on January 27, 2015 and February 10, 2015 as a run-off if necessary. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- None.

ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER LARITA COOPER-STOKES AND SETTING TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 AS THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL POSITION.

WHEREAS, Jackson City Council Member LaRita Cooper-Stokes submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, a letter of resignation as the council member of Ward 3 of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, effective December 10, 2014, thereby creating a vacancy on the City Council for Ward 3; and

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WHEREAS, the current term of the Ward 3 position is set to expire on or about June 30, 2017, which is in excess of six (6) months from the effective date of the vacancy stated herein; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, further requires the City Council to set the date of an election to fill a vacancy on the council at the next regular meeting of the Council after such vacancy shall have occurred or at a special meeting not later ten days after such vacancy, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, whichever shall occur first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the election to fill the vacancy shall be held on a date not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days after the date upon which the Order for election is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jackson has determined that January 27, 2015 shall be the date for a special election to fill the vacancy in the Ward 3 City Council position; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, if a run-off election is necessary, it shall be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the City Clerk shall give notice of the election in the manner prescribed by law and shall immediately undertake all duties required by law to effectuate such election.

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

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote on the main motion as amended:

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF JACKSON.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi embraces the opportunity to spur dialogue, increase awareness, foster equality, and promote justice for all citizens in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson finds that there are inherent rights afforded all human beings. The right to equality, free from discrimination, is a human right. Access to food, education, healthcare, and housing are human rights. Freedom of expression and thought and the right to assemble are also human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council is devoted to increasing awareness about human rights and promoting education about human rights issues. The Jackson City Council is committed to participating in on-going discussions with residents, community organizations, advocacy groups, and local authorities to identify human rights issues and to explore practical and creative ways to implement meaningful, positive economic and social change through a process of broad community education and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council recognizes the benefits of creating a platform for active civic engagement and precinct organizing at the local, state, national and international level. The City of Jackson believes that it is a matter of public policy to promote and protect human rights, in the pursuit of justice and dignity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that the City of Jackson intends to research, explore, evaluate and assess "Human Rights Cities" in the United States and around the world and to identify and develop actionable legislation that promotes conflict prevention, human security, sustainable development, racial justice, equality and human rights for all of its citizens in the City of Jackson.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Tillman** seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

DISCUSSION: MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY KWANZAA: President Stamps recognized **David Mosley** who invited citizens to participate in a seven (7) event from December 26, 2014 to January 1, 2015 celebrating community and family values to be held at the Medgar Evers community center.

The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Council Member Priester** reported that he and a representative from the Mayor's Office attended the Mississippi Afterschool Network on December 15, 2014 in efforts to help form a new organization for the City of Jackson.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

- **Mayor Yarber** announced that a press conference would be held on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Presidential Hills Waste Water Plant.
- **Mayor Yarber** announced that a news conference would be held on December 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Westside Daycare Center to announce at Kaboom grant that would help purchase playground equipment for Jackson Public Schools and City daycare centers.
- **Mayor Yarber** announced "The Most Incredible New Year" would be held on December 31, 2014 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. with a firework display in front of Thalia Mara Hall
- **Mayor Yarber** announced a program entitled "Eat for a Week" targeted to feed 250 families within the City of Jackson. The bags would be packed on December 19, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Council Member Hendrix** announced that Wingfield High School would host a cantata at the JSU E-Center on December 18, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of the following individuals:

- **Mrs. Josie Stokes**
- **Shawniece Wilmore**
- **Rosie Clayton Cochran**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 22, 2014; at 8:11 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Hester Moore
CITY CLERK

[Signature], 1.6.15
MAYOR DATE
