

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014, 4:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 4:00 p.m. on December 22, 2014, being the fourth Monday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

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

Absent: Council Members: Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice President, Ward 2.

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

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 3058 TO 3302, APPEARING AT PAGES 488 TO 526 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,285,357.38 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 3058 to 3302 appearing at pages 488 to 526, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$1,285,357.38 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
2011 ED BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	3,499.60
AMERICORP CAPITAL CITY REBUILD	435.12
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)	23,274.45
GENERAL FUND	296,371.66
HAIL DAMAGE MARCH 2013	13,059.62
HOME PROGRAM FUND	41,475.77
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	1,792.14
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	319,863.60
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	70,053.88
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	234.33
PARKS & RECR. FUND	25,805.11
SEIZURE & FORFEITED PROP-STATE	200.00
TECHNOLOGY FUND	306.85
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	1,005.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND	370,089.94
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	101,093.30
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND	16,797.01
TOTAL	<u>\$1,285,357.38</u>

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

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President Stamps recognized **Trivia Jones**, the City's 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 Claims Docket as amended:

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

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ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 3058 TO 3302 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 3058 to 3302 inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$4,259.44 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		38,468.49
PARKS & RECR.		20,621.18
LANDFILL FUND		5,145.29
SENIOR AIDES		9,252.88
WATER/SEWER OPER. & MAINT		31,695.61
PAYROLL FUND		15.00
PAYROLL	4,259.44	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		2,232.48
TITLE III AGING PROGAMS		3,474.49

TOTAL **\$110,905.42**

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

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

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ORDER DESIGNATING BANCORPSOUTH AS THE CITY OF JACKSON PUBLIC FUNDS DEPOSITORY FOR 2015 AND 2016 AND ACCEPTING THE 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

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

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Tillman** who asked if BancorpSouth had the capacity to handle the large volume of transactions from the City. **Joseph Moss**, Mid-Mississippi Division President stated that BancorpSouth has previous experience handling banking needs for other municipalities.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Barrett-Simon** who requested information regarding fixed rates versus variable rates. **Trivia Jones**, Director of Administration, stated that the bid tabulations only use fixed rates. **Ms. Jones** stated that the City is not permitted to play the market and variable rates would get into what market conditions are.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Barrett-Simon** who asked if Trustmark could retain the City's account for an additional ninety (90) days until the bank transfers were complete. **Ralph Clark**, a representative of Trustmark, stated that Trustmark would continue to operate with the City as normal.

After a thorough discussion, **President Stamps** requested that said item be tabled until December 30, 2014. Therefore, **Council Members Hendrix** and **Tillman** withdrew their motion and second.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ICE MILLER LEGAL COUNSEL, LLP FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has a need for the professional services of a lobbyist to represent its interest before various governmental agencies, quasi-governmental agencies and/or entities, including but not limited to the Mississippi Legislature and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Ice Miller Legal Counsel, LLP, a consulting firm with extensive lobbying experience, has more than 90 years in lobbying experience working on the Federal government level; and

WHEREAS, Ice Miller Legal Counsel, LLP provides its clients with discreet, hands-on public affairs, lobbying, strategic consulting, advocacy, and business development services; and

WHEREAS, Ice Miller Legal Counsel, LLP utilizes a broad array of policy expertise and government experiences to build partnership with and for its clients in order to implement tailored, results-oriented campaigns through a proactive, creative, and comprehensive approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Ice Miller Legal Counsel, LLP, to serve as the lobbyist for the City of Jackson for federal purposes for a term period beginning immediately upon execution of a contract and ending on April 30, 2015, for an amount not to exceed (\$28,000.00), with an option to extend the contract for (30) days for an amount not to exceed (\$5,600.00), all to be paid out of the General Government Fund.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVES TO AUTHORIZE THE
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CITIES THAT
IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS OR AWARD GRANTS TO PROGRAMS THAT
PROVIDE PREVENTION AND/OR INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR AT-RISK
AND/OR DELINQUENT YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson has around 36,000 youth who come from an array of socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, roughly 85% of these youth live at or below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, only two-thirds of kindergarteners in the City of Jackson arrive to school prepared to learn how to read; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Public School system struggles to overcome low graduation rates, diminishing achievement levels, inadequate funding and falling numbers of qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson's educational woes are compounded by the City's inability to find ways to more fully engage parents which further reduces our children's scholastic success; and

WHEREAS, the combination of these conditions leave the most vulnerable members of our community facing severely diminished levels of life outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that authorizes the appropriation of funds to be made available to cities that implement programs or award grants to programs that provide prevention and/or intervention services for at-risk and/or delinquent youth and their families.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT GIVES THE STATE THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES IN ORDER TO CREATE A VEHICLE FOR PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES OFFERED ON STATE PROPERTIES OR AT STATE EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department is responsible for providing police coverage and ensuring traffic safety with the city limits of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department utilizes the City's resources and spends approximately \$100,000 annually in overtime to provide police coverage and traffic control at various State sponsored events, including the deployment of over seventy officers to the Mississippi State Fair; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson support a request for legislation that gives the State the authority to enter into interlocal agreements with municipalities in order to create a vehicle for providing reimbursement for police and fire protection services offered on state properties or at state events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for legislation that gives the State the authority to enter into interlocal agreements with municipalities in order to create a vehicle for providing reimbursement for police and fire protection services offered on state properties or at state events.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SAFETY FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCE ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND COUNTIES IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the recent frequency of natural disasters and the rising threat of man-made catastrophes have pressed our fire, police and emergency management personnel to stretch diminishing funds needed to ensure that the Capital City can prepare, respond and recover from calamities; and

WHEREAS, Jackson's readiness for manmade and natural threats is an essential factor in the integrity of security protocols statewide; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the city of Jackson support a request for funding to establish a local and Municipal Fire and Emergency Management Safety Fund to provide financial resource assistance to cities and counties implementing emergency response and fire safety programs within their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the city of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for the authorization of funding to establish a local and Municipal Fire and Emergency Management Safety Fund to provide financial resource assistance to cities and counties implementing emergency response and fire safety programs within their communities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL CRIME PREVENTION FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCE ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND COUNTIES IMPLEMENTING CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

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WHEREAS, significant attention by the City and its governing authorities has been given to attempts to reduce the City's rising violent crime rates that is three times higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, research supports that communities that implement data-drive crime prevention programs notice reductions in crime rates; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson support a request for funding to establish a local and Municipal Crime Prevention Fund to provide financial resource assistance to cities and counties implementing crime prevention programs within their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for the authorization of funding to establish a local and municipal Crime Prevention Fund to provide financial resource assistance to cities and counties implementing crime prevention programs within their communities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds county delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ALLOW THE STATE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO BE OFFERED TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES ON A COMPETITIVE GRANT BASIS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING DESIGNED TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the nation with Hinds County having the highest rate in the State with 7,900 unemployed; and

WHEREAS, the City's Jobs for Jacksonians program works to build stronger job creating outcomes by placing approximately 400 citizens with jobs annually; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the Jobs for Jacksonians program is limited and falls miserably short of the numbers needed to correct the employment issues across Central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, as job opportunities decrease, so does median household incomes, retirement and higher education investments, business developments and consumer purchases; and

WHEREAS, funding for work force development services is needed to remedy the States fight against high joblessness levels.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that authorizes the allocation funds to be made available to governing authorities on a competitive grant basis to support programming designed to promote workforce development.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE THE AUTHORITY TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO SET OFF FROM INCOME TAX RETURNS WITH RESPECT TO THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS AND MONEY OWED TO THEM AS A RESULT OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson operates through the efficient management of funds generated through tax collections, administrative fees and judicial fee; and

WHEREAS, a shrinking tax base and limited ability to collect on unpaid accounts associated with the City's enterprise funds has complicated the City's ability to efficiently provide quality services to its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, having greater leverage to recoup unpaid and delinquent administrative and judicial fees would aid the City in strengthening its fiscal integrity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that would give the authority to counties and municipalities to set off from income tax returns with respect to the collection of debts and money owed to them as a result of any administrative or judicial proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT GIVES MUNICIPALITIES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE PLACEMENT AND CONTINUED USE OF PRIVATE WELLS WITHIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICE BOUNDARIES AND OPPOSES ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR ALTER THAT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson rest on top of a crumbling bridge, water and sanitary sewer infrastructure with sections ranging in age from 40 to 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, annually, the City services around 2,100 miles of paved road with about \$1.2 million dollars which represents less than a tenth of the \$20 million needed for regular maintenance and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, the City has a difficulty maintaining sufficient revenues for maintenance and upkeep due to its shrinking customer base and limited ability to collect on nearly \$10 million in unpaid water bills annually; and

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WHEREAS, water customers within the city limits of Jackson have petitioned the State for permission to drill private wells within the municipal boundaries of where public waters are offered; and

WHEREAS, the drilling of these wells diminishes the economic integrity of the City of Jackson's water infrastructure system and lessens the City's ability to provide consistent, safe drinking water services to the residents and visitors of the State's Capital.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the city of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for legislation that would give municipalities the authority to regulate and prohibit the placement and continued use of private wells within municipal utility service boundaries and opposes any attempt to remove or alter that authority.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE STRATEGIES FOR TACKLING POVERTY AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES DEEMED TO HAVE POPULATIONS WITH PERSISTENT POVERTY RATES OF 20% OR GREATER.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties, and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that will create a commission to study and provide strategies for tackling poverty and providing opportunities for communities deemed to have populations with persistent poverty rates of 20% or greater.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE SPECIAL LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXING DISTRICTS AND TO LEVY AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX TO BE USED BY THE ENCOMPASSED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS AND ENRICHMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that will give governing authorities of a municipality the authority to establish one or more special local improvement taxing districts and to levy and collect an annual special tax to be used by the encompassed neighborhood associations for the purpose of community enhancements and enrichments.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE THE AUTHORITY LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JACKSON ZOO AND THE ADJACENT LIVINGSTON PARK FOR REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, AND UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that would authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500,000 to be made available to the Jackson Zoo and the adjacent Livingston Park for repairs, renovations, improvements, and upgrades.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

President Stamps recognized **Mayor Tony Yarber** who requested that an amendment be made in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. **Council Member Barrett-Simon** moved, seconded by **Council Member Tillman** to amend the amount from \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE THE AUTHORITY LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JACKSON ZOO AND THE ADJACENT LIVINGSTON PARK FOR REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, AND UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

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WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that would authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be made available to the Jackson Zoo and the adjacent Livingston Park for repairs, renovations, improvements, and upgrades.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

Thereafter, **President Stamps** called for a vote on said item as amended:

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT GIVES AUTHORIZATION
FOR FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES WHO ADOPT
ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OR
RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN
ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN.**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide movement has centered around Complete Streets which integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the intent behind Complete Streets is to promote the development and implementation of policies and professional practices that ensure streets are safe for people of all ages and abilities, balance the needs of different modes, and support local land uses, economies, cultures, and natural environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson's streets serve a vital part in what makes the City livable and attractive; and

WHEREAS, the upgrading city thoroughfares to the standard of the Complete Streets model will create a safer transit system that can be used as a marketing tool for the City of Jackson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for legislation that would authorize funding for municipalities and counties who adopt ordinances, policies and procedures for construction or reconstruction of streets and transportation facilities in alignment with the Complete Streets design.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds county delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT TRANSFERS A PORTION OF THE SURFACE AND GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH STATE OF MISSISSIPPI PROPERTIES TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI'S INVENTORY FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson rest on top of a crumbling bridge, water and sanitary sewer infrastructure with sections ranging in age from 40 to 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, annually, the City services around 2,100 miles of paved road with about \$1.2 million dollars which represents less than a tenth of the \$20 million needed for regular maintenance and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, routine maintenance programs are crippled by diminishing funds which then severely hampers the City's ability to adequately address infrastructure degradation issues associated with properties occupied by the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson's streets and bridges serves as a crucial point for transit convergence in the State; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson support a request for legislation that creates a defined area in and around certain properties occupied by the State of Mississippi and that the associated surface and ground infrastructure would be transferred to the State's inventory for future maintenance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for legislation that would form a Capital Complex Infrastructure District creating a defined area of surface and ground infrastructure around the State Capital.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the surface and ground infrastructure therein will be transferred to the State's inventory for maintenance and upkeep.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE THAT AUTHORIZES INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION - LOCAL SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS NEEDED TO AID THE CITY OF JACKSON IN THE RESTORATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ITS ARTERIAL BRIDGES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson rest on top of a crumbling bridge, water and sanitary sewer infrastructure with sections ranging in age from 40 to 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, annually, the City services around 2,100 miles of paved road with about \$1.2 million dollars which represents less than a tenth of the \$20 million needed for regular maintenance and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, routine maintenance programs are crippled by diminishing funds which then severely hampers the City's ability to adequately address its deteriorating and poorly rated arterial and collector bridges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson's streets and bridges serves as a crucial point for transit convergence in the State; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson support a request for legislation that authorizes increased appropriations to the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Office of State Aid Road Construction - Local System Bridge Program for structural improvements and developments needed to aid the City of Jackson in the restoration and reconstruction of its arterial bridges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee and supports proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature for legislation that authorizes increased appropriations to the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Office of State Aid Road Construction - Local System Bridge Program for structural improvements and developments needed to aid the City of Jackson in the restoration and reconstruction of its arterial bridges.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priestler.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF URBAN AND RAPIDLY GROWING CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR SETTING ASIDE PORTIONS OF THEIR LAND AS PROTECTED GREEN SPACE AND PROVIDES GRANT FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE CITIES AND COUNTIES WITH APPROVED GREEN SPACE PROGRAMS TO HELP ACQUIRE GREEN SPACE FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that will authorize the appropriation of funds to be made available to governing authorities of urban and rapidly growing cities and counties for setting aside portions of their land as protected green space and provides grant funds to eligible cities and counties with approved green space programs to help them acquire green space for their communities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES ON COMPETITIVE BASIS THAT IMPLEMENT CONVERSION PROJECTS FOR ENHANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR EXPANDING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson have actively sought to better prepare the City for future opportunities to reduce its environmental footprint and become more efficient with energy and natural resource consumption; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that will authorize the appropriation of funds to be made available to cities on a competitive bases to governing authorities that implement conversion projects for enhancing energy efficiency or expanding the use of renewable energy sources.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION PROGRAMS THAT WILL COMPLEMENT EXISTING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE AND PRESERVE THE SUPPLY OF DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EXTREMELY LOW- AND VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING HOMELESS FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the city of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the city of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that will authorize the appropriation of funds to be made available for new affordable housing production programs that will complement existing Federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION INITIATIVE THAT WOULD GIVE THE AUTHORITY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION, PROTECT AND IMPROVE PROPERTY VALUES AND ATTRACT NEW HOMEOWNERS TO RESURGENT NEIGHBORHOODS - TO INCLUDE GREATER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY IN DEALING WITH ABSENTEE LANDLORDS WHOSE NEGLIGENCE HAS LED TO HABITUAL INSTANCES OF BLIGHT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Legislative Committee ("Legislative committee") of the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), has met to consider support for certain proposed legislation during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has recommended that the City Council resolve to support certain legislation deemed worthy by the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has roughly 106 square miles of land with pockets of land, varying in sizes, dedicated to industrial, commercial, and residential use; and

WHEREAS, many of these pockets contain brownfields, superfunds, vacated or abandoned industrial facilities, and over 4,000 dilapidated, blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, these troublesome areas have become targets for illegal dumping and breeding grounds for criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately address these problems has led to some residents and businesses leaving these areas and even Jackson resulting in a loss to our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities of the City of Jackson seek to improve the City's ability to foster more vibrant communities by cultivating new development opportunities, embracing other area attractions, and rehabilitating blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have worked diligently with limited funds to foster better relationships with communities and their parks, maintain areas around parks, and continue to promote the use of all parks in the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

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WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have worked to improve the quality of life through the promotion of measures designed to enhance the urban environment and strengthen community resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, accepts the recommendation of the Legislative committee in support of proposed legislative initiatives to be considered during the 2015 Session of the Mississippi Legislature to support legislation that would strengthen the enforcement capacity for municipalities in support of community revitalization, protection and improve property values and attract new homeowners to resurgent neighborhoods to include greater enforcement authority in dealing with absentee landlords whose negligence has led to habitual instances of blight.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each committee of the Mississippi Legislature to which such proposed legislation has been assigned, as well as a copy to each member of the Hinds County delegation.

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

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

The meeting was closed in memory of the following individuals:

- **Carlton Pepper**
- **Mrs. Beatrice Bowie**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Regular Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 and at 5:39 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kristi Moore
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

[Signature], 1.6.15
MAYOR DATE
