

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 4:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was reconvened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 2015, being the first 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; Melvin Priestler, Jr., Ward 2; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Charles Tillman, Ward 5 and Tyrone Hendrix, Ward 6. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: Council Members: Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH WT CONSULTING FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES 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, the Mississippi State Legislature will begin its 2015 Legislative Session on January 6, 2015 and the City of Jackson currently holds no contract with a lobbying firm for its interest on the State level; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs solicited proposals and interviewed several advocacy firms to identify a competent, experienced and loyal lobbying firm that was interested in working collaboratively with Jackson's Mayor and City Council during the 2015 Mississippi Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Worth Thomas with WT Consulting presented a proposal for lobbying services to the City of Jackson that was reviewed and accepted by the Office of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs; and

WHEREAS, WT Consulting, a consulting firm with extensive lobbying experience, was established in 1996 and has more than twenty-two years in lobbying experience working on the State and Federal government levels; and

WHEREAS, WT Consulting came highly recommended by members of the government, quasi-government, non-profit and for-profit communities; and

WHEREAS, Worth Thomas with WT Consulting has over twenty-two years of experience as a registered lobbyist and thirty years as a corporate/government executive.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with WT Consulting, to serve as the lobbying firm for the City of Jackson on the state level for a term period beginning immediately upon execution of a contract and ending on April 30, 2015, for an amount not to exceed (\$22,400.00), 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 Tillman moved adoption; **Council Member Hendrix** seconded.

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

President Stamps recognized **Monica Joiner**, City Attorney, who reported that the City Attorney's Office was successful in getting a verdict set aside on a \$600,000.00 judgment the case of Advanced Technology Building Solutions, LLC and Donald "Don" Hewitt vs. the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

President Stamps recognized **Gus McCoy**, Chief Administrative Officer, who requested that **Jackie Anderson-Woods**, Chief of Staff, provide Council with a brief overview of the City's first issue of the "We Are Jackson" magazine.

President Stamps recognized **Council Member Hendrix** who recommended that **Council Member Foote** join the Legislative Committee. **Council Member Tillman** requested that **Council Member Foote** to added to the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District Committee.

President Stamps recognized **Monica Joiner**, City Attorney, who recommended that the meeting be recessed for five (5) minutes in order to review the Claims Docket. Thereafter, **President Stamps** recessed the meeting in order to allow Council members adequate time to review the Claims docket.

President Stamps called the meeting back to order after a brief recess.

Council Member Priester left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 3631 TO 3787, APPEARING AT PAGES 578 TO 603 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,601.70 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 3631 to 3787 appearing at pages 578 to 603, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$424,601.70 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:

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FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND
2008 GO STREET CONSTRUCTION FD	5,902.00
GENERAL FUND	81,862.61
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	53,755.69
PARKS & RECR. FUND	4,782.60
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	178.21
TRANSPORTATION FUND	110,887.98
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	157,989.05
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FULND	9,243.56
TOTAL	<u>\$424,601.70</u>

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

President Stamps recognized **Michelle Day**, Deputy Director of Administration, who provided the Council with a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **President Hendrix**.

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

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

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 3631 TO 3787 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 3631 to 3787 inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$4,642.24 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		29,202.38
PARKS & RECR.		20,219.77
LANDFILL FUND		5,400.93
SENIOR AIDES		9,227.94
WATER/SEWER OPER. & MAINT		25,428.15
PAYROLL FUND		12.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD		2,232.48
TITLE III AGING PROGAMS		3,509.48
PAYROLL	4,642.24	

TOTAL **\$95,233.13**

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Nays- None.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Priester.

The meeting was closed in memory of the following individuals:

- **Emmett Hayes**
- **Mrs. Porter Wade**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and at 4:43 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

Krista Moore
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

J. J. E. 2.3.15
MAYOR DATE
