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## City Council Adopts 2010-2011 Budget

The Jackson City Council adopted a \$313.6 million budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The adopted budget is 12 percent less than the current fiscal year's budget. Mayor Johnson proposed a balanced budget last month without a tax increase. This adopted budget does not call for laying off or furloughing any city employees either.

Mayor Johnson's budget theme this year was "Right-sizing City Government."

"Right-sizing city government will involve us cutting waste; rethinking our processes and working within the framework of having measurable goals with progress we can and will share with our citizens," said Mayor Johnson during last month's budget address.

Some other highlights of the new budget include:

- Using \$29 million in bond proceeds to continue to upgrade the city's water system.
- The allocation of \$1 million for street resurfacing, \$1.4 million for sidewalks and \$1.1 million for JTRAN bus stops.
- The budget also includes construction of the Fortification Street Project, design work for the Lynch Street Project, construction of the Jesse Moseley Drive Project and the continuation of the West County Line Road Project.
- In public safety, the 2010-2011 budget provides for 500 police officers and includes a police recruit class and a fire recruit class.

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