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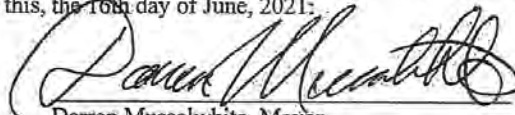
NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §21-3-21, notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven shall be held on Thursday, the 5th day of August, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of Southaven City Hall, located at 8710 Northwest Drive, Southaven, Mississippi.

The subject matters of business (Agenda) to be acted upon at this Special Meeting are as follows, to-wit:

1. Budget Workshop (Department Head Presentations)
2. Executive Session: Citywide Personnel

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby called by the Mayor, Darren Musselwhite, on this, the 16th day of June, 2021:


Darren Musselwhite, Mayor

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF August 5, 2021 OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in a Special Called Meeting on the 5th day of July, 2021 at six o'clock (9:00) a.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

George Payne	Alderman At Large
Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
Charlie Hoots	Alderman, Ward 2
William Jerome	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher	Alderman, Ward 4
John David Wheeler	Alderman, Ward 5
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Andrea Mullen, City Clerk, and Nick Manley, City Attorney. Approximately fifteen (15) other people were present.

Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting to order. Alderman Gallagher led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Payne.

FY 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP (DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATIONS)

Mayor Musselwhite stated that this is a budget workshop and this meeting was designed to allow department heads to address the full board and talk about priorities in their departments. Mayor Musselwhite explained that this plan was generated after meeting one on one with all of the department heads. The City will have a public budget hearing before the budget is set.

Mayor Musselwhite made the recommendation to continue to allocate internet sales tax revenue to street improvements.

Mayor Musselwhite stated that there was either little or no change in the following budgets and those departments would not need to present:

1. City Clerk
2. Court
3. Finance
4. Human Resources

Mayor Musselwhite stated that due to debt reduction and sales tax revenue, the City is in a better financial situation than we have ever been in over the last eight (8) years.

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Mayor Musselwhite listed the following as top priorities for the City that are proposed in this budget:

Public Safety – 15 new officers, vehicles, & equipment, 4 dispatchers, 1 new ambulance

1. Streets Infrastructure – Adjusted street maintenance
2. Raises – competitive salary adjustments

Charitable Contributions

Mayor Musselwhite explained that they took charitable contribution requests in just as they had received them and there were no increases or decreases in their requests from the previous year.

The Board heard from the following departments and the top priorities for each department are as follows:

Information Technology / Emergency Communications – Chris Shelton

1. Pay increases
2. Additional employees – 4 new dispatchers, 1 admin assistant
3. Increase for Cyber Security Costs

Planning & Development – Whitney Choat-Cook

1. Pay increases
2. Vehicle Replacement
3. Software & Materials Increase
4. Administrative Assistant for Code Enforcement

Public Works /Facilities/ Animal Control - Bradley Wallace

1. Equipment - Side arm for tractor
2. Targeted raises
3. Construction Technician
4. Renovate Animal Control Shelter

Utilities - Ray Humphrey

1. Pay adjustments for Personnel
2. Vehicle Replacement
3. Bucket Truck

Parks Department – Wesley Brown

1. Pay Adjustments for key personnel
2. Focus on Neighborhood Parks
3. Paint the roofs at Snowden Park

Police Department – Macon Moore

1. 15 Additional Police Officers
2. Equipment Needs for those New Officers
3. Pay Adjustments

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Fire Department – Chief Scallions

1. 1 New Ambulance
2. Zoll Monitors
3. Pay Adjustments

Next, Mayor Musselwhite made the recommendation to freeze longevity pay as it causes distortion in the pay and is being used against the City. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CITY WIDE PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Alderman Gallagher to move for a closed determination of the issue on whether or not to declare an Executive Session. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously. Alderman Gallagher made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pay adjustments for personnel. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hoots. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Board discussed personnel. No action taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Kelly to end executive session and re-open the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Hoots to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously August 5, 2021 at 12:40 p.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

Andrea Mullen,
City Clerk
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