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## City of Columbus, Mississippi

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and City Council will have a special meeting to discuss the following matters:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2010 BUDGET**
- 2. FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, in the Courtroom of the City Hall, located at 523 Main Street in Columbus, Mississippi.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

As Determined by the Mayor and City Council

**MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009  
5:00 p.m.**

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Room in City Hall, after having recessed from their meeting of September 1, 2009. Mayor Smith presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present, along with the COO and CFO and the City's General Counsel.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Council Member Mickens offered the Invocation.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a Public Hearing for the FY2010 Budget.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2010 BUDGET**

Sheriff Butch Howard – Narcotics Secretary

The City of Columbus and the Lowndes County Supervisors entered into an Interlocal Agreement to establish a City/County Metro Narcotics Unit, with the understanding that the unit would need a full-time Secretary. Sheriff Butch Howard appealed to the Mayor and Council to begin the recruitment process, communicated the necessity of this position and reminded them of the agreement to share all costs 50/50, with Lowndes County taking the lead in the hiring process. Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire a full-time Secretary for the City/County Metro Narcotics Unit and add \$20,000 to the budget for the City's 50% share of the salary, which is \$29,120.00, plus \$10,074.00 in fringe benefits, contingent upon the City's Human Resources Director being included in the hiring process. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

**III. FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Mike Bernsen discussed the final budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2009.

AMENDMENTS:

DEPARTMENT			CHANGE INFORMATION				
Amend-ments	Code	Name	Line Item		Cost	Revenue	Reason
14	021	Public Works	001-021-689	Main Street Project	3,500		Add'n'l flowers bought
15	050	Garage	001-050-575	Fire Motor Vehicle Repair and Maint.	(8,500)		Budget underrun allocated to fire dept. for tanker truck
	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers Out	8,500		
16	016	Fire	001-016-725	Equipment	(25,000)		Budget underrun allocated to fire dept. for tanker truck
	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers Out	25,000		
17	016	Fire	102-016-737	Capital Outlay	33,500		Total of budget underruns from Garage and Fire allocated to Fire Insurance rebate fund to help defray cost of new truck.
	016	Fire	106-000-384	Transfer In		33,500	
18	016	Fire	001-016-737	CAPITAL OUTLAY	12,100		Fire bldg. began erection in 2008 and was not completed prior to year end. Estimate of cost to complete *and included as earlier amendment of \$26K) was too low—concrete prices increased and add'l overruns of about \$5K (above the \$100K).
19	021	Public Works	001-021-643	Sidewalk Repair	5,000		Originally budget \$30,000, which was too low. Due to poor condition of sidewalks, work has continued without regard for budgeted amount. Mike Pratt estimated the amendment amount.
20	010	Police	001-010-732	Equipment – Crime Lab	32,000		\$15K private donation from Greg Rader and \$17K from Jag Grant to be used to create digital imaging lab
	004	Administrative and Finance	001-000-348	Donations – PD		15,000	
	132	JAG Grant	132-000-200	JAG Grant Revenue		17,000	
21	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers out	11,000		Balance (\$59,500) in RW fund #263 – County portion of \$17,000, Fed. Programs of \$31,900, City for extra concrete \$11,000
	263	Riverwalk Fund	263-000-303	City match-Riverwalk		11,000	
22	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers Out	16,974		Balance (\$42,380) in Old Hwy. 182 bridge structural assessment fund #304 – MDOT balance of \$8,432, County - \$16,974, City \$16,974
	304	Old Hwy. 182 Bridge Struct. Assess	302-000-302	City match Hwy. 182 Bridge struct assess		16,974	
23	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers Out	2,731		Balance – (\$42,731) in New hangars at Hwy. 69 Airport fund #301 – City \$2,731, 99% funding from MDOT
	301	Hwy. 69 Airport Hangars	301-000-201	City Match Hwy. 69 Airport Hangars		2,731	
24	004	Administrative & Finance	001-004-902	Transfers Out	23,000		Balance at 8/21 in Narcotics Unit Fund #115 was (20,701) – added estimated amount for September
	115	Narcotics Unit Fund	115-000-330	General fund transfer		23,000	

**Cost Increase**  
**Revenue Increase**

**\$139,805**

**\$119,205.00**

**New Cash Outlay to City of Columbus**

**20,600**

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

Ms. Alice Shands, Director of the Columbus/Lowndes County Public Library, read some statistical data regarding the Public Library and issued library cards to the Mayor and Council Members in honor of National Library Card Week. No further action was taken.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 BUDGET:**

Mike Bernsen reported the final data:

• <b>Expected Revenues for FY 2010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,265,810.00</b>
• <b>Expected Expenditures for FY 2010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,282,110.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(16,300.00)</b>

Mrs. Glenda Gross offered some suggestions or means of increasing revenue, which were taken into consideration.

Mr. Melvin Smith elaborated on the 2010 Budget.

Mr. Roger Larsen offered positive comments on the Budget presentation.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Smith asked if there was any additional business to come before the Council. There being none, Council Member Box made a motion to recess until Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

**Approved by:**

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Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Mike Bernsen  
Secretary-Treasurer