

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 10, 2015
3:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2015, proper notice being posted, after having recessed their last regular meeting of August 4, 2015. The meeting was held in the City Hall Court Room. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, the CFO, the General Counsel, the Police Chief, and all other department heads.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation. Mayor Smith then remarked that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Proposed 2015 – 2016 FY Budget.

II. PROPOSED 2015-2016 FY BUDGET

David Armstrong, COO, began by outlining the process and stated that the City must advertise twice for a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of the Budget. The revenue is fixed. Mr. Armstrong then discussed cuts that department heads have made prior to this meeting:

POLICE DEPARTMENT	-Five (5) Police Officers (\$254,185.65)
POLICE DEPARTMENT	-\$64,000 Capital Equipment
FIRE DEPARTMENT	-\$50,000
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	-\$169,000 (Capital Equipment)

The Council was provided a list of equipment requests made by department heads.

A 3% pay increase is proposed. The City proposes to raise employees that are paid less than \$10 per hour up to \$10 per hour.

Council Member Karriem offered comments on the MDOT Summer Youth Grant and remarked that he hopes the Council can match with 100% in 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Smith remarked that this concludes this meeting and stated that the Council will recess until Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed.

Approved by: _____
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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