

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

**AUGUST 20, 2015
10:00 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2015, proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of August 18, 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, with the exception of Council Member Mickens, who was absent. Also present were the COO, CFO, the General Counsel and the HR Director.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Smith call 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 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Budget and Appropriations.

II. DISCUSS 2015 – 2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

David Armstrong, COO, remarked that all Appropriations have been contacted and invited to the meeting. No decisions will be made today.

| <u>APPROPRIATION:</u> | <u>2015 BUDGET:</u> | <u>REQUEST FOR 2016 BUDGET:</u> |
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| American Red Cross | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Link Blaze Morale Fund | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Arts Council | 8,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Col Recreation Comm. | 649,693.00 | 794,023.00 |

Council Member Box recused himself while the Council discussed the Columbus Columbus Recreation Commission's request. Two proposals were submitted. Greg Lewis, Director, asked the Council to consider contributing to the Field of Dreams Project. Debbie Taylor, with GT Outdoors, remarked that they have raised \$40,000 for the project. The Council discussed the request but no commitment was made. Council Member Box returned to the meeting.

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| Council on Aging | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 22,000.00 |
| Golden Triangle Planning & Development District | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Safe Haven | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Tri-County Haz-Mat | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Columbus-Lowndes Library | 256,000.00 | 291,840.00 |

Council Member Box recused himself while the Council discuss the Columbus-Lowndes Library. No action was taken. Council Member Box returned to the meeting.

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| Columbus-Lowndes Emer. Mngmt. | 8,500.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Main Street Columbus, Inc. | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| National Guard Armory | 3,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Am Eurocopter Escrow Acct. | 13,021.00 | 13,021.00 |
| Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society | 60,000.00 | 66,000.00 |
| Boys & Girls Club | 12,000.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Contact Helpline | 3,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Development Link | 120,000.00 | 140,000.00 |
| Greater Columbus Learning Center | 26,500.00 | 26,500.00 |
| E-911 | 124,476.00 | 124,476.00 |
| Golden Triangle Area Agency on Aging | 5,800.00 | 17,013.00 |
| World Changers | 0 | 5,000.00 |
| Base Realignment Advisory Comm. | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Port Authority-KiOR | 0 | 25,000.00 |
| Building Bridges of Hope Foundation | 2,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Small Community GTRA Grant | 0 | 0 |

This concludes requests from Appropriations. Council Member Gavin made a motion to recess until Monday, August 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Karriem made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

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

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer