

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

**AUGUST 10, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed their last regular meeting of August 2, 2016. The meeting was held in the Court Room of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present, with the exclusion of Council Member Joseph Mickens, who was absent. 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 2016 – 2017 FY Budget and continued by thanking the COO, CFO, and all Department Heads for their cooperation. The process has been streamlined this year to eliminate multiple meetings. Each Department Head was appropriated a specific sum of funds to work with and were asked to prioritize their list of requests, which has simplified the process.

II. PROPOSED 2016-2017 FY BUDGET

Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO, approached the podium, presented a slide show and discussed the budgeted figures.

The City's Insurance Committee met on August 9, 2016 and discussed the City's health insurance. Milton Rawle, Jr. reported that the City's insurance premiums increase for FY 2016-2017 is projected at \$383,038.68 higher than the previous year.

The expected revenue for FY 2016-2017 is \$23,261,444.00.
The expected expenditures for FY 2016-2017 are \$23,261,444.00.
Mr. Rawle presented a balanced budget.

DEPARTMENTS' FY 2016-2017 BUDGET:

AMOUNT:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$2,246,383.65
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	518,298.30
CRIME LAB	183,747.77
POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,486,537.18
MUNICIPAL COURT DIVISION	487,397.37
FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT	4,954,930.07
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	336,901.26
CODE ENFORCEMENTG	122,634.05
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	3,386,424.85
SOLID WASTE	1,347,000.00
CONVENTION CENTER	300,788.00
CARE AND MAINTENANCE	595,671.55
CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	295,038.47
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	52,867.83
GARAGE	814,131.11
APPROPRIATIONS	1,567,910.00
CEMETERY	107,000.00
AIRPORT	69,443.40
DEBT SERVICE	388,339.14
LANDFILL	259,587.17
DRUG COURT	90,000.00

David Armstrong, COO, began by outlining the process and stated that the Budget must be adopted by September 15. Then the City must advertise twice for a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of the Budget. The advertisement dates are August 21 & 28, 2016. The Public Hearing is scheduled for September 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex. Mr. Armstrong then stated that the mileage rate for the City is \$43.69 and the City Schools is \$61.39.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Smith remarked that this concludes this meeting and stated that the Council will recess until Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting recessed.

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

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer