

**SPECIAL MEETING
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS**

**AUGUST 2, 2017
2:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last Regular meeting of August 1, 2017. The meeting was held in the Court Room on the second floor in City Hall. 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 of order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

II. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2017-2018 BUDGET

COO David Armstrong began discussing the Budget process and stated that he, Mayor Smith, and CFO Milton Rawle, Jr. have already met with Department Heads and asked them to make cuts in their proposed budget requests.

Mr. Armstrong suggested to the Council to consider a two (2) mill increase in order to address everything the City needs to do the next fiscal year, which also includes a proposed 3% pay increase for all employees except Law Enforcement Officers.

No other matters were discussed and no action was taken. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Court Room.

RECESS:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Jones moved that the meeting be RECESSED until August 9, 2017 and Council Member Box seconded the motion. The meeting RECESSED.

APPROVED BY:

Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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