

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

**NOVEMBER 28, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last Special meeting of September 9, 2017. The meeting was held in the Municipal Complex Courtroom, located at 1501 Main Street. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, the General Counsel, the Police Chief, the Human Resources Director and 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 remarked that he received a written Proposal from CCVB and asked the Council if they wished to discuss it. The Council answered "Yes" and Council Member Mickens made a motion to add the proposal to the Agenda. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

II. DISCUSS COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU PROPOSAL

Attorney Christopher D. Hemphill Council Member Jones moved that we approve all appropriations to the organizations and agencies in the proposed Budget and for the sums specified, to be paid during the City's next fiscal year, and that we donate money from the general fund to match any other funds of these organizations and agencies, dollar for dollar. Included in my motion is that the Mayor and Council have made a finding of fact that all these organizations and agencies are the type of social, economic and community service programs eligible by State law to receive such donations, and that these donations be

made a part of the official minutes of the City of Columbus. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY LIBRARY:

Council Member Box recused himself and exited the courtroom.

Steve Rogers and Erin Busbea were present on behalf of the Library to request \$10,000 out of the current year's budget (2016 – 2017) to purchase computers to upgrade the Computer system and create a Computer Lab to permit privacy. Lowndes County has agreed to budget \$10,000 as well. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request for the Columbus-Lowndes County Library to take \$10,000 out of the current year's budget for computers upgrade. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Council Member Box returned to the meeting.

III. APPROVE 2017 – 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Council Member Jones recused himself and exited the courtroom.

Council Member Box moved that we adopt the **2017 – 2018** Fiscal year Budget as presented, in the total amount of \$ **24,315,781.90** . Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Council Member Jones returned to the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Box moved that the meeting be ADJOURNED until September 19, 2017.

APPROVED BY:

Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer