

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus will have a special meeting.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at the Municipal Complex Courtroom, located at 1501 Main Street, Columbus, MS, as Ordered by the Mayor and City Council.

The following topic will be discussed:

A. Discuss/approve Trotter Convention Center Hours

So Ordered on this the 27th day of November, 2017.

As Determined by the Mayor and City Council

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF
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COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI**

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

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last Regular meeting of November 21, 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 Convention Center Manager, and the Human Resources Director.

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, with the exception of Council Member Gavin, who opposed.

The motion carried with a 5/1 vote.

II. DISCUSS/APPROVE TROTTER CONVENTION CENTER HOURS

Mayor Smith asked the Council to change the closing hours at the Trotter Convention Center from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to comply with the request made to business establishments in Columbus that are opened until 1:00 a.m. The City will implement security measures on the inside of the Convention Center as well as surrounding the facility. Council Member Taylor made a motion to change the closing hours at the Trotter Convention Center from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Mickens made a motion to change the closing hours to 10:00 p.m. if renter will serve alcohol at the function. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

Council members Mickens and Box voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Taylor, Jackson, Jones and Gavin opposed the motion.

The motion failed.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Council Member Taylor made a motion to change the closing hours at the Trotter Convention Center from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Jackson, Jones and Gavin voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mickens and Box opposed the motion.

The motion carried with a 4/2 vote.

III. DISCUSS COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU PROPOSAL

Attorney Christopher D. Hemphill submitted a letter/proposal to the City and County Legal Counsels on behalf of the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Columbus) suggesting sufficient cuts to its budget for the next ten budget years in order to retire debt issued to fund completion of the Terry Brown Amphitheater in the approximate amount of \$2.2 million.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to reject this proposal. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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 Jones moved that the meeting be ADJOURNED until December 5, 2017. Council Member Gavin seconded and all Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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