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

**JANUARY 11, 2019**

**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., Friday, January 11, 2019, at the City Hall Public Reception Room, located at 523 Main Street, Columbus, MS, as Ordered by the Mayor and City Council.

The following will be discussed:

**A. Discuss Proposal for Street Light Replacements and Energy Costs Savings.**

So Ordered, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

As Determined by the Mayor and City Council

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

**JANUARY 11, 2019  
9:00 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last rescheduled meeting of January 2, 2019. The meeting was held in the City Hall Reception Room. 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 the HR 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.

## **II. DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR STREE LIGHT REPLACEMENTS AND ENERGY COSTS SAVINGS.**

Mayor Smith began by apprising the Council and those present of the purpose of this meeting. He stated that they will discuss the feasibility of replacing Street Lights with LED light. There are 4,309 street lights in Columbus. Conversion to LED lighting will produce better lighting and will use less energy; therefore, producing a savings. Russ Phillips with PATH Company, presented a PowerPoint Presentation. The proposal was to enter into lease purchase financing to acquire new LED lights and associated hardware. The projection was that the savings in energy costs the City pays CLWD would be more than sufficient to pay the lease/purchase obligation and improve the City from a cash-flow standpoint while at the same time providing improved lighting citywide. The Mayor and Council heard from the City's Bond Counsel, Steve Edds and Lynn Norris as well as Todd Gale, Director of Columbus Light and Water. Following a lengthy discussion of the project. Mr. Edds suggested that Lynn Norris review the information produced by Russ Phillips to confirm the net positive cash-flow. Mr. Edds added that he felt the project was unique and unlike other energy savings projects he had been involved with because of the ability to have certainty with regard to the savings generated by the LED street lights.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to proceed with preparation of a RFP/RFQ. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Box, Jackson and Gavin voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mickens and Jones opposed, stating that they didn't anticipate any action being taken at this meeting.

The motion carried with a 4/2 vote in favor.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Smith then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Mickens made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Upon second by Council Member Jackson and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Milton Rawle, Jr.  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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