

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

**FEBRUARY 14, 2019
1:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of February 4, 2019. The meeting was held in the Municipal Complex Courtroom. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Council Member participated in the meeting via teleconference. 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 1% TOURISM TAX

Mayor Smith began by apprising the Council and those present of the purpose of this meeting. General Counsel Jeff Turnage remarked that the previous Tourism Tax Resolution included infrastructure; that portion will be deleted.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to amend the original Resolution to Levy and Additional 1% Tourism and Convention Tax for the Purpose of Improving the Operation and Maintenance of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater in Columbus, Mississippi, deleting the infrastructure clause. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion about the merits of the Resolution, the Mayor then put the question to a vote, and the result was as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER GENE TAYLOR	voted: <u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH MICKENS	voted: <u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLIE BOX	voted: <u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER FREDRICK JACKSON	voted: <u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHEN JONES	voted: <u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BILL GAVIN	voted: <u>YES</u>

Whereupon, the Resolution having received the affirmative vote of the majority of the Council Members present, the Mayor declared that the Motion had carried and that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted in a lawfully called meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi on this the 14th day of February, 2019.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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