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

**JULY 8, 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., Monday, July 8, 2019, in 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/Approve Order for Special Election in Ward 4.**

So Ordered, on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2019.

As Determined by the Mayor and City Council

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

**JULY 8, 2019  
9:00 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of July 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 General Counsel, the CFO, 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/Approve Order for Special Election in Ward 4.**

Mayor Smith stated that the purpose of the meeting is to announce the resignation of Council Member Fredrick Jackson and approve the Resolution and Order for a Special Election to fill the vacancy in office of Council Member in Ward 4.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order for a Special Election in Ward 4. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**THE RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER SETTING SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO FILL VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER - WARD 4**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, did meet at a Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council meeting at 9:00 A.M. on the 8th day of July, 2019 at City Hall, Main Street, City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick Jackson, on the 3rd day of July, 2019 resigned his office and which office was then vacated; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 18 of the Charter of said City, approved March 8, 1884, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-15-857 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, the City must order that an election be held to fill the vacancy not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the order to hold such election is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the most suitable day for the election is on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, with a run-off, if needed, to be held on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi that an election be and the same is hereby called and ordered as follows:

1. Because the Council Member for Ward 4 vacated his office on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, an election will be held to fill the vacancy in the office of Council Member for Ward 4 on the 20th day of August, 2019 and that, a run-off, if necessary, be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019; and

2. The Election Commissioners shall give notice of said election by publication of notices in The Columbus Packet, a newspaper qualified under laws of the State of Mississippi to publish legal notices in the manner prescribed by law, and also by posting notices of said election at City Hall, the Lowndes County Courthouse and the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library. The notice shall be substantially in the following form to wit:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO FILL VACATED SEAT OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
FOR WARD 4**

**OF CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI**

(for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2021)

Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019

1. Each candidate desiring to run shall qualify by petition filed with the municipal clerk by 5:00 P.M. at least twenty (20) days (July 31, 2019) before the date of the election (August 20, 2019) which shall be signed by not less than 50 qualified electors of Ward ~~4~~

2. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority vote at the election, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for the election to be held three (3) weeks thereafter (September 10, 2019). The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast in said election shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority and there is a tie in the election of those receiving the next highest vote, those receiving the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest vote shall have their names placed on the ballot for the election to be held three (3) weeks thereafter, and whoever receives the most votes cast in the election shall be elected.

3. The special election shall be held at the following polling places, which are the regular polling places in the City of Columbus, to wit:

Precinct 8: Stephen Chapel, 2008 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North;

Precinct 7: Propst Park Community Hut, 2535 Main Street; and

Precinct 3: Fire Station Number 1, 205 7<sup>th</sup> Street South.

4. The said polling places shall be open from the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. until the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election. All qualified electors of Ward 4 shall be entitled to vote at said election;

5. The special election shall, in all respects, be held, conducted and returned in the same manner as general elections, as provided by the said Section 23-15-857 and other applicable Sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972;

6. The ballots will be counted by hand count as in the last special election for Council Member for Ward 4, because of the increased cost of machine counting, the small

number of voters registered to vote in Ward 4, and the difficulties in timely programing the optical scanner for counting votes in time for the said special election;

7. The ballots to be used at said election shall be in substantially the following form:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT, SPECIAL ELECTION, COUNCIL MEMBER  
FOR WARD 4, CITY OF COLUMBUS  
(Unexpired Term Ending July 1, 2021)**

A  | CITY OF COLUMBUS B  | SPECIAL ELECTION C  | AUGUST 20, 2019

**INSTRUCTIONS TO  
VOTER**

- 1. To vote, you must blacken the oval ( ) completely.**
- 2. Use only the pencil provided. Your ballot will be counted by hand.**
- 3. DO NOT CROSS OUT OR ERASE. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.**
- 4. AFTER VOTING – insert your ballot in this ballot sleeve so that the initial box appears at the bottom. DO NOT FOLD THE BALLOT.**

FOR  
COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 4  
Vote for One

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CANDIDATE)

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CANDIDATE)

**Write-in Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. One of the commissioners, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_ shall be and hereby is appointed to prepare the ballots for said election; and

4. The Election Commissioners shall also have printed on the ballot the name of any qualified elector who has qualified as a candidate for the office of Ward 4 City Council Member, Columbus, Mississippi, pursuant to Sections 23-15-857 and other applicable Sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, at least twenty (20) days before the date of said election.

The above Resolution and Order having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, who moved for its adoption. It was seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and after thorough discussion and deliberation, the Mayor called for the vote, the following vote was registered:

Council Member Taylor voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Mickens voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Box voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Jones voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Gavin voted	<u>Yes</u>

The Mayor announced the Resolution received the majority vote of the Council then and there present and voting, and it was declared to be a lawful Resolution and Order of the City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY / TREASURER / MUNICIPAL CLERK

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**APPROVED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Deliah Vaughn  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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