

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE COMMITTEE
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS**

**AUGUST 9, 2017
2:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last Special meeting of August 2, 2017. The meeting was held in the Court Room on the second floor in City Hall. Vice-Mayor Bill Gavin presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, the CFO, the General Counsel, the Police Chief, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice-Mayor Gavin called the meeting ot order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

II. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2017-2018 BUDGET

As the Council reviewed the Budget, Council Member Box asked about insurance cost in each department and about the communication/technology budget in each department. Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO, elaborated.

CRIME LAB:

The CFO remarked that two (2) employees were added to the Crime Budget and the salary estimates to be \$88,000.00, which include 45% fringe benefits. Council Member Box made a motion to hire two (2) full-time trainees with benefits in the Crime Lab. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Meet with consultant and ask him to give a list of five (5) priorities on his list of recommendations.

GREG LEWIS:

The Council discussed the Park and Recreation Authority Budget. Greg Lewis, Director of the Park and Recreation Authority, came forward and remarked that

he had omitted a part-time employee and, after adding the employee, asked the Council to approve the budget. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Columbus Park and Recreation budget. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

MILLAGE INCREASE

David Armstrong, COO, discussed the request to increase the millage by two (2) mills which will generate an additional \$384,000.00. The purpose of this request is to complete the following tasks:

1. Hiring six (6) new firefighters this fiscal year
2. New PD Officers: 67– 70
3. Request for two (2) new employees in the Crime Lab
4. More vehicles for PD and new equipment for new officers
5. New vehicles and equipment for Public Works
6. Landfill Study
7. Re-Development Authority
8. Capital Projects Budget
9. Future Bond Issues
10. Health/Medical Insurance

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve a 2 mill increase in taxes. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Mickens, Jackson, and Jones voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Box voted no.

The motion carried 4/1.

The Council discussed a 3% pay increase for employees, excluding Law Enforcement Officers.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-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 RECESSED until August 15, 2017.

APPROVED BY: _____
Bill Gavin, Vice-Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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