

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

**September 8, 2015  
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of September 1, 2015. The meeting was held in the Court Chambers of the Municipal complex. 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 and Department Heads.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Mickens to offer the Invocation. Mayor Smith then stated that the purpose of this meeting is to:

**II. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 – 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX LEVIES**

COO, David Armstrong, began by stating that the City is required by law to adopt the millage prior to adopting the budget.

Milton Rawle summarized the budget for 2015 – 2016, which is \$24,336,750.56.

Mayor Smith then asked if there was any public input. There were none.

David Armstrong then presented the millage for FY 2015 – 2016 and remarked that it decreased by 2 mills from last year to 105.08 mills. 60% of the City's budget goes to the school district.

- Adopt the Budget for FY 2015 – 2016

**BUDGET:**

Council Member Karriem moved that the Council adopt the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Ad Valorem Tax Levy as presented, approving 43.69 Mills for the City of Columbus and 61.39 Mills for the Columbus Municipal School District, for a total of 105.08 Mills. I also move that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Resolution and that both be published and made a part of the official minutes. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR voted:	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER MICKENS voted:	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER BOX voted:	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER TURNER voted:	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER KARRIEM voted:	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN voted:	YES

**FISCAL YEAR AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOLLOWS:**

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MAYOR  
 ROBERT E. SMITH, SR.

CITY COUNCIL  
 GENE A. TAYLOR  
 JOSEPH W. MCKENS, SR.  
 CHARLIE BOX  
 MARTY TURNER  
 KABIR KARRIEM  
 BILL GAVIN

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER  
 DAVID ARMSTRONG

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 MILTON RAWLE, JR.

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 MARTIN ANDREWS

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR  
 PATRICIA MITCHELL

CITY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY  
 DEVELOPMENT  
 CHRISTINA BERRY

FISCAL YEAR AD VALOREM TAX LEVY	2015-2016
<u>CITY OF COLUMBUS</u>	
General Revenue Purposes and for Operations and Maintenance (Section 21-33-45(a) and 27-39-307).....	33.21 Mills
Disability and Relief Fund for Firemen And Policemen (Section 21-29-117).....	5.17 Mills
General Obligation Bonds (Section 21-33-45 (d)).....	<u>5.31 Mills</u>
TOTAL FOR CITY	43.69 Mills
<u>COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	
Operations & Maintenance of District Maintenance Fund (Section 37-57-104 through 107).....	51.89 Mills
General Obligation Bonds (Section 37-59-23).....	8.09 Mills
3-Mill note (Section 37-59-107).....	<u>1.41 Mills</u>
TOTAL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	61.39 Mills
TOTAL FOR CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>105.08 Mills</u>

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 Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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 Date

Adopted September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, MS.

I, Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO/Secretary-Treasurer of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Certified Millage of said City and School District.

Given under my hand and Seal of said City, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.

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 Milton Rawle, Jr.  
 CFO/ Secretary-Treasurer  
 City of Columbus, Mississippi

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Council Member Karriem made a motion to recess until September 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Milton Rawle, Jr.  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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