

MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING

On this day, the 18th of August 2025, the City Council convened in special session in the meeting room at the Memphis Public Library. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Joe Davis, Council Members Zack Altman, Jill Cromwell, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Winfred McQueen, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, Librarian Jackie Owens, and Police Chief Rex Plant.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Roberts to voice the invocation and Alderman Sweatt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrator Owens let the council know that Memphis ISD got their Texas Accountability rating back and they scored eighty-eight out of one hundred so that's a B rating comparable to Childress who scored eighty out of one hundred, Clarendon scored eighty-two out of one hundred, Wellington scored eighty-six out of one hundred, and Turkey scored ninety-five out of one hundred.

CONSIDER APPROVING AND FILING THE PROPOSED 2025/2026 CITY BUDGET WITH CITY SECRETARY

Administrator Owens said the enterprise and general funds are balanced and they have taken their projections back some. What is anticipated to be taken in is two million six hundred thirty thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars in revenue so there will be a one-dollar surplus. Owens informed he scaled down the sales tax, franchise tax was lowered, cemetery lot sales are up so that was raised, vehicle storage went down, and last year a forty thousand dollar fund balance transfer was done and this year he's looking at a one hundred seventy thousand dollar fund balance transfer to cover overage on expenditures versus what was taking in for revenues. Alderwoman McIntosh added that she did not see an allocation for Home Delivered Meals and Alderman Altman said that there are no funds for Meals on Wheels, Preservation, or Little League this year. Administrator Owens agrees the city should help but he informed the council that in general fund we have an operating balance of three hundred eighty three thousand dollars which fluctuates due to bills and payroll, and we will lose half of the operating budget this year for the fund balance transfer for the overage on expenditures over revenues so this new budget was tightened up. Owens said he talked with Josh and Hall County is giving Home Delivered Meals twenty-four thousand dollars. Mayor Davis asked Administrator Owens to recap the meaning of enterprise and general funds. Owens said the enterprise fund is any money-making entity which is water, sewer, landfill, and he put administration over there as well. The other

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funds – library, police, parks/rec, fire, and street come out of ad valorem tax, property tax, sales tax and any fees we levee against people. Alderwoman Cromwell discussed skimming some money off top of different areas to come up with fifty thousand to put back for the machinery and repairs needed. Alderwoman Ivy on talking with Gina Chavira on understanding dilapidated houses and losing tax base and once houses become a hazard or unlivable they take them off the tax roll so we're losing tax base, but property values have gone up. Ivy informed the council on Loves planning a remodel and will be closed for a while, which is the highest sales tax revenue in the city. Ivy asked about the EDC sitting on four hundred thousand dollars and the purpose of the EDC is to help the infrastructure of the city. Discussion was had on TMRS for part timers being added, police tickets being dismissed, machinery needed, and repairs needed. Administrator Owens said this is the best path moving forward as he has worked to squeeze the best he can, and he would like the motion made to file with the Secretary. Alderman Sweatt made the motion to approve and file the proposed 2025/2026 city budget with the City Secretary, seconded by Alderman Altman. Alderman Roberts and Richardson were for it. Alderwoman Ivy and Cromwell were opposed. Alderwoman McIntosh and Alderman McQueen abstained from voting. The vote did not pass.

After further discussion and questions, Alderman Altman made the motion to approve and file the proposed 2025/2026 city budget with the City Secretary as presented, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote passed with all for it except Alderwoman Ivy who opposed.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025/2026 CITY BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

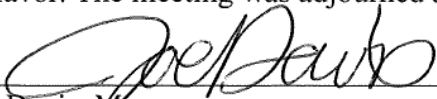
Alderman Sweatt made the motion to schedule the public hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 city budget and proposed tax rate on Monday, September 8th, at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the regular council meeting, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

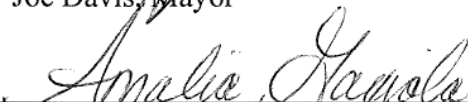
MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderman Roberts informed the council on the airport things he researched, and he doesn't believe we can make it work as our airport needs a lot of work. Alderman McQueen on the city needing to start doing something. Alderwoman McIntosh on thanking Administrator Owens.

ADJOURN

Alderwoman McIntosh moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved: 
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: 
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary