

## **MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING**

On this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 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, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, Police Chief Rex Plant, Librarian Jackie Owens, and Water Clerk Marla Green. Others present were Matthew Murray from Underwood Law Firm, Kim Cloyd, Cindy Woodard, Cindy and Cliff Banner, Harold and Mollie Moffitt, and Kevin Huddleston. Absent Council Member was Melisa McIntosh.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MOTION TO REMOVE TABLED ITEM OFF THE TABLE**

Alderswoman Ivy made the motion to remove the tabled item off the table, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS IN SEATS 2, 4, 6, AND 7**

Mayor Davis stated that the seats are currently being held by Kathy Fowler, Kevin Huddleston, Nathan Smith and Sarah Cook who withdrew her seat. Mayor Davis would like to renominate Nathan, Kevin, and Kathy as they have agreed to serve again but is opening the floor for nominations. Alderswoman Cromwell nominated Janie Farnsworth for seat two and Chris Hert for seat four. Alderswoman Ivy would like to see Kevin and Nathan continue if they're willing. Alderswoman Ivy made the motion to cease nominations, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Davis asked for a show of hands for Kathy Fowler to continue serving in seat four. The vote passed with council members Woody Richardson, Zack Altman, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt in favor. Alderswoman Cromwell was against, and Alderswoman Ivy abstained. To fill seat two, Mayor Davis asked for a show of hands for Janie Farnsworth. The vote was unanimous in favor. Alderman Altman made the motion to reappoint Nathan Smith to seat seven and Kevin Huddleston to seat six, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mayor Davis asked why they would need council committees if they have hired a City Administrator to be above everything that goes on at the City and the only committee that he feels the City needs is an ad hoc committee so why have it and Alderman Sweatt stated that the policy says you have to appoint and they would need to amend the policy. After further discussion, Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to take no action, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor. Alderwoman Ivy asked if taking no action leaves it as it is and Alderman Sweatt said it doesn't fix the policy. Attorney Matthew Murray stated that changing the policy can be put on the next agenda.

### **REVIEW PROPOSED 2025/2026 BUDGET REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

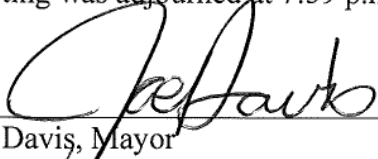
Administrator Owens asked if the council had any questions after reviewing the packets. Alderman Sweatt asked about the previously presented twenty percent raises for employees going down to ten percent. Owens let the council know that the ten percent will bring everyone equal on percentage over the past three years and changing it will have nine thousand dollars left over in the projected budget for the general fund. Going back to expenditures, Owens presented that promoting within for the Water Superintendent will save ten grand and happy to say they interviewed a young man, and he accepted the position for water technician. For the Greenbelt Water Authority line, Mr. Whittenburg is working on a start date for the contract to go through which will free up forty-one thousand dollars in the enterprise account. Alderwoman Cromwell questioned the utilities budget and Owens let the council know he made a broad ten percent increase for all utilities. Insurance across the board was also a sixteen percent increase. Cromwell also questioned the water supplies for repairs on why leaving it at sixty-five thousand if they've only used forty eight percent this year and Owens let them know that they've had ongoing issues at one of the wells which can exhaust the funds quickly. Under the enterprise account, delegating excess money of seventy-eight thousand dollars from salaries or saving the money into an interest-bearing account is something to discuss. There are bulldozer problems at the Landfill and well eighteen for water is not the strongest. Alderwoman Cromwell discussed that the Economic Development Corporation has the wide opportunity to help with infrastructure, water sewer, and landfills and sounds like they can apply for funds for projects to help the city so it's something to look into. To add, Jack informed the Water Development Board will be having a Seminar in Post Texas that he will attend in August that can help with grant funding. Matthew Murray let the council know that Type B has more flexibility so definitely something to look at as there's possibility there. For the General Fund, Administrator Owens presented the no-new-revenue tax rate of .381751. After calculations of the voter-approval tax rate, it will be allocated to general fund revenues. If revenues taken in go to plan, Owens is looking at a ten-thousand-dollar excess in the general fund account. Mayor Davis informed the council that if they adopt this budget as it is then maybe next year there'll be a good opportunity for a better budget. Alderwoman Cromwell on looking into quotes for different property and vehicle insurance. Alderman Sweatt on liking first proposal of everyone under forty thousand getting twenty percent pay increase. Alderman Altman on decreasing pool supplies line item and cemetery

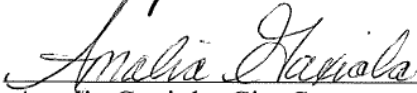
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mowing line item. Alderwoman Ivy mentioned cross training water and street and Administrator Owens said yes, it has been all hands-on deck.

**ADJOURN**

Alderman Roberts moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved:   
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:   
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary