MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

On this day, the 20th of October 2025, the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The regular meeting being open to the public and notice of said regular meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

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

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

HEARING FOR DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES AND ABANDONED VEHICLES

Police Chief Rex Plant stated that the first letters went out in September, and second letters are pending. No action.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: Regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2025; accept collections & pay expenditures for September 2025. Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented and accept collections & pay expenditures for September 2025, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report along with the resignation letter from Cassie Crandell.

Administrator Owens read the written reports on Fire, Library, Landfill, Water, Airport, Street, Administration, Judicial, Parks/Rec, and Cemetery Departments and the TxDOT Waterline Relocation Project.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEMS OFF THE TABLE

Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to take the tabled items off the table, seconded by Alderwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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CONSIDER LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS – ZACK ALTMAN

Discussion was had about a previous meeting where Kim Cloyd offered to live stream the meetings. Alderman Altman made the motion to invite Kim Cloyd from the Chamber of Commerce to next month's meeting to discuss it with her, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGING COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER PRICES

A brief discussion was had on pickup schedules, current charges, and potential increases. City Administrator Owens advised he would ride along with Cosme Duran to be well informed on pickup schedules and the understanding of where dumpsters are. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to table this item, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

<u>CONSIDER AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 704 FOR TMRS' PRIOR SERVICE</u> AGREEMENT

City Secretary Gaxiola informed the council that this ordinance would give them time credit only. Secretary Gaxiola stated that Anthony Mills from TMRS was here on October 13th and he briefed the available council members on information on the prior service agreement. She will provide the council with the information he went over. Alderman Altman made the motion to table this item till the information is given to them on what Anthony Mills went over, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM MEMPHIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO HALL COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Alderman Altman made the motion to approve additional funds from Memphis Economic Development to Hall County Home Delivered Meals, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

<u>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RESIDENCE OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS</u>

Secretary Gaxiola informed the council of a conversation with Cassie Crandell regarding no ordinance being in place for where sexual offenders can live who do not have it in their parole or probation paperwork. Gaxiola provided the council with the City of Bookers residency ordinance. Police Chief Plant added that sexual offenders, that have nothing to do with children, have zero restrictions on where they can live unless stated. Secretary Gaxiola added that Cassie mentioned that the parole/probation worker told her that sex offenders move to Memphis because there are no residency restrictions. Alderman Altman made the motion to look into this and talk with the attorney on what to do, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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CONSIDER AUDIT ENGAGEMENT SERVICES WITH FOSTER, LAMBERT, & FOARD, LLC FOR 2025

Administrator Owens provided the audit engagement services letter to the council and added that it will not exceed twenty-two thousand three hundred dollars but also includes the EDC audit which they have budgeted twenty-five hundred dollars. Council voiced their concerns about branching out to look into different audit services and costs for next year. Alderman Sweatt made the motion to engage services with Foster, Lambert, & Foard, LLC for 2025, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderman Sweatt would like to thank Jack for a good job. Administrator Owens added that everyone is working hard to keep the City of Memphis going and everyone is working diligently to make it better. Alderwoman McIntosh thanked Jack for the hard work with Greenbelt and appreciated Amalia and Rex for what they do and the council. Alderman Roberts seconded that and Amalia for learning. Alderman Richardson thanked the council and employees for what they do. Alderman Altman wanted to add that he spoke with an employee on Jack being a pain, but he is doing what he is doing and holding them accountable. Alderwoman Ivy on Jack and Amalia being thrown a lot of curve balls immediately and thank you both very much and honored to serve with the both of you. Alderwoman Cromwell likes the leadership and thanks Jack and Amalia and thanks Amalia for helping and answering all questions. She's honored to serve with the council and making big differences in a positive way. Mayor Davis would like to thank the crew for a good job and thank you to Marla for doing a great job, she doesn't get enough thanks.

ADJOURN

Alderman Altman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved:

Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary