

MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING

On this, the 29th day of July 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the City Council convened in special session in the City Council Room at Memphis City Hall. 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 Ed Bailey, David Gilbert, C.W. Ivey, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Woody Richardson and Lloyd Roberts. Employees present were City Secretary Cindy Woodard, Public Works Director Junior Casas, Police Chief Rex Plant, Municipal Court Judge David Aleman and Administrative Assistant Amalia Gaxiola. No citizens were present.

Absent: Council Member Ray Dickson

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation.

CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT COPY MACHINE

Police Chief Plant requested the police department be allowed to enter into a lease agreement for a copy machine. This would save money due to the high cost of toner for their current printers. Alderman Bailey moved to approve a lease agreement for a copy machine for the police department, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT FOR 2024/2025 MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN

The employee medical insurance deductible was discussed. Last year the employee deductible increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to keep the premiums down. The city then reimburses back the employee the difference. It was discussed to check into other health plans in the future. Alderman Gilbert moved to keep the deductible as is and reevaluate next year, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REVIEW PROPOSED 2024/2025 BUDGET REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

City Secretary Woodard reported expenditures currently exceed \$197,000 over projected revenues. Revenue increases include utility rate increases, cemetery lots, burial permits, and vendor permits discussed at the last meeting. She reported receiving the proposed voter approval tax rate today and it will increase tax collections \$21,000. Municipal Court Judge David Aleman explained to the council his concerns about increasing traffic fines. He played a sound bite from his TMCEC training regarding the authority of the city council and him being an independent judicial officer. Secretary Woodard discussed possible cuts in the street, the pickup for the water department and asking the Economic Development Board for assistance with the airport CIP project. Their board meeting is on Wednesday and Alderman Roberts suggested asking for

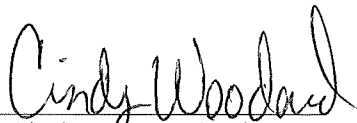
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\$100,000. Creating a city administrator position was discussed and a partial salary of \$45,000 was included in the budget worksheets presented. City Secretary Woodard will review the budget worksheets and present them at the council meeting on August 12th. She reminded them the proposed budget must be on file in her office for 30 days before it can be adopted and the tax rate set. A public hearing for the budget must be held and notice must be given at least 15 days prior to the hearing. They might have to move the September regular meeting to meet this deadline or have a special meeting for the public hearing and adopting the budget.

ADJOURN

Alderman Bailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved: 
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: 
Cindy Woodard, City Secretary