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Be it remembered that the regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Y. Davis, Buddy Palmer and Mike Bryan; City Attorney Ben Logan; and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council. Councilman Willie Jennings was absent.

The invocation was led by Councilman Buddy Palmer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Mike Bryan.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Palmer called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT OF AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to confirm the agenda and agenda order amended as follows:

ADD: Proclamation in Recognition of "Fire Prevention Week"

4. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS

No scouts were present for recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Shelton presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following city employees for their years of service dedicated to the citizens of the City of Tupelo:

William Craig	Coliseum	20 years
Capt. David Riley	Tupelo Fire Department	30 years
Sgt. Jon Rooks	Tupelo Fire Department	10 years

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

The following public recognitions were made by Council Members:

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Councilwoman Davis - Mentioned various festivals that had been held recently, and especially thanked all who had supported the "Community Forward Festival" which is an annual event at Gumtree Park. Good entertainment, food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by a record crowd of Tupelo citizens.

Councilman Palmer - Recognized a personal friend who was in the audience, 1st Sgt. Bill Tallant. He, also, reminded everyone of the DogTrot Rockabilly event scheduled from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Oren Dunn Museum on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

Fire Chief Thomas Walker accepted a proclamation from Mayor Jason Shelton in recognition of "Fire Prevention Week" on October 4-10, 2015. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half. Tupelo residents are urged to install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The proclamation further stated that safety activities and efforts of Tupelo's fire and emergency services should be supported by all citizens, especially during this special week set aside each year to remind everyone of the seriousness of home fires.

IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION TO BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD

Mayor Shelton presented a "Moving Tupelo Forward" plaque from the Development Services Department to the Burlington Northern Railroad for its generous donation of several days' use of heavy equipment and an operator to clean out a problem area along the railroad right-of-way near Frisco Alley. The undergrowth in this area had been a visual eyesore and a problem for law enforcement. The property owners in the area, also, cooperated with the city and railroad for this effort, which has been positively received by residents of Magazine and Church Streets. Several representatives from the railroad were present to accept this award from the city.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR'S REPORT

Following are excerpts from Mayor Shelton's report:

... Reiterated Councilwoman Davis' remarks regarding the many festivals and activities that had been held recently, including "Pigskins in the Park" which is a very successful "Quality of Life" event for the city and the "Community Forward Festival"

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which had been held at Gumtree Park on the previous Saturday.

... Congratulated the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for having been recognized the past week at the State level by their respective state-wide organizations. Mayor Shelton said this speaks volumes for the quality of leaders we have in those departments and the hard work that they are doing.

... Reminded everyone of the Tupelo High School Homecoming this week with a parade Thursday afternoon and a pep rally at Fairpark.

(President Palmer then closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Agenda.)

5. PUBLIC AGENDA

5.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1.A LOT MOWING OF PROPERTIES

No one appeared to address this matter.

(President Palmer closed the Public Agenda and the City Council returned to the regular meeting.)

6. ACTION AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT- COMPONENT CO. #0011

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City Council for the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt- Component Co., #0011, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of nine (9) years beginning on the 1st day of January 2016 and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$29,281. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated

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herein as **APPENDIX A.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT- COMPONENT CO. #0341

Under the same motion by Councilman M. Bryan and second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City Council for the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt - Component Co., #0341, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of nine (9) years beginning on the 1st day of January 2016, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$244,277. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX B.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR LEGGETT & PLATT- COMPONENT CO. #4201

Under the same motion by Councilman M. Bryan and second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City Council for the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Leggett & Platt- Component Co., #4201, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years beginning on the 1st day of January 2015, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$1,245,350. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX C.**

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR BMW OF NEW ALBANY, LLC

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City Council for the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to BMW of New Albany, LLC, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten years beginning on the 1st day of January 2015, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$526,233. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX D.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR PRECISION MACHINE & METAL FABRICATION, INC.

Upon a motion by Councilman Beard and a second by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo for the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Precision Machine & Metal Fabrication, Inc., except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning on the 1st day of January, 2015, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$1,776,147. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX E.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning on the 1st day of January, 2015, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$44,971,291. The City

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Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX F.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR HAWKEYE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Final Resolution of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Granting Exemption from Ad valorem Taxes to Hawkeye Industries, Inc., except State and School District ad valorem taxes, for a period often (10) years beginning on the 1st day of January 2015, and ending the 31st day of December, 2024, with a total true value of \$418,698. The City Council had originally approved a resolution granting this exemption, and the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Tax, Exemptions & Public Utilities Bureau, State of Mississippi, has reviewed the same and certifies by letter dated September 15, 2015, that this company is eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption. An executed copy of this Final Resolution is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX G.**

7. ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Councilman L. Bryan moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2015, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington. Upon advice of City Attorney, Councilman Bryan amended the motion to change heading of one item contained in these minutes as follows:

"IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY"

TO READ:

"IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE ADJUDICATING PROPERTY AT 1016 TAFT STREET IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANNESS OR DEMISE AS TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY"

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The amendment was seconded by Councilwoman Davis and unanimously approved by a vote of council members present. Vote was then called on original motion which was approved, as amended, by a vote of council members present.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/PAY BILLS

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve payment of the following checks, bills having been reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Whittington, L. Bryan, Beard and Palmer:

Check Nos. 319225 through 319844 (Pool Cash Fund)
Electronic transfers as shown on the face of the docket.
Invoices as shown on the face of the docket.
Requests made by AFLAC to reimburse employees under
Flex-One Plan as shown on the face of the docket.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Councilman M. Bryan moved to approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire as submitted by City Clerk Kirn Hanna. The period of time covered by this questionnaire is 10/01/14 to 09/30/15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously approved by a vote of those present. A copy of this document is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX H**.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING

By memorandum dated September 30, 2015, Teni Blizzard, Grant Administrator, notified the Tupelo City Council and Mayor Shelton of a 2015 Grant Assistance award in the amount of \$14,332, and requesting the acceptance of the same so that it may be activated with the Department of Justice. The grant will be shared by the Tupelo Police Department and the Lee County Sheriffs Office and will be used to purchase body cameras for the Police Department and tactical communications headsets for the Sheriffs Office. The City of Tupelo is the designated administrator for the grant this year, so all purchasing will be handled through the Tupelo Police Department. Equipment purchased on behalf of the Lee County Sheriffs Office will be turned over to that office as surplus.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis and a second by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to accept this 2015 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,332 to be used for purposes set forth above. A copy of the

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acceptance document is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX I.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION FUND GRANT FUNDING FOR THERON NICHOLS SPLASH
PAD

By memorandum dated October 1, 2015, Terri Blizzard, Grant Administrator, submitted a project agreement from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for the Theron Nichols Park splash pad project. Under this agreement the City of Tupelo will receive \$150,000 in grant funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The City's required match for the project is \$150,000. However, the preliminary estimate prepared by Pryor & Morrow placed the total project cost at \$551,556, the amount shown in the proposed agreement. Ms. Blizzard requests the approval of the Land and Water Conservation Fund agreement so that the project may move forward.

Upon a motion by Councilman Beard and a second by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve this agreement, a copy being attached to these minutes and made a part hereof as APPENDIX J.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE GRANT FUNDING FROM
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES FOR SPAIN HOUSE

According to memorandum dated October 1, 2015, to the Mayor and City Council, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History has awarded a Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation grant to the Tupelo Historic Preservation Society to be used for additional work on the Spain House. Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present that the City of Tupelo accept this grant on behalf of the Tupelo Historic Preservation Society to be passed through to that organization. There are no matching funds or other obligations for the City of Tupelo.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LISTING OF LOT MOWINGS OF
PROPERTIES

Councilman Beard moved to approve a listing of lot mowings dated October 6, 2015, which had been submitted by the Department of Development Services as being in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community, thereby authorizing the department to proceed with the mowing of these properties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously passed by a vote of those present. A public hearing had been held earlier in this council meeting with no one appearing to address the properties listed. A copy of the listing is

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attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX K.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Councilman L. Bryan moved to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of September 14, 2015, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington. After discussion, Councilman L. Bryan moved to table Items TA15-05 and VAR 15-03. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis and unanimously approved by a vote of those present. Vote was then taken on the original motion to accept the minutes with the exception of the two tabled items. The vote was unanimous of those present. A copy of the minutes is attached hereto as **APPENDIX L.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE LEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR MUNICIPALITY OF TUPELO AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY DISPATCH (E911)

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Lee County Communications Memorandum of Understanding for the Municipality of Tupelo and the Public Safety Agency Dispatch (E911) providing for continued support by the city of that agency's dispatch services. The new annual contribution by the city to the Lee County Communications Center (E911) will be in the amount of \$183,678.00, beginning October 1, 2015. An executed copy of the MOU is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof as **APPENDIX M.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BY TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Beard and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve a Resolution of Declaration of Surplus property (host city for the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit). The Department has in its possession vehicles seized and forfeited to the NMNU and/or City of Tupelo and equipment purchased with NMNU funds. The vehicles/items have been determined to have no value or useful life remaining to the unit. Approval of the Resolution declaring the vehicles and items contained on the list as surplus will authorize the disposal of said items in accordance with State statute. An executed copy of the resolution together with a list of surplus items is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX N.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST TO SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT BY THE TUPELO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Alex Famed, Director of the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department, had submitted a request to the Mayor and City Council that the Department be allowed to surplus the following power washer and return it to the vendor from which it was purchased for credit towards a new one:

2647 Pressure Washer, Portable-14459 HS*-3504-3MGH/150446955
PR Parks & Recreation Dept. - Joyner Shop- 05/14/08 - \$5,785.00

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan and a second by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve this request to surplus the above described item and return to vendor for credit.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR
TUPELO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - NUTRIENT REMOVAL**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to approve the following change order as recommended by Johnny Timmons, Manager, Tupelo Water and Light Department:

Tupelo Wastewater Treatment Plant - Nutrient Removal - Change Order No. 2 - This change order adds \$114,000.00 to the contract amount for paving of the parking lot. The revised contract amount now stands at \$2,282,330.00. Mr. Timmons states he has reviewed the change order and finds it to be correct. A copy is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX O**.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/RATIFY CONTRACT BETWEEN TUPELO
WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT AND UTILITY ONLINE EXCHANGE
(COLLECTION OFFICE)**

On July 21, 2015, the City Council had authorized Tupelo Water & Light Department to enter into a Subscriber Service Agreement with ONLINE Utility Exchange to provide certain services for the Water & Light Collection Office. All terms and conditions of the agreement have now been finalized between the two parties and the agreement is before the City Council for ratification. Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to ratify the Subscriber Service Agreement between the Tupelo Water & Light Department and ONLINE Utility Exchange, an executed copy being attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX P**.

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/RATIFY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF TUPELO AND TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

On September 1, 2015, the City Council approved a Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Enter into Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Tupelo, Mississippi and Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District Contracting for Drainage Cleaning and Clearing, both parties being authorized by statute to enter into such an agreement. The parties have negotiated and finalized the terms of the MOA, and the same has been brought back before the City Council for ratification. Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, and Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. A copy of this document is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as APPENDIX Q.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/RATIFY NETWORK FLEET PILOT PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH VZW (VERIZON)

On July 21, 2015, the City Council authorized the Tupelo Public Works Department to enter into a Network Fleet Pilot Program Contract with VZW (Verizon). The main user of the Fleet Website will be the Tupelo Public Works Department with the duration of the pilot program being sixty (60) days. All conditions of this pilot program contract have been agreed up and finalized by both parties and it is before the City Council for ratification. Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Beard, the council voted unanimously of those present to ratify the Network Fleet Pilot Program Contract with VZW (Verizon), a copy being attached hereto as APPENDIX R.

8 . STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/DISCUSS REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND DONATE PROPERTY AT 485 SOUTH THOMAS STREET

At the request of Council Members Davis and M. Bryan, this item will be moved to the October 20, 2015 agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/DISCUSS REZONING OF TWO PARCELS ON SOUTH GLOSTER STREET

At the request of Council Members M. Bryan and Whittington, this item will be moved to the October 20, 2015 agenda.

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9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Davis, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to close the regular meeting to determine the need for an executive session.

Upon advice of Legal Counsel, upon a motion by Councilman Beard, seconded by Councilwoman Davis, the council voted unanimously of those present to go into executive session to discuss (1) Pending Legal Claim; and (2) Employee Grievance.

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously of those present to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting with no action to be taken in regular session.

10. RECESS OF REGULAR MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilman Beard, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously of those present to recess the regular meeting to Monday, October 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

APPROVED:

MAYOR

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Be it remembered that the recessed meeting of October 6, 2015, of the Tupelo City Council was held in Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Monday, October 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Y. Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; City Attorney Ben Logan and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER

President Palmer called the recessed meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to add the following item to the Routine Agenda:

REVIEW/APPROVE OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL REQUEST

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously to approve request from Neal McCoy, Executive Director of the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau, for approval of international travel for Jennie Bradford Curlee, Mayor Jason Shelton and Neal McCoy for November 2015. The Mississippi Development Authority Division of Tourism and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau have extended an invitation to Tupelo to participate in an international sales mission to the United Kingdom. The mission will include a combination of tour operator sales calls, media appointments, reservation staff training plus retail agent training throughout London. This is a collaborative effort between the Memphis and Mississippi Tourism Partnership.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session.

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to go into executive session for discussion of economic development plan upon advice of legal counsel.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Jennings and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to come out of executive session and return to recessed meeting with no action to be taken in open session.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

MAYOR