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Glenda Glover
testifies at historic
congressional hearing,
asking for continued
support of HBCUs



Glover with V.P. Kamala Harris

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Tennessee State University President Glenda Glover, Ph.D., recently testified at a virtual congressional hearing about the importance of historically black colleges and universities and urged lawmakers to continue supporting them.

Glover, prior to becoming president of TSU in January of 2013, served as Dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University, where

she lead the College of Business through the accreditation process and spearheaded the implementation of the nation's first Ph.D in Business at an HBCU.

The hearing on Oct. 6 before the House Committee on Education and Labor examined the essential contributions that HBCUs have made, the history that sets these institutions apart, and the enduring

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Jackson State beats Alabama A&M, next up homecoming

By Tim Ward
Sports Editor

If last Saturday is any indication of how good Jackson State's football team is, go ahead and give them the championship trophy right now. Last Saturday's game was built up as the best two teams in the SWAC battling it out.

Jackson State destroyed Alabama A&M 61-15. Alabama A&M is the current reigning SWAC champion and looked nothing like it. Adding fuel to this game has been the verbal assault of their head coach, Connell Maynor, against head coach Deion Sanders.

During an interview in the spring season, coach Maynor said, "Recruit some more five stars."

Maynor said on his postgame coach's show. "You talk about all them four, five stars you recruit. You're not the only one recruiting four or five stars. We do, too. Let's go. We've got guys coming back next year, too." He genuinely seemed agitated with the idea of coach Prime coaching at Jackson State and bringing the national spotlight.

Over a week ago, coach Prime had surgery on his foot. He now has a scooter to aid in moving around. Saturday was his second game coaching with it. Earlier in the week, coach Maynor saw fit to poke fun during a press conference by saying, "Coach Sanders, I



Shedeur Sanders (with football) is named SWAC Newcomer of the Week.

hurt my ankle getting off the bus the other day," Maynor said. "You got an extra scooter for me? If you've got an extra scooter, send me one down here."

Coach Sanders said he was going to take the high road. After the game Saturday, his players spoke loudly for him. The one speaking the loudest was his son, Shedeur Sanders. "When you disrespect pops, what do you think is gonna happen?" "How do you expect me to perform?"

Jackson State not only delivered an impressive win, but a pink

scooter with JSU on it and autographed by coach Deion Sanders. The scooter was left on the 50 yard line.

Now to the actual game. The defense sacked Bulldog quarterback Aqeel Glass a record 10 times. The defensive line was menacing, only allowing 8 rushing yards along with the 10 sacks and even scored a touchdown from a fumble recovery.

Offensively, the tigers compiled 496 yards and literally played with Alabama A&M.

Shedeur Sanders was great.

17-24 for 249 yards, 6 carries for 58 yards, with 4 passing touchdowns and 1 rushing touchdown. His efforts have earned him SWAC Newcome of the week.

Santee Marshall lead the team in rushing gaining 123 yards on 12 carries. The offensive line allowed no sacks and pushed A&M's defensive line around.

JSU scored early and often, jumping out to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter. At the half, JSU was clearly in control, leading 33 to 7.

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CUNY study underscores the enduring vitality of the Black Press

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The racial awakening after the death of George Floyd didn't prove as much of an arousal for mainstream media, after all.

By contrast, Floyd's murder and the global protests that ensued further espoused the importance of the Black Press, and again revealed the dire straits of people of color face if there is no Black Press of America.

A new study released by the City University of New York's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism found that black media publishes as much as six times more coverage than mainstream outlets on issues of importance to black communities, including racism, health disparities and voting access.

Released on Wednesday, Octo-

ber 6 the study, Why Black Media Matters Now, found that nearly one in four articles in black media mentioned racism or related issues, as compared with less than one in 10 in mainstream media.

"Within coronavirus coverage, black media wrote five times more on the disproportionate racial impact of the pandemic and nearly twice as much on frontline and essential workers," CUNY researchers found.

The study concluded that black media "stood out in its focus on a variety of other health issues of particular relevance to black communities, including maternal health, hypertension, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and sickle cell disease."

"It also led the way in coverage of voting access, racism, and stories that humanize the individuals and groups

in the news," the authors wrote.

They said black media connects news events across subjects to cover wider issues of injustice, and it provides historical context to present day challenges and breaking news.

The authors paid homage to the Black Press of America, whom the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has represented for more than 80 years.

"On March 16, 1827, in New York City, a group of free black men founded *Freedom's Journal*, the first newspaper owned by, led by and for black Americans in the United States," the authors wrote.

They noted that, in that inaugural four-page broadsheet, Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm, the editors

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Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association celebrates National Night Out and National Faith and Blue

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National Night Out is an annual communication-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

City of Jackson Police Department, Faith & Blue week-end is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

The combined celebration was a community event for Pecan Street Park Neighborhood Association hosted by Lynch Street CME Church in Jackson, pastored by Rev. Dr. Wayne Williams. It was held Oct. 5 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Prizes were awarded for various fun activities and COVID-19 vaccines were available to include booster shots.

Fran Bridges, vice president for Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association, stated, "Dr. Wayne Williams and his congregation were wonderful hosts and the evening was a celebration of hope, unity and peace."



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Glover meeting with leaders

ing challenges and financial needs that they and their students face.

“HBCUs have stood the test of time and managed to succeed in spite of the difficulties,” said Glover, who was invited to speak by Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson, chair of the Education and Labor Committee’s Higher Education and Workforce Investment (HEWI) Subcommittee. Wilson led the hearing.

“Now, we need your assistance – your financial assistance. We seek funding,” said Dr. Glover, who is also International President and Chief Executive Officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

She thanked lawmakers for legislation that provided financial support amid the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly to HBCUs, but she said more is needed.

“The emergency funding was significant because it assisted students as they faced this sudden crisis,” Glover said. “Today we ask you to continue that financial support of HBCUs, not just on the emergency basis as the CARES Act and other emergency funding has done in the past. We ask you to assist HBCUs as they seek to grow, develop, become more competitive and sustainable for years to come.”

She outlined three specific areas that HBCUs need funding: infrastructure and deferred maintenance; technology; new academic programs; and research.

Particularly in the case of infrastructure and maintenance, Glover said some HBCU presidents have deferred maintenance as much as \$100 million or \$200 million. At TSU, she said it’s around \$300 million.

The hearing comes as TSU continues to work to get more than \$500 million owed the institution because of years of unpaid land-grant matches by the state, dating back to the 1950s. A Tennessee joint legislative committee has said the university could receive between \$150 million and \$544 million.

“When matching funds were required, many times the states did not provide the proper

match,” Glover said in prepared remarks. “This type of short changing with matching funds has continued for generations.”

Despite their continued challenges and limited resources, Glover and others who testified noted the success HBCUs have had. For example, they account for just 3% of colleges in the United States, but produce: 22% of bachelor’s degrees earned by African Americans; 25% of African Americans with STEM degrees; 50% of African American public school teachers; 60% of African American health professionals; 50% of African American lawyers; 50% of African American doctors; and 83% of African American judges. Additionally, 24% of Ph.Ds earned each year by African Americans are conferred by 24 of the more than 100 HBCUs.

During the hearing, Wilson noted that several members of the Congressional Black Caucus are graduates of HBCUs, “including myself, a proud graduate of Fisk University, which was founded in 1866.”

“These historic institutions have nurtured and prepared generations of African Americans for success in a broad range of fields,” said Congresswoman Wilson.

The hearing comes as Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrated a historic fundraiser in support of HBCUs on September 20, 2021, for the fourth consecutive year. The sorority set a new record and raised more than \$2.1 million in one day during its HBCU Impact Day to benefit these institutions. The signature fundraising initiative is one part of a four-year \$10 million fundraising goal set by Dr. Glover under the HBCU for Life: A Call to Action initiative in conjunction with the sorority’s international program of service. The sorority has surpassed the \$1 million in one day goal each year of the four-year fundraising initiative.

Following the hearing, Glover was invited to meet with Vice President Kamala Harris and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Presidents on October 6. VP Harris is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha.



Glover third from left with leaders at the White House

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and proprietors noted, “The peculiarities of this Journal, render it important that we should advertise to the world the motives by which we are actuated, and the objects which we contemplate. We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the publick been deceived by misrepresentations, in things which concern us dearly...”

The clear intention laid out in this founding document spoke to the need for black press and set the tone for the role black media still play in our communities and black society at large, CUNY researchers exclaimed.

“Nearly 200 years later, black media continue to create a space where black folks can speak for ourselves about issues of importance and combat stereotypes that harm us,” the researchers continued.

This role of the Black Press was both needed and visible over the past 18 months when the convergence of the worst pandemic in US history and state violence both were disproportionately impacting black Americans, the researchers further acknowledged. This report, a comparative content analysis of the Black Press and US

mainstream media, shows the ways that black media have continued the tradition started by the Journal in a contemporary context.

Black media center the humanity of people who are often dehumanized by society and not given that by mainstream media, the report stated.

Also, black media accurately call people killed by police brutality victims, sons and daughters. That thread of empathy and recognition of everyone’s humanity and dignity was first stitched in the *Freedom’s Journal*, the authors penned in the study.

Freedom’s Journal noted, “And while these important subjects shall occupy the columns of the *Freedom’s Journal*, we would not be unmindful of our brethren who are still in the iron fetters of bondage. They are our kindred by all the ties of nature; and though but little can be [affected] by us, still let our sympathies be poured forth, and our prayers in their behalf, ascend to Him who is able to succour them.”

The researchers concluded: “Black media were important in 1827, and they are just as critical today.”

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They kept pouring it on and on. By the end of the 3rd quarter, it was 54-7. Final score 61-15. The offense clicking was a welcomed sight to THEE-ILOVE. JSU matched the intensity that their defense has shown all season. What a way to spoil Alabama A&M’s homecoming. JSU also felt disrespected for being the homecoming opponent. Coach Sanders said after the game, “You don’t schedule Jackson State for homecoming.”

The verbal blasts from coach Maynor plus

scheduling Jackson State for homecoming equaled a historic and embarrassing beatdown in Huntsville, Alabama. Jackson State improves to 4-1 and sole possession of first place in the East.

Next up, Alabama State comes to Veterans Memorial Stadium for homecoming. It’s a “blue out” game. Tiger nation is asked to come wearing blue JSU t-shirts. A packed house is expected. Tiger Nation is ready! Sonic Boom is ready! The team is ready!



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Lanier High School National Alumni Association holds annual awards program

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

On October 7, 2021, the Lanier High School National Alumni Association (LHSNAA) made a \$13,000 donation to W.H. Lanier High School during its annual school donation and awards program which was held in the school's auditorium located at 833 Maple Street in Jackson.

Alvin Thomas, LHSNAA board chairman of the non-profit organization, presented the check to Principal Valerie Bradley.

He said it was a pleasure working with Dr. Bradley. "Like alumni Mrs. Eva Mae Pittman, she is on call 24/7," he said.

Thomas said funds donated are used for scholarships, team sports, school choir, educational supplies, food for the needy, gifts for students and anything else that will enhance the overall achievements of students of W.H. Lanier High School.

He said, since 1998, the total amount donated to the school is \$128,964."

Principal Valerie Bradley said the donated funds will be put to good use. She also stated that the alumni association has also helped during other times such as donating water during the pandemic.

Also during the program special awards were given to Eva M. Pittman and Amos Wilcher.



Hazel Shields and Eva M. Pittman



Alvin Thomas
PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON



LHSNAA members pose with \$13,000 check.

They are both LHSNAA members and Hazel Shields, a Lanier alumni and member of the board, presented them awards for their service and loyalty over the years.

Recognition was also given to 2004 graduates Tiffany Brown and Zavious Levy. They came up with the idea to raise money during homecoming and

the money they raised helped to increase most recent years' donations by over \$3,000.

Bradley said the donated funds will be put to good use.

"The funds will be used for journals for our students, jerseys for our basketball team and tours for our students to visit college campuses," said Bradley.



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Mississippi auditor demands payments in human services fraud

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

The Mississippi auditor said Tuesday that he is demanding repayment of \$77 million in misspent welfare money in one of the poorest states in the nation. This includes \$828,000 the auditor is seeking from retired NFL player Brett Favre and an employee of his business, Favre Enterprises.

The initial allegations of misspending came to light in early 2020 when former Mississippi Department of Human Services executive director John Davis and five other people were indicted in one of the state's largest public corruption cases, which the auditor characterized then as "a sprawling conspiracy."

Favre is not facing any criminal charges, but Auditor Shad White said in May 2020 that the former Green Bay Packers quarterback, who lives in Mississippi, had repaid \$500,000 of the \$1.1 million in welfare money he received for multiple speeches for which he did not show up. The demand Tuesday is for the \$600,000 balance, plus \$228,000 in interest.

White issued the demands about two weeks after a Maryland-based CPA firm issued an independent report about how the Mississippi Department of Human Services spent federal money from 2016 through 2019 through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. The report found nearly \$41 million in "questioned costs" for items including travel and programs to support college athletes.

The Mississippi auditor is demanding that interest be paid on the \$77 million, bringing the total sought to more than \$96 million. White is demanding that whole amount from Davis and most of it from two nonprofit organizations, Mississippi Community Education Center and the Family Resource Center.

On Monday, an accountant pleaded guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit embezzlement for her role in the case. Hinds County Circuit Court records show that as part of her guilty plea, Anne McGrew, 65, of Jackson, agreed to testify against others indicted, including her one-time employers, Nancy New and Zach New, a mother and son who ran nonprofit and for-profit organizations that received money from the state Department of Human Services.

McGrew said in court records that she assisted Nancy New, Zach New and others in moving money received by Mississippi Community Education Center to bank accounts owned by New Learning Inc. a for-profit company owned by Nancy New and Zach New.



In this Sept. 7, 2016 file photo, John Davis, then executive director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, answers lawmakers' questions at the Capitol in Jackson. AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis. AP FILE

McGrew, who could face up to five years in prison, signed a court document that said prosecutors will make a recommendation about her sentence based on her cooperation in the prosecution of co-defendants and her "willingness to provide truthful testimony" at any trials.

Those indicted were the department's former director, John Davis; former professional wrestler Brett DiBiase; former Department of Human Services employee Latimer Smith; Nancy New, who has been the director of Mississippi Community Education Center and New Learning Resources; Zach New, who has been assistant executive director of the education center; and McGrew, an accountant for the education center.

Davis left the Department of Human Services in July 2019. He has pleaded not guilty and his trial is set for Nov. 1. However, his attorneys are seeking a delay because they said in a Sept. 29 court document that prosecutors have produced "voluminous" information about the case.

Smith has pleaded not guilty, and his trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 8.

Nancy New and Zach New also have been indicted on federal charges. They have pleaded not guilty in federal court and state court, and they await trial in both places.

Mississippi Community Education Center, operating

as Families First for Mississippi, received more than \$44 million in government grants from mid-2014 to mid-2018, according to nonprofit tax filings. Amounts spiked to \$12.9 million and \$26.7 million in the final two years, as Davis outsourced a large portion of Mississippi's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families spending to the group.

DiBiase, now 33, pleaded guilty in December to one count of making a false statement. He said in court documents that he had submitted documents and received full payment for work he did not complete. He agreed to pay \$48,000 in restitution, and his sentencing was deferred.

Indictments allege Davis conspired with Nancy New to send \$48,000 in block grant money to pay for DiBiase's drug rehabilitation in Malibu, California, in early 2019. Payments were made to a company owned by DiBiase supposedly for his teaching classes about drug abuse, with Davis and Smith falsifying invoices and other records, prosecutors said.

In November 2020, Hinds County Circuit Judge Faye Peterson issued a gag order to prevent prosecutors, defense attorneys and others from publicly discussing the case against Nancy New.

Another Hinds County circuit judge, Adrienne Wooten, issued the same order in February in McGrew's case.

Race theory report aims to sway policymakers

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Republican candidates in Mississippi and across the U.S. have been raising money for months by promising to ban teaching of critical race theory. Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves and House Speaker Philip Gunn both made that pledge a central theme of their stump speeches several weeks ago at the Neshoba County Fair.

On Wednesday, Mississippi Center for Public Policy published a report that Republicans Reeves and Gunn could cite as they bring proposals to the GOP-controlled Legislature in 2022.

The center pushes for limited government, and it is led by Douglas Carswell, a former member of the Parliament of the United Kingdom who played a key role in the Brexit movement. The center's report compares critical race theory to "orthodox Marxism" and says it is a threat to Mississippi education.

Critical race theory is an academic framework that examines how racism has shaped public policy and institutions such as the legal system, and how those have perpetuated the dominance of white people in society.

Supporters of the theory say it broadens the perspective of how history is taught by shining light on injustice that has been downplayed or ignored. Opponents say it seeks to induce white guilt or undermine patriotism.

"If we do not challenge critical race theory, young Mississippians will grow up indoctrinated to believe that America's material achievements have been gained through exploitation," the

Mississippi Center for Public Policy report says. "They will grow up believing that Mississippi's relative poverty is attributable to a lack of government intervention rather than a consequence of federal programs and a lack of liberty."

The report's cover photo is of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Although a news release from the center did not mention this, the report was published on the birthday of the late Mississippi civil rights icon Fannie Lou Hamer, who worked to dismantle state-sanctioned segregation by registering black people to vote.

Hamer was beaten and jailed in Winona in 1963 after she and other activists returned from an out-of-state civil rights training session. She was a founder of the integrated Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that challenged the seating of an all-white Mississippi delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1964.

The Mississippi Center for Public Policy says students should not be taught that racism is "systemic" or "structural."

Still, it's hard to ignore how structural racism has shaped Mississippi and the United States.

The most obvious example is slavery – a government-sanctioned system that Mississippi went to war to defend. A U.S. Census map shows that in 1860, 55% of the people living in Mississippi were enslaved. Only South Carolina had a higher share of enslaved residents, at 57%.

The people who signed Mississippi's ordinance of se-

cession before the Civil War made clear why they were trying to break away from the United States: "Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery – the greatest material interest of the world."

The Mississippi Center for Public Policy does not recommend ignoring slavery, but its report says the state's lingering poverty exists not because of the legacy of slavery but because of excessive government regulation.

The NAACP says Mississippi was the state with the largest number of lynchings between 1882 and 1968, and the crimes often went unpunished because of systemic racism. And from 1956 to 1973, the state funded and operated the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission to try to preserve segregation by spying on people involved in civil rights activities.

Mississippi Center for Public Policy says the state Department of Education should not recommend "course content that is highly partisan and aggressively progressive" on race. The center also says Reeves, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann and Gunn should nominate people to the state Board of Education who will oppose critical race theory.

The center criticizes university programs that prompt students to examine white supremacy. And the report has this recommendation: "Force universities to end the promotion of critical race theory." It says this could be done by withholding public money and firing "non-compliant" administrators or faculty members – an approach that raises questions about academic freedom.

Select Committee on the January 6 Committee, led by Rep. Bennie Thompson, sends out subpoenas

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Led by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), the Select Committee on the January 6 Committee has sent out a second round of subpoenas to 11 people tied to the events leading up to the Jan 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The violent January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol has been marginalized by the members of the Republican Party in the U.S. House. Several members have been implicated as having a connection with the planning of the attack, which happened on the day President Joseph Biden's election was officially certified.

"The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees, corrective laws, policies, procedures rules, or

regulations," wrote Chairman Thompson on September 28.

The subpoenas include demands for various records. Those documents include requests for information on the planning, funding and participation in events around January 6.

The Select Committee issued subpoenas for records from the following individuals and their associated entities, and has instructed the individuals to testify at depositions:

- Amy Kremer, founder and chair of Women for America First (WFAF)
- Kylie Kremer, founder and executive director of WFAF
- Cynthia Chafian, submitted the first permit application on behalf of WFAF for the January 6th rally, and founder of the Eighty Percent Coalition.
- Caroline Wren, listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "VIP Advisor."
- Maggie Mulvaney, listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "VIP Lead."

• Justin Caporale, of Event Strategies, Inc., listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "project manager."

• Tim Unes, of Event Strategies, Inc., listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "stage manager."

• Megan Powers, of MPowers Consulting LLC, listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "operations manager for scheduling and guidance."

• Hannah Salem, of Salem Strategies LLC, listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "operations manager for logistics and communications."

• Lyndon Brentnall, of RMS Protective Services, listed on permit paperwork for the January 6th rally as "on-site supervisor."

• Katrina Pierson, former Trump campaign official, reportedly involved in the organization of the January 5th and 6th rallies and was in direct communication with the former president about the rallies.

Grants will help students finish school who left early

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi students who left college at least two years ago without a degree can apply for a grant to help them return to – and finish – school.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation recently awarded the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning \$1.3 million to fund Mississippi’s Complete 2 Compete tuition assistance grants through 2023.

The Complete 2 Compete program provides one-on-one support for adult learners who have earned college credits, but not a degree, and works with them to complete their education.

Qualifying returning students can receive a \$1,000 grant that can be renewed every semester. The award helps pay for any coursework needed to graduate and can

help repay prior debt.

Funds can be used at any Mississippi public universities or community colleges. A total of 2,400 students have graduated since the program launched in 2017.

There are more than 200,000 prior students that qualify for the Complete 2 Compete program in the state, according to a press release from the Mississippi Community College Board.

Since May, the Complete 2 Compete program has reached out to former students through postcards as well as internet and social media ads. More than 2,700 former students’ applications were processed over the summer, with 620 returning to enroll in one of Mississippi’s 15 community colleges, 8 universities, and the medical center.

Tougaloo College receives scholarship funds from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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“Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Mississippi are committed to scholarship, service and sisterhood; and each year, money from specialized car tags fund scholarships at universities throughout the state,” said Gwendolyn Handy, president of the Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter.

“Educational development is one of our programmatic thrusts and by presenting a check to Tougaloo College annually on behalf of the Mississippi Chapters of DST for scholarships, we support students at our institutions of higher learning.”

Dr. Carmen J. Walters, president of Tougaloo College, stated: “By supporting our students through scholarships, chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Mississippi are providing more resources for learning and equipping students for today’s global market. We are grateful for their investment and continuous partnership.”



On hand for the \$5,000 check presentation, are, l-r: Amber Magee, president of Gamma Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at Tougaloo College; Dr. Carmen J. Walters, president of Tougaloo College; and Gwendolyn Handy, president of Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. PHOTO BY SYLVIA WHATLEY

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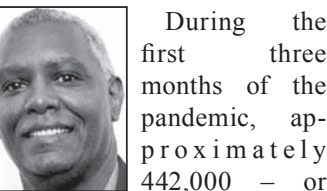
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U.S. Black Chamber prez talks loss of African-American businesses and a global future for the black dollar

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent



During the first three months of the pandemic, approximately 442,000 – or 41 percent – of black businesses shuttered.

As COVID continues to hamper progress, the overall decline of small and minority-owned firms remains striking. Data culled from multiple studies revealed that Latinx business owners fell by 32 percent and Asian business owners dropped by 26 percent. Meanwhile, the number of white business owners fell by 17 percent.

While the current climate has exacerbated the wealth gap and unveiled the unimaginable financial straits of black and other minority companies, studies also revealed that about 58 percent of African-American-owned businesses were at risk of fiscal distress even before the outbreak of the pandemic in February 2020.

“There’s no question it has been a challenge,” said Ron Busby, the president and CEO of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. in Northwest, Washington, D.C.

“Last year was a difficult time for the majority of businesses in America with COVID, the murder of George Floyd, and the Stimulus Package – or lack thereof, in our community,” said Busby, who visited the new state-of-the-art television studios of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) for an appearance on PBS-TV’s “The Chavis Chronicles.”

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. hosts the nationally televised program.

“When you talk to black



Ron Busby, the president and CEO of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., said the U.S. Black Chamber also works with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce by joining quarterly discussions on issues pertinent to African American business owners

business owners, very few received any stimulus money,” Busby continued. “We lost 41 percent of black businesses, and many of them will never re-open, and many of those firms had employees, vendors and customers.”

Such losses critically hurt the tax base in black communities while white firms have stepped in to replace some of the lost businesses, Busby noted.

To better understand the alarming loss of black-owned firms, some have reflected on pre-pandemic statistics, which revealed that between 2012 and 2017, black-owned businesses with no employees in the United States increased 19.2 percent.

According to BlackDemographics.com, receipts generated by black-owned businesses with no employees during the same period increased from \$46.8 billion in 2012 to \$65.7 billion in 2017.

Overall, black-owned em-

ployer businesses in the United States increased 13.6 percent, while the number of employees at those firms rose by 23.9 percent.

“It’s difficult to start a business out of the gate, and it’s going to be tough to try and have them come back,” Busby stated.

He said the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. provides leadership and advocacy in the realization of economic empowerment.

The organization supports African-American Chambers of Commerce and business organizations by helping them develop and grow black enterprises.

Busby said the U.S. Black Chamber also works with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce by joining quarterly discussions on issues pertinent to African-American business owners.

“We also have an entire economic conversation about America,” Busby remarked. “For us to have a great Ameri-

ca, there must be a great Black America. So, to have a great Black America, we’ve got to have great black businesses,” he asserted.

Busby also bristled at the continued conversation surrounding the more than \$1 trillion black Americans reportedly contribute to the economy.

“It’s an interesting number,” Busby contemplated.

“Usually, it’s corporate America saying black consumers have \$1 trillion. How can we market to them to make sure that they get their share? The U.S. Black Chamber says, ‘we as black consumers have \$1 trillion, how can we keep that in our community to make sure that our communities have sustainability?’”

Born in Houston, Texas, and raised in Oakland, Calif., Busby said the Black Panthers, which his father served as a member, displayed a commitment to the black community that has helped him keep his resolve to better the plight of African Americans.

“I saw the impact that black men have on communities, making sure that we are leading each other in a positive environment,” Busby reminisced.

“That stayed with me all my life, and I’ve been involved in fraternities and 100 Black Men. Then, I moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where [Arizona Informant publisher] Cloves Campbell allowed me to know more about the NNPA and national news. Then, in 2009, I got the call to come to Washington for the U.S. Black Chamber.”

Busby added that the Black Chamber also focuses on expanding throughout the globe.

“We think about the black dollar globally because that’s the future for black businesses,” Busby concluded.

The political divide among Democrats is hurting America

By James B. Ewers Jr.
President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



I have always thought of the Democratic Party as being the party of the people. It is my thinking this perception is shared by many Americans.

My party of choice is the Democratic Party. I am a registered Democrat and I do not shy away from being a member.

As the last presidential election was forming, the Democrats were galvanizing their political machine. It was pretty much all hands-on deck.

We the people wanted a change in the White House because the leadership in it was ruining the country. The direction of the nation was off track and the world was watching.

So, in one of the greatest presidential election turnouts in our history, we elected a new leader. Joe Biden became President of the United States of America.

Since his inauguration in January, Biden has encountered potholes and pitfalls in his efforts to build back America.

By any political measuring stick and poll, our country was on a deep dive to nowhere. We could not find any lifelines.

Our president has tackled multiple issues since being in office. High atop the list are immigration, Afghanistan, the pandemic and the vaccine. Each of these has a built-in set of problems. There are no easy solutions.

Some of them like immigration and the pandemic were inherited from the previous administration yet that cannot be used as an excuse.

We elected him to be president and Kamala Harris to be vice president so inherited problems come with the territory.

Prior to assuming the presidency, we knew that Mitch McConnell and the Senate Republicans would present a roadblock. Now at this point in my opinion, they have become a dead-end street.

Trying to reach common ground with them appears to be futile and full of frustration. What is happening with the Republican Party is of no surprise to me. Here is the surprise that is now fast be-

coming a roadblock. The Democratic Party has now in my opinion become a roadblock to the president’s agenda.

There are major differences within the Democratic Party.

Progressive Democrats have a significant role within the Democratic Party.

According to Wikipedia, the Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) is a progressive political organization and grassroots political action committee operating inside and outside the Democratic Party. It was formed in 2004.

Reports say the Congressional Progressive Caucus has 95 U.S. House of Representatives and 1 U.S. Senator.

For example, Representatives Cori Bush (GA) and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY) are members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. They and other Progressives want the Senate to vote on the 3.5 trillion-dollar bill.

Democratic Senators, Joe Manchin (WVA) and Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) have said they will not vote on it. Manchin has urged his fellow Democrats to pause on the 3.5 trillion-dollar budget resolution.

All of this according to reports has made the Democrats look disjointed in the eyes of the public.

Democrats in the House and the Senate must get their act together. While the squabbling goes on, the American people continue to suffer.

It goes without saying that America needs a stimulus package. What goes in the package and the cost of it remain the questions at the inquiry desk.

These are compelling questions and are causing rancor within Democratic circles. Should roads and bridges have significant allocations? Should social programs be a part of the package. At some point, these questions will need answers.

Democrats in Washington say they are for the American people. Well, if you are for us, do something.

Think about the people’s needs, not your personal needs. The country is seeking relief and leadership. Now is not the time to sit back and pontificate. Do not stall and filibuster. Pass a bill that will strengthen our country.

This is just not your country. It is our country too.

The deconstruction of American Democracy

By Dr. John Warren
San Diego Voice and Viewpoint/NNPA Member



The State of Texas has become the model of how to kill democracy, enhance voter suppression, expand open carry gun laws in spite of mass murder at a Walmart store, ban abortions and gerrymander future election districts to reduce black and brown voter influence in the election of office holders.

This is the state that placed bounties of \$10,000 on the heads of all those aiding and abetting abortions in the state. All while reducing the number of voting

sites and collection boxes for ballot returns.

Add these state legislative actions to a Donald Trump-appointed majority on the United States Supreme Court, along with a Mitch McConnell bottle neck of the United States Senate’s Republican membership, and the United States has gone from a Constitutional form of government with a three branch check and balance system to a one party Congress and a president that can not get any legislation to his desk because the Senate refuses to act, just because it can.

This is a Senate Republican Party that refuses to act on any legislative agenda of this president, a Democrat, just as it did

with President Obama, also a Democrat.

The connecting link in all this is that the parties refusing to act are mostly conservative white male and some female Republicans. Although these people, as office holders on the state and national levels, have taken an oath of office to protect and defend their Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic, their allegiance to Donald Trump, the man, is greater than to the offices they hold.

When the Congress no longer works under the Constitution that created it, because men have abandoned what it stands for as evidenced by Republican behavior towards a man rather

than their office; when the U.S. Supreme Court has been stacked with men and women more loyal to the idea of white privilege than to democracy and the balance of power they are supposed to represent; when states elect as their legislative voice men and women who owe allegiance to the idea of white privilege over our constitutional form of government, then we have “deconstructed democracy” in favor of autocracy.

Our only hope to save democracy rests in the fact that there are more of us than them. We can vote them out of office if we work at it, and value what we have enough to sacrifice and fight for it.

Where do you stand?

Give the more earnest heed

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



Dear one, the time is coming when we will either rejoice over the time that we have spent in this life or regret it. How sad it would be to appear before the judgement bar of God and know that we have been warned, yet we carelessly disregarded it. Friend, we do not know how soon – it could be too late. We do not know when God will call us into eternity. Remember, there are not two or three different ways to be right with God; there is only one way. The quicker we discover that, the better it will be for us.

We need to give heed to the Word of God. Paul wrote to the Hebrew church: “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” (Hebrew 2:1-3). I thank God for this great salvation. I am glad for it because of what it has done for me, and I am glad for what it can do for us. No matter how controlled our lives may be by the powers of the devil, Jesus came to set us free. We have perhaps taken drugs nearly all the days of

our lives and have even tried in every human way possible to find freedom and deliverance from that habit but have failed. However, friend, Christ can deliver us. People are making plans as if they are going to live here on this earth forever. If we do not give the proper attention to the Word of God, we stand to lose. When God sends His Word, it is with a purpose, and that is not for our physical enjoyment or our physical accommodation, but it is to bring forth fruits in our lives unto God. Many things stand ready to get in our way, to hinder us from coming to Christ. For example, while sitting in a church service and the preacher is preaching, we may get an urge to get up and go out or we

may get an urge to play with the baby or we may even get an urge to get into a conversation. These are all means that Satan uses to deceive our souls and to send us on our way to hell. We may say, “Well, I wasn’t even convicted.” If that is the case, we have been slowly drifting, and after a while, if we do not heed, we are going to go over the precipice and be destroyed. We read in Psalm 119:130, David said, “The entrance of thy Words giveth light.” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

P R E S E R V E D Sitting on the sidelines

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Now that football season is underway, there are many folks predicting who is going to make the playoffs and which teams are off to a rocky start. Others are spending time talking about retirements, suspensions and the unforeseen injuries that have kept some out of the game for longer than they’d hoped or anticipated. No matter how they planned or prepared for the season, some players have been caught off guard by mid-season trades or career threatening injuries. As a result, they find themselves sitting on the sidelines feeling the power of the hits as if they were also on the field and frustrated because they want to play but can’t. I’m sure that it is hard for some to see the benefit of sitting out any portion of a game. Former player Terrell Owens comes to mind as he made it clear one year that no matter what it took, he was going to play in the Superbowl...and he did play...for the losing team. I thought about this strange scenario of being sidelined involuntarily after talking with some people about how they feel at this stage in the pandemic. Schools are open, concerts are happening, people are trying to socialize with family and friends like before the pandemic, just with the addition of the mask, however, there are a few more cautious people taking care. They are still avoiding crowds, stores and any unnecessary social gatherings. Much like those football players who went into the season hoping for the best, these cautious people are now looking on

from the sidelines wishing they could get in the “game” and enjoy some time outside their homes. Some have stated that they feel like they were on the outside looking in as the world continues to go on without them. But what is true about the purposes of being sidelined in football is also true of being sidelined socially during this pandemic. In football, it is on the sidelines that rest takes place, injuries are given proper time to heal, and players earn a new perspective on the game. Patience is carefully shaped as a part of the person’s personality and character. Often on the sidelines, the coach goes over strategies to prepare the players for when they return to the game. James 1:4 reminds us of the importance of patience in our lives. “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be [a] perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” In the same way, it is during the times of us feeling like we’ve been sidelined that we have to choose to trust God is preparing us for a return to our “game” of life. We have to resist the temptation to do what we can just to get back in the game...because we may end up like Terrell Owens and be on the losing team. We must pray for God to sustain us as we allow our wounds to heal, catch a second wind and restudy the play book (the Word of God). God will let us know when he’s ready to put us back in the game.. Shewanda Riley is the author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or Twitter @shewanda.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Terry Road Bridge Replacement Project over Cany Creek
Federal Aid Project Number: STP-7286-00(005)LPA/108071-701000

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will receive bids for the Terry Road Bridge Replacement Project over Cany Creek, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7286-00(005) LPA/108071-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in the Municipal Clerk's office of Jackson, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Hall located 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work shall consist essentially of removing and replacing the Terry Road Bridge over Cany Creek and reconstruction of the approach roadways.

The contract time is 122 working days.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements. The DBE goal will be 2%.

The contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

- Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, 200 South President St., Jackson, Mississippi 39205
- Volkert, Inc., 111 East Capitol St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201

One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$150.00 (by check, made payable to "Volkert, Inc.") at Volkert, Inc., 111 East Capitol St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201. The payment is non-refundable.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's check, Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date above designated. Stripped Proposals will be rejected. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the actual bid opening without consent of the City of Jackson.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Charles Williams, PE, Ph.D.
City Engineer
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/14/2021, 10/21/2021

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ORDINANCE GRANTING ANDY HILTON A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO NMU-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR A ZONING CLASSIFICATION THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING IN THE PROXIMITY AND TO ALLOW FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 140 MCTYERE ST. (PARCEL 58-112-2), CASE NO. 4124.

WHEREAS, Andy Hilton has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 140 McTyere St. (Parcel 58-112-2), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a zoning classification that is consistent with the zoning in the proximity and to allow for more development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a zoning classification that is consistent with the zoning in the proximity and to allow for more development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Jackson City Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2021 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on April 8, 2021 and April 22, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on April 28, 2021, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

Section 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of McTyere Street where the same is intersected by the East line of Wilson street; thence East along the North line of McTyere Street a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence North and parallel to the North line of McTyere Street a distance of 50 feet to the East line of Wilson Street; thence southwardly along the East line of Wilson Street a distance of 150 feet to the Point of Beginning and being in the Southwest corner of Block "N" comprising a part of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 in said Block "N", Howie-Roell Re-survey of Millsaps Addition.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 140 McTyere St. (Parcel 58-112-2) from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a zoning classification that is consistent with the zoning in the proximity and to allow for more development opportunities. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee and Lindsay.
Nays – None.
Absent – Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Meeting on May 17, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T Pgs. "115-116."



WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 18th day of August, 2021.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/14/2021

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ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AS ADOPTED ON MAY 29, 1974 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AND ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON LAND USES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MS:

That Article II, Section 202 of the Zoning Ordinance of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.41 Correctional Facility: A facility in which persons are housed primarily for the purpose of punishment, correction, or rehabilitation following conviction of a criminal offense. This does not include pre-release, work-release or probationary programs.

202.137 (a): Recreational Vehicle Park: Any development, site, parcel or tract of land designed, maintained or intended to be used for the purpose of providing short-term accommodation for a period of no more than sixty (60) days during any one hundred twenty (120) day period for the placement of two or more recreational vehicles and shall include all buildings used or maintained for use of the occupants in the recreational vehicle park.

202.158 (a) Small wireless facility(ies): A facility, whether singular or plural, including antenna and accessory equipment that meets the design standards established by the City of Jackson ordinances. A small wireless facility may be attached to an existing or new support structure where permitted.

That Article VI, Section 601.01 for uses permitted in all residential districts is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-9:

10. Small cell wireless facilities shall be allowed on private property pursuant to review for compliance with Sections 35-66 Design Guidelines, 35-67 Design Standards, and 35-71 Required Submittal Information as detailed in Chapter 35 Article IV for Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances. These facilities require site plan review approval and require a building permit. That Article VII-A, Section 701-A for uses permitted in all mixed-use districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

That Article VII, Section 701 for uses permitted in all commercial districts is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-9:

10. Small cell wireless facilities shall be allowed on private property pursuant to review for compliance with Sections 35-66 Design Guidelines, 35-67 Design Standards, and 35-71 Required Submittal Information as detailed in Chapter 35 Article IV for Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances. These facilities require site plan review approval and require a building permit. That Article VII-A, Section 701-A for uses permitted in all mixed-use districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 701-A.01

Small cell wireless facilities shall be allowed on private property pursuant to review for compliance with Sections 35-66 Design Guidelines, 35-67 Design Standards, and 35-71 Required Submittal Information as detailed in Chapter 35 Article IV for Small Wireless Facilities of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances. These facilities require site plan review approval and require a building permit.

That Article VIII-A, Section 801 for uses permitted in all industrial districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 801.01

Small cell wireless facilities shall be allowed on private property pursuant to review for compliance with Sections 35-66 Design Guidelines, 35-67 Design Standards, and 35-71 Required Submittal Information as detailed in Chapter 35 Article IV for Small Wireless Facilities of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances. These facilities require site plan review approval and require a building permit.

That Article VII, Section 702.04.1(a) for Uses Permitted in the C-2 (Limited) Commercial District as a Use Permit is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Any and all Use Permits provided in the C-1 and C-1A Restricted Commercial Districts.
2. Restaurant, Drive Thru
- a) When the restaurant adjoins residentially zoned property, all exterior lighting shall be directed away from adjacent residential properties;
- b) The location for the point of taking food orders shall be buffered from and so located so as to minimize the intrusion upon adjacent properties.
3. Veterinarian clinic when no storage pens or runs are located outdoors.
4. Multi-family dwellings of up to twenty (20) units
5. Automotive service and repair establishments, but excluding major repair work such as motor overhaul, body and fender repairs, spray painting, tire retreading, or other activities which may generate excessive noise or odors which may be incompatible with the character of the district when:
- a) Conducted within a completely enclosed building; and
- b) There is no outdoor storage of automobiles, discarded parts, tires or similar materials.
6. Re-cycling collection point when:
- a) The collection point occupies no more than five hundred (500) square feet;
- b) Has no processing equipment;
- c) Recycling containers are made of durable material and are covered and secured from unauthorized entry; and
- d) Located two-hundred fifty (250) feet from any residentially zoned property.
7. Nightclubs and bars.
8. Service stations.
9. Car wash.
10. Restaurant, General.
11. Liquor Stores, where part of a neighborhood shopping center.
12. Community Recreational Center, where part of a neighborhood shopping center
13. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
14. Hospitals
15. Vendor Park

That Article VII, Section 702.05.1 for Uses Permitted in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. All uses permitted in the C-2 Limited Commercial District
2. Apartments, new construction and when located in renovated, non-residential structures, which exceed 5,000 square feet, in accordance with 701 (9.) of the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Automotive service and repair establishments
4. Automotive and Truck Rental Business
5. Automobile Sales
6. Bowling centers
7. Car Wash
8. Health Club/Fitness Center
9. Hotels, Inns and Motels
10. Ice and roller skating rinks
11. Mini-warehouses
12. Brewpubs
13. Nightclubs and Bars
14. Nurseries/Yard and Garden Centers
15. Parking Garages
16. Produce Stand
17. Restaurants, drive-in and fast food
18. Restaurants, General
19. Retail Stand
20. Second Hand Stores
21. Service Stations
22. Transient Vendors, when located completely indoors, as in shopping centers, hotels, or motels. Outdoor display of merchandise is prohibited.
23. Veterinarian Clinics and Kennels
24. Wholesale Outlet Stores
25. Vendor Park

That Article VII, Section 707.05.1(a) for Uses Permitted in the C-3 (General) Commercial District as Use Permits is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Any and all Use Permits provided in the C-2 (Limited) Commercial District.
2. Amusement Arcades
3. Amusement parks
4. Amusement Rides
5. Automobile and truck wrecker and recovery businesses, when all vehicles are stored in a completely enclosed building.
6. Bail Bonding Business
7. Billboards
8. Bingo Parlors
9. Body Piercing Business
10. Boarding Houses
11. Check Cashing Business
12. Commercial Communication Towers
13. Community Recreational Center
14. Emergency Shelter/Mission
15. Golf Driving Ranges and Pitch-n-putt
16. Gun Shops
17. Liquor Stores
18. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
19. Pawn Shops
20. Recreational Vehicle Park
21. Recycling Center
22. Recycling Collection Points
23. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
24. Tattoo Parlor
25. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
26. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
27. Automobile Sales - Used
 - The minimum lot size is twenty-two thousand (22,000) square feet
 - All service doors, buildings, structures, inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair uses shall be screened by a solid wall or opaque fence with a minimum height of six feet and no more than ten feet, in addition to any required landscape buffer yard.
 - Inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage and automobile repair activities shall be located to the rear or side yard and shall not be visible from any public right-of-way.

That Article VII, Section 702.05.2 for Regulations in the C-3 (General) Commercial District is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to regulations 1-19:

20. Use Permits for a recreational vehicle park shall be issued to the owner of the vendor park and renewed annually. The Use Permit will not run with the land and the subsequent owners of a vendor park at the location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit.

21. Every RV in the RV park must maintain the ability to be pulled or moved at all times.

22. Recreational vehicle parks shall have:

a. Minimum Spacing. A recreational vehicle (RV) park shall provide spaces to accommodate various types of RVs. The minimum buffer area to be provided around each RV space shall be ten (10) feet from side to side, eight (8) feet from side to rear, and six (6) feet from rear to rear or front to rear. A minimum of five (5) feet shall be provided between RV patios and any adjacent RV space. A minimum of six (6) feet shall be provided between the appurtenant structures attached to an RV and any adjacent RV space. No restroom shall be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to, nor further than four hundred (400) feet from, an RV space. Other permanent buildings shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from any RV space.

b. Landscaping/Visual Screening. All RV developments shall provide a minimum twenty-one (21) foot wide planter area, measured from the face of curb, along each street frontage (public sidewalks may be permitted in this planter area) to minimize views of the development from the public right-of-way. All areas not specifically used for driveways, walkways, patios, or similar purposes shall be landscaped in accordance with the City of Jackson Landscaping Ordinance. Landscaping materials shall meet with city standards and shall be planted to provide maximum visual relief and shade. The landscaped areas shall be protected from wheeled traffic by berms, curbing, fencing, posts, or other means where feasible.

c. Recreation Facilities. Recreational facilities include indoor rooms with table games as well as pools, clubhouses, common barbecue/picnic areas, and ball fields and play-grounds with swings, slides, sandboxes, and similar recreational equipment. A variety of recreational facilities shall be provided at a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet per RV space. Perimeter landscaping and landscaping between RV spaces shall not be counted as a recreational amenity.

d. Sound Attenuation Devices. Sound attenuation devices shall be of sufficient height and density to reduce exterior noise levels on the RV park to commercial standards. Sound attenuation devices shall also be required if noise from the RV park may intrude onto an adjacent property. All such sound attenuation devices shall be landscaped and constructed with aesthetically attractive materials. Landscaping berms at least two (2) feet in height shall be provided where sound attenuation devices are visible from the public right-of-way.

That Article VIII, Section 802.01.1 for Uses Permitted in the I-1 (Light) Industrial District is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Light manufacturing industries
2. Uses as permitted in Commercial "C" Districts, including trade and driving schools but excluding public, private, and parochial, elementary, and secondary schools, hospitals, convalescent homes and all residential uses and retail stands which are listed separately in the relevant commercial zoning districts.
3. Truck terminals, warehouses, and storage buildings
4. Wholesale and supply houses, including building material suppliers requiring outdoor storage
5. Bulk storage and wholesale distribution of products and materials with the exception of those products and materials that by their nature are considered explosive or otherwise hazardous to other industrial uses as determined by the Zoning Administrator
6. Recycling centers
7. Correctional facilities
8. Adult arcades, adult bookstores, adult cabarets, adult entertainment establishments, adult motels, and adult motion picture theaters
9. Amusement parks
10. Bingo parlors
11. Body Piercing Business
12. Check Cashing Business
13. Emergency shelter/mission
14. Golf driving ranges and pitch-n-putt
15. Liquor Stores
16. Pawn shops
17. Retail Stand
18. Small Cell Wireless Facility(ies)
19. Single-room occupancy hotels (SRO)
20. Title Pledge Office - Any such uses lawfully operating prior to March 11, 1998, shall be treated as non-conforming uses under this Ordinance, and shall be subject to the requirements of Article XIII-A of this Ordinance, entitled "Non-conforming Use of Lands and/or Structures."
21. Tobacco Paraphernalia Retail Business
22. Automobile Sales-Used
23. Used tire sales
24. Billboards
25. Bail Bonding business
26. Mobile/Manufactured Home Sales
27. Tattoo Parlors
28. Transient Vendors – Sales from vehicles will be allowed only in the absence of a permanent building. Outdoor display of goods is permitted.
29. Recreational Vehicle Park

That Article XII-A, Section 1108-A for Off-street Parking is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to regulations 1-41:

42. Recreational Vehicle Park- one (1) guest parking space for every ten (10) RV spaces. One (1) parking space shall be provided for each shift employee and shall be conspicuously labeled as such. One (1) covered parking space shall be provided for a caretaker's residence, where applicable.
 43. Residential School – one and one half (1.5) per student living on campus and for persons living in faculty or personnel housing
 44. Restaurant, nightclub, bar, adult entertainment establishment – one (1) for each seventy-five (75) square feet of gross floor area.
 45. Retail store – one (1) for each two hundred fifty (250) square feet of gross floor area.
 46. Single-family or two-family dwelling – two (2) per dwelling unit.
 - a. For dwelling units containing less than six hundred (600) square feet in a project without any accessory building or use such as, but not limited to, a party house, tennis court, or swimming pool – one and one-half (1 ½) per dwelling unit.
 47. Skating rink - one (1) for each one hundred (100) square feet of gross floor area.
 48. Swimming pool – one (1) for each fifty (50) square feet of water surface; plus, one for each thirty (30) square feet of gross floor area used for spectator seating purposes.
 49. Swimming pool, indoor – one (1) for each one hundred (100) square feet of water surface; plus, one (1) for each thirty (30) square feet of gross floor area used for spectator seating purposes.
 50. Tennis or racquetball facility – two (2) per dwelling.
 51. Townhouse and zero lot line – two (2) per building unit.
 52. Warehousing, truck terminal and supply house – one (1) per motor vehicle used in the business and based, for operational purposes, upon the premises; plus
 - a. For the first twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area; plus
 - b. For any amount over twenty thousand (20,000) feet of gross floor area but less than one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) square feet, one (1) per each additional five thousand (5,000) square feet of gross floor area; plus,
 - c. for any amount over one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each additional ten thousand (10,000) square feet of gross floor area.
- That Article XII-A, Section 1203-A for Site Plan Required is hereby amended to read as follows with no changes to land uses 1-20:
21. Recreational Vendor Park
 22. Residential subdivisions or re-subdivisions of property
 23. Restaurants
 24. Commercial Communications Towers
 25. Small Craft Brewery
 26. Service Stations
 27. Retail Stand
 28. Structures in excess of forty-five (45) feet in height
 29. Substantial remodeling or additions that:
 - affect existing off-street parking;
 - change the land use of the building(s) involved; or
 - increase the square footage of existing non-residential structures fifteen (15) percent or more
 30. Any "action" as defined under 706.11-B within the Corridor 80 (C80) District.
 31. Vendor Park

That this Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and after publication of the same by the petitioner.

Council Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Priestner seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Priestner, Lindsay and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – Stamps and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting on September 21, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pages 649-654".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of October, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/14/2021, 10/21/2021



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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, GOVERNING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes procedures for appointment of members to governing boards, commissions, and committees; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 establishes a ward based geographic distribution requirement for appointments to all boards; and

WHEREAS, certain boards requiring specific technical experience have struggled to meet the geographic distribution requirements to maintain quorums and meeting schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning has recommended changes to exempt certain boards from the ward based geographic distribution requirements to ensure the boards are able to conduct business as needed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-372 Appointment to Boards of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2-372. - APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS.

Whenever the city council is authorized by any provision of the Code of Ordinances to appoint the members of any board, authority or commission, such power of appointment shall be deemed to vest in the mayor with the confirmation of an affirmative vote of a majority of the council present and voting at any meeting. Every multiple of seven members of each board, authority, or commission shall include one appointee from each ward of the city. Anybody consisting of less than seven members shall include not more than one appointee from any ward. Each member of any board, authority or commission must reside in said ward of the City of Jackson at the time the member is appointed, unless a specific local ordinance or state statute specifies otherwise. Each member of any board, authority or commission must continue to reside in the City of Jackson during the member's term of office on any board, authority or commission. If a member no longer resides in and/or is permanently domiciled outside the corporate limits of the City of Jackson at any given time during the appointed term on a board, authority, or commission, said appointment is terminated and deemed vacant. Such geographic distribution of appointments shall commence as the present terms of office expire and shall be accomplished in the following manner: For any multiple of seven members on any appointed body which does not have a representation of ward one, a resident of ward one shall be appointed to the first vacant position on such body. If any multiple of seven members does not contain a resident of ward two a resident of ward two shall be appointed commission, said appointment is terminated and deemed vacant. Such geographic distribution of appointments shall commence as the present terms of office expire and shall be accomplished in the following manner: For any multiple of seven members on any appointed body which does not have a representation of ward one, a resident of ward one shall be appointed to the first vacant position on such body. If any multiple of seven members does not contain a resident of ward two, a resident of ward two shall be appointed to the second vacant position, etc., until the proper geographic balance is obtained.

The following boards shall be exempt from ward based geographic distribution requirements due to the specific qualifications required for service on the board:

- Historic Preservation Commission Boards that are exempt from geographic distribution requirements shall still be subject to the requirement for residency within the city limits.

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. The preceding amendments and revisions to Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and effective 30 days after passage, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-13-11 (1972 as amended).

Council Member Priester moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps.
Nays – None.
Absent – Stokes and Tillman.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on July 7, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pages 260-261."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of October, 2021.

SEAL

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

WHEREAS, Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes procedures for appointment of members to the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 70 establishes a ward based geographic distribution requirement for appointments to the commission; and

WHEREAS, certain boards requiring specific technical experience have struggled to meet the geographic distribution requirements to maintain quorums and meeting schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning has recommended changes to exempt certain boards from the ward based geographic distribution requirements to ensure the boards are able to conduct business as needed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 70-46 Composition and Terms of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 70-46. - COMPOSITION AND TERMS.

(a) By virtue of MCA 1972, § 39-13-5, as amended, a historic preservation commission is hereby created to preserve, promote and develop the historical resources of the city and to advise the governing authorities as to the designation of historic districts, landmarks, and landmark sites and to perform such other functions as may be provided for in this article.

(b) The commission shall consist of not less than nine residents of the city. All members of the commission shall serve for three-year terms, and shall be eligible for reappointment. However, the first nine members appointed shall serve the following terms: three members, one year; three members, two years; and three members, three years. All members of the commission shall serve at the will and pleasure of the governing authorities.

(c) All commission members shall have a demonstrated knowledge or interest, competence, or expertise in historic preservation. All commission members shall be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the city council with due regards for such fields as architecture, history, urban planning, archaeology and law, and others, to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the city

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. The preceding amendments and revisions to Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and effective 30 days after passage, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-13-11 (1972 as amended).

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester and Stamps.
Nays – None.
Absent – Stokes and Tillman.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on July 7, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pages 261-262."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of October, 2021.

SEAL

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/14/2021

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ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH CERTAIN REVISED ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS RELATED TO AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CLASSIFIED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WHICH ARE NEW, RENOVATED, ALTERED, OR MODIFIED, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY CLAUSE, A PUBLICATION CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, the City Council approved an ordinance which adopted the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code together with appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Section 101.2.1 as published by the International Code Council without additions, deletions, and changes prescribed in Section 58-37; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance approved by the City Council on February 24, 2015 is codified as Section 908-36 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of all matters related to the preservation of life and property, the Jackson Fire Department has determined that the adopted fire code should be repealed and the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code should be adopted together with applicable appendices; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration, the Jackson Fire Department has also determined that the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code when adopted should contain additional provisions related to the installation of sprinkler systems in new, renovated, altered, or modified buildings having a floor area of 5000 or more square feet; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department's recommendation concerning the sprinkler systems is based upon information gleaned from reports of the National Fire Protection Association indicating that sprinkler systems have significant effectiveness in reducing damage and loss from fire; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the importance of preserving the life of those visiting and occupying commercial structures and also property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code adopted by the City Council on February 24, 2015 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code published by the International Code Council with appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Section 101.2.1 shall be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the adopted fire code is amended by addition or deletion and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Section 903.1.1: Alternative protection. Alternative automatic fire-extinguishing systems complying with Section 9.04 shall be permitted in addition to automatic sprinkler protection where recognized by the applicable standard and approved by the fire marshal.

Section 903.3.1.1 Exempt locations. If approved by fire marshal, automatic sprinklers shall not be required in the following rooms or areas where such rooms or areas are protected with an approved automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 that will respond to visible or invisible particles of combustion. Sprinklers shall not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp, of fire-resistance rated construction or contains electrical equipment:

- Any room where the application of water, or flame and water, constitutes a serious life or fire hazard.
- Generator and transformer rooms, under the direct control of a public utility, separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.
- Elevator machine rooms, machinery spaces, and hoist ways, other than pits where such sprinklers would not necessitate shunt trip requirements under any circumstances.

Section 903.2 Where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in commercial new buildings and renovated, altered, or modified commercial buildings shall be provided in the locations described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.10.

Section 903.2 is amended by deleting the Exception:

Exception: Spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic smoke detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 of the International Building Code or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the International Building Code, or both.

Section 903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

- The area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2);
- The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;
- The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge;
- The fire area contains a multi theater complex.

Section 903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

- The fire area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2);
- The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;
- The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.

Section 903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

- The fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);
- The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;
- The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.

Section 903.2.3 Group E. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

- Throughout all Group E fire areas greater than 5,000 square feet (464m2); in area;
- Throughout every portion of educational building below the level of exit discharge;

Exception: An automatic sprinkler system is not required in any fire area or area below the level of exist discharge where every classroom throughout the building has at least one exterior exit door at ground level.

Section 903.2.4 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new, renovated or modified buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

- Where a Group F-1 fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);
- Where a Group F-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or
- Where combined area of all Group F-1 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230m2).
- Group F-1 occupancy used for the manufacture of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet (232 m2).

Section 903.2.7 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new or renovated or modified buildings containing a Group M occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

- Where a Group M fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);
- Where a Group M fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or
- Where the combined area of all Group M fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet;
- A Group M occupancy used for the display and sale of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 5,000 square feet (464 m2).

Section 903.2.9 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new, renovated, or modified buildings containing a Group S-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

- A Group S-1 fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);
- A Group S-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or

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Vacant Pastor Job Announcement
Mt. Calvary M. B. Church
350 Hillcrest Street
Jackson, MS 39213

Mt. Calvary M. B. Church is now accepting resumes for a Senior Pastor. We are seeking a pastor called by God, who is mature in his faith, with pastoral experience in preparation for delivery of the word of God. He must provide leadership, spiritual guidance, a vision, and work effectively with the congregation. Interested minister should mail a letter of interest, a resume, a current photo and a copy of all ministerial credentials to the following: Mt. Calvary M. B. Church, Attn: Pastoral Search Committee, P. O. Box 322, Tougaloo, MS 39174. Resumes will be accepted starting October 1, 2021 thru November 1, 2021.

- The combined area of all Group S-1 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230 m2);
- A Group S-1 fire area used for the storage of commercial trucks or buses where fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2).
- A Group S-1 occupancy used for the storage of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet (232 m2).

Section 903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout new, renovated, or modified buildings used as Repair Garages where one of the following conditions exists:

- Buildings two or more stories in height, including basements, with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 5,000 square feet (464m2);
- One-story buildings with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 5000 square feet (464m2);
- Buildings with a repair garage servicing vehicle parked in the basement;
- A Group S-1 fire area used for the repair of commercial trucks or buses where the fire area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2).

Section 903.2.9 shall be amended to add a new Section 903.2.9.3 which shall read as follows:

Section 903.2.9.3. Self Service Storage Facility. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in new, renovated, or modified self-service storage facilities. A screen shall be installed at eighteen (18) inches below the level of the sprinkler heads to restrict storage above that level. This screen shall be a mesh not less than one (1) inch nor greater than six (6) inches in size. The screen and its supports shall be installed such that all elements are at least eighteen (18) inches below any sprinkler heads.

Section 903.2.10 Group S-2 enclosed parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in new, renovated, or modified buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.6 of the International Building Code where either of the following conditions exists:

- Where the fire area of the enclosed parking garage exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m2);
- Where the enclosed parking garage is located beneath other groups.

Exception: Enclosed parking garages located beneath Group R-3 occupancies.

Section 903.2.11.7. High Combustible Storage. For buildings with a clear height exceeding 12 feet (4,572 mm) see Chapter 32 to determine if those provisions apply.

Section 903.2.11.8. Spray booths and rooms. New, renovated, or modified spray booths and spraying rooms shall be protected by an approved automatic fire extinguishing system.

Section 903.2.11.9. Buildings over 5,000 square feet. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in new buildings over 5,000 square feet and in existing buildings that are renovated, modified, or enlarged to greater than 5,000 square feet. For the purpose of this provision, fire walls, fire barriers, or horizontal assemblies shall not define separate buildings.

Exceptions:

- Open parking garages which comply with Section 406.5 of the International Building Code.
- When of non-combustible construction, the area of awning extension or free-standing canopies, both sides, and not for display or storage shall not be considered for requiring sprinkler protection for areas greater than 5,000 square feet but less than otherwise required in this code.
- Temporary structures whose use is planned for one (1) year or less.

Section 903.2.11.10 Expanded Tenant Spaces. Fire sprinklers shall be installed in new, renovated, or modified tenant spaces where the total fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet. For the purpose of fire sprinklers, fire walls, fire barriers, or horizontal assemblies shall not be used to separate single tenant fire areas.

Add new Section 903.3.1.4 to read as follows: Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the current edition of the NFPA 13 Standards for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.

Section 903.3.3.5 is amended to include a second paragraph to read as follows:

Section 903.3.3.5 Water supplies. Water supply as required for automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in conformance with the supply requirements of the respective standard.

ARTICLE 2

All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson in conflict with the provision of these ordinances are hereby repealed, and all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 3

It is the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of these ordinances be construed severally. If any phrase, clause, sentence, or section of these ordinances be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, or sentence shall not affect the remaining ordinance or ordinances. The remaining ordinance or ordinances shall remain in force and effect and shall be construed without the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, or sentence to the extent practical.

ARTICLE 4

The repeal of an ordinance or ordinances arising out of and resulting from the enactment of these ordinances shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue or as affecting any rights of the City of Jackson under any section or provisions at the time of passage of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 5

Any violation of the ordinances by any person, firm, or corporation shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days or both. For purposes of this ordinance, each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate punishable offense.

ARTICLE 6

These ordinances shall become effective in accordance with Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps, Stoke and Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 4, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pages 362-366."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of October, 2021.

SEAL

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/14/2021

LEGAL

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 15, 2021
City of Jackson, Mississippi
P. O. Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017
601-960-2155

On or about October 22, 2021 the City of Jackson will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is described in section 101(c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 5301(c), to undertake a project known as Residential Demolition for the purpose of demolishing residential properties that have been condemned and deemed a nuisance to the health and safety of the residents of Jackson, MS, for estimated funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the following five (5) properties: 349 Savanna Street, 116 Heatherwood Drive, 2373 Lake Glen Drive, 2916 Greenwood Avenue, 1409 Maria Drive

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing and Community Development via email at ohcd@jacksonms.gov. All comments received by October 22, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Jackson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing and Community Development via email at ohcd@jacksonms.gov. All comments received by October 22, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Jackson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Jackson certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Community Development that Chokwe A. Lumumba, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction

tion of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Jackson to use Program funds.

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OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

REB will accept objections to its release of records and the City of Jackson's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certifica-

request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Jackson; (b) the City of Jackson has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process

have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and

factory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, at 100 West Capitol Street Room 910, Jackson, Mississippi 39269-1096. Potential objectors should

City of Jackson
Mayor, Chokwe A. Lumumba

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING KELVIN WILLIAMS A REZONING FROM R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT & C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-1 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

CREATE A SINGLE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON 5356 NORTH STATE ST. (PARCEL 500-1050), CASE NO. 4131.

WHEREAS, Kelvin Williams has filed a petition to rezone the property located on 5356 North State St. (Parcel: 500-1050), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create a single Zoning classification for the property and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the properties from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited Commercial) District;

single Zoning classification for the property and to allow for more development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Jackson City Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday,

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on June 3, 2021 and June 17, 2021 that a

hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on June 23, 2021, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District, and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

Section 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located on 5356 North State St. (Parcel 500-1050) from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial

property and to allow for more development opportunities. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same in the official newspaper of the County of San Diego.

Council Member Lee moved adoption; **Council President Grizzell** seconded.

Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Meeting on July 19, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 294-295."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of September, 2021.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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Completion of 25-year road project ribbon cutting giving better access to Tougaloo College

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Tougaloo College President Dr. Carmen J. Walters lead a fanfare parade Monday at 2:15 p.m. to the site of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of a 25 year-old project to connect East County Line Road to West County Line Road.

It took place at the intersection of Highway 51/State Street and now motorists will have easier access to Tougaloo College and other businesses and destinations in the area.

Remarks were given by

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, U.S. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, District 2 (D), Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons, MS State Senator John Horhn, MS House of Representative Debra Gibbs, President & CEO of Neel-Schaffer Hibbet Neel, Chair of Economic Development Corporation Primus Wheeler, Tougaloo College President Dr. Carmen J. Walters, Tougaloo College, President Emerita Dr. Beverly Hogan, Tougaloo Alumni Henry T. Drake and Community Member Matt Williams.

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BOOK REVIEW:

THINGS WE COULDN'T SAY

BY JAY COLES

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You’d like an explanation, please. Why something is done or not, why permission is denied, you’d like to hear a simple reason.

You’ve been asking “Why?” since you were two years old but now the older you get, the more urgent is the need to know – although, in the new book “Things We Couldn’t Say” by Jay Coles, there could be a dozen because. Sometimes, mostly when he didn’t need it to happen, Giovanni Zucker’s birth mother

took over his thoughts.

It wasn’t as though she was the only thing he had to think about.

Gio was an important part of the basketball team at Ben Davis High School; in fact, when he thought about college, he hoped for a basketball scholarship. He had classes to study for, two best friends he wanted to hang out with, a little brother who was his reason to get up in the morning, and a father who was always pushing for help at the church he ran. As for his romantic life, there wasn’t much to report: Gio

dated girls and he’d dated guys and he was kinda feeling like he liked guys more.

So no, he didn’t want to think about his birth mother. The woman who walked out on the family when Gio was a little kid didn’t deserve his consideration at all. There was just no time for the first woman who broke his heart.

It was nice to have distractions from his thoughts. Gio’s best friends had his back. He knew pretty much everybody in his Indianapolis neighborhood. And the guy who moved across

the street, a fellow b-baller named David, was becoming a good friend.

A very good friend.

David was bisexual, too.

But just as their relationship was beginning, the unthinkable happened: Gio’s birth mother reached out, emailed him, wanted to meet with him, and he was torn. She said she had “reasons” for abandoning him all those years ago, and her truth was not what he’d imagined...

There are a lot of pleasant surprises inside “Things We Couldn’t Say.”


From the start, author Jay Coles gives his main character a great support system, and that’s an uniquely good thing. Gio enjoys the company of people who want the best for him, and it’s refreshing that even the ones who are villains do heroic things.

Everyone in this book, in fact, has heart, and that softens the drama that Coles adds – which leads to another nice surprise: there’s no overload of screeching drama here. Overwrought teen conflict is all but absent; even potential angsts that Gio

might notice in his urban neighborhood are mentioned but not belabored. This helps keep readers focused on a fine, relatable, and very realistic coming-of-age story line.

This book is aimed at readers ages 12-and-up, but beware that there are a few gently explicit, but responsibly written, pages that might not be appropriate for kids in the lower target range.

For older kids and adults, though, “Things We Couldn’t Say” offers plenty of reasons to love it.



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Citizens of Hinds County, I am asking for your support in my campaign to be the next Sheriff of Hinds County in the November 2nd Special Election.

I am happily married 17 years to the former Lynn Smith, the daughter of Rev. D.D. Smith and Pinkie Smith Amos. We have a beautiful blended family of 4 children, Candice, Jordan, George and Indea. We also have 2 grandchildren, Calvert and Jiana. Our pet dog is named Mollie. I am the son of the late Annie Mae Seals and the late Leon Washington.



I am a member of Anderson United Methodist Church. I am a graduate of Scotlandville High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Jackson State University where I majored in Criminal Justice. While at Jackson State, I played football and was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and a member of Masonic Lodge #699. After graduation, I was drafted by the Buffalo Bills and played in the NFL (7) seasons. While in Buffalo, New York, in the off-season I worked with the Erie County Sheriff’s Department in the capacity of Sheriff Deputy assigned to Narcotics Education. After my retirement from the NFL, I returned to Jackson, MS and devoted my life to serving my community in law enforcement. I have 32 years of law enforcement experience and I’m a 2000 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.



Religion, social affiliations, education, training, and work experience in Law Enforcement

- Elected Hinds County Constable District 4 2nd term (Currently Serving)
- Member of Anderson United Methodist Church
- Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699
- Graduate of Jackson State University
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
- 2000 Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBNA)
- University of Virginia (FBI Academy Course Work)
- Director of Facility Management/Safety & Security
- Chief of Security/Madison River Oaks Hospital
- Safety Officer/Methodist Rehabilitation Center
- Captain Hinds County Sheriff Department Sex Crimes Unit
- Captain – Administrative Services UMMC Campus Police
- Commander HCSO Juvenile Services Division,
- Detective Lieutenant
- Hinds County Sheriff Office Special Response Team (S.R.T. / S.W.A.T.)
- Assigned as Major Investigator to Gulf Coast HDTA
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Jackson / Hinds County is in crisis as we confront many problems including an alarming rise in criminal activity especially those being committed by youth and young adults. As Sheriff, my vision and goal for the citizens of Hinds County and the men and women employed by the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department is to work hard to get from under the Department of Justice Consent Decree. This can be done by working hand in hand with DOJ implementing ideas and bringing solutions to the table. I pledge as your next Sheriff to attend every meeting, listen to the suggestions and ad resolution to get problems solved. My plan is to also get first hand knowledge from our Judges, District Attorney Office, and Jail Administration to help our system flow in an orderly manner. Building a new jail is definitely needed, however we must maintain and do everything in our power to keep the present Raymond Detention Center functioning as well as open and maintain the downtown facility in which could play a major part in a Holding Center for Hinds County.

If elected as your next sheriff, I pledge to you that I will work with other area law enforcement agencies and our court system to bring a coordinated and collaborative approach to get crime under control throughout Hinds County especially in our rural areas and community. Under my leadership, my plan is to create the first Mental Health Unit housed within the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department to learn their needs and desires and to develop youth activities and a command staff that communicates weekly with the leadership in the various towns/cities in Hinds County. I am committed to being a Sheriff for all of Hinds County

I bring training and experience to this job and I can pledge to you that I will provide you with honest, effective and compassionate leadership as your next sheriff. I was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Malcolm E. McMillin in 1995 and worked as a Transportation Deputy. Other duties included the Warrant Division, Major Investigations, FBI Fugitive Task Force, DEA HIDTA, Lieutenant Narcotics, Captain Crimes against Children and the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department Special Response Team (S.W.A.T. / S.R.T.). I served over 15 years with the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department.

I also worked 11 years in the Healthcare field as Chief of Security / Director of Plant Operation and Safety Officer at Madison River Oaks Medical Center. In serving youth, I coached at Callaway High School where I was the Defensive Line Coach and also served as the Defensive line Coach for Canton High School. Mentoring young men has always been a focus point in my coaching design.

I currently serve as Hinds County Constable District 4. My second term as Constable was unopposed. If elected, I would be the only Elected Official in this campaign to become Sheriff of Hinds County.

On November 2, 2021 - I am asking for your prayers, vote, and support as I seek to become your next Sheriff of Hinds County.

Special Election November 2, 2021



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