

Mississippi roots hit Broadway in School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play



Cast of School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play, now playing on Broadway.

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Contributing Writer

Young women at the crossroads of innocence and adulthood experience life on various levels that cannot be backtracked. They often find themselves between the two while delving into the reality of situations in which they encounter. That is what occurs in Jocelyn Bioh’s comedic play, “School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play.”

On Broadway since September 8th through November 15, 2026, the play, directed by Whitney White, is in the Aburi Mountains of central Ghana at the Aburi Girls Boarding School in 1986. Self-examination of the meaning of Black womanhood is the overarching element throughout the acts and scenes. Filtering through are Black sisterhood and exceptionalism engulfed with pain and anger, while Black women strive to be the best, but simultaneously fall short of less qualified women. The other end of the spectrum reflects self-examination in a world that portrays Black women as “less than,” devalued, or

mutated.

Four young actresses – Lucia Aremu, Nia Otchere-Sarfo, Erin Morton, and Jordan Rice – are debuting on Broadway’s Manhattan Theatre Club at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. Aremu (Ama) labeled participation in “School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play” extraordinary and “fully Black women.” Otchere-Sarfo realizes from her character Gifty that her role of silence allows the person with a problem to “have the microphone.” Thus, the right thing to do is to remain quiet while the problem character speaks. Morton was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and Rice has Mississippi roots via her grandparents’ lineages. Morton acknowledged that she was thrilled for people to witness the show and that by playing the character Nana, “I like to think that I’m healing my inner child.” A University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music student, Morton went viral for her performance of Radiohead’s “Creep.” Soon after, she landed the role of Martha Dunnstock in “Heathers the

Musical at New World Stages” and was featured on the Tamron Hall Show in 2025.

Rice hails from Atlanta, GA and started acting at age 10 as a member of the Youth Ensemble of Atlanta (YEA). She began her film debut at age 11 in Ava Du Vernay’s “Selma.” She recently portrayed Joann in the upcoming film “Rescued” and Marie Ndiaye in the Broadway tour of “Jaja’s African Hair Braiding, which earned her a Helen Hayes Award nomination in 2025. Founder of More to See Productions, a film and TV production company focused on bringing stories from marginalized communities to the screen, the actress was recognized as a 2024 Southeast Emmy nominee for Talent Performance and a 2020 Young Arts theatre winner.

Rice expressed gratitude to seasoned castmates. She exemplified confidence in Bioh’s writing that depicts rhythms and relationships. On the other hand, “Every day feels like a master class in so many different ways,” she asserted while praising the experienced castmates for shar-

ing information regarding contracts, Actors’ Equity rules and how to build a sustainable career.

Dene’e Benton (Paulina Sarpong), Jasmine Amy Rogers (Ericka Bofo), Heather Alicia Simms (Headmistress Francis), other castmates, come with their distinctions. Benton is a Critics Choice – and Tony Award-nominated actress known for dynamic performances across screen and stage. Tony award-nominated actress Rogers received Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and Theatre World Awards for her Broadway debut in the titular role in Boop! The Musical, garnering “a star is born” acclaim. Simms starred in the Tony-nominated Broadway revival of “Purlie Victorious” and was an original cast member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Fairview” (Soho Rep/TFANA). She has landed a number of Broadway productions.

Patina Miller (Eloise Amponsah) earned a Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical in the 2013 revival of “Pippin.” She was a Theatre Award winner, and in TV/film casts include



Actress, Jana Rice (center) with parents, Damian & Dana Rice at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT.



Play Attendees from MS and TX (Seated L-R) Janice-Neal Vincent; Dana Rice & Ramona Jones. (Standing L-R) Jessica Neal, Autry Richmond; Actress Jordan Rice; Lisa Dobbins; and Vivica Thompson . PHOTO BY DAMIAN RICE

“Madam Secretary,” “Mercy Street,” “Word Party,” “All My Children,” etc. Onyi Aba (u/s Gifty, Mercy, Nana), born in Nigeria, is a Los Angeles-based actress whose credits span stage and screen. Lesha M. Daniels (Paulina Sarpong, Ama) is a proud first-generation Liberian American who earned her BFA in acting from Howard University’s Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts. Like Aba, she is honored to make her Broadway debut in “School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play.”

Victoire Charles (u/s Headmistress Francis, Eloise Amponsah) was born and raised in NYC to proud Haitian immigrants. Her Broadway and regional tour in theatre is “Jaja’s African Hair Braiding.” Other acting occurred in “Golden Age (MTC); “Ruined” (MTC, Intiman Theatre, Geffen Playhouse); “Moby Dick Rehearsed,” etc. Victoria Pekel (u/s Ericka Bofo) most recently appeared as Phyllis Terrell/Robin on the Suffis first national tour and Lady in Blue in Lincoln Cen-

ter’s 50th anniversary concert of “For Colored Girls.” She is a recent Yale University graduate.

Playwright Jocelyn Bioh is an award-winning, Tony Award-nominated Ghanaian American writer/performer from New York City. Her recent work is “Jaja’s African Hair Braiding” (MTC) which premiered on Broadway in 2023 and earned five Tony nominations, including Best Play, along with nominations from the Drama Desk, Drama League and Outer Critics Circle. Launching a multi-city U.S. tour in 2024, the play made its U.K. debut at the lyric Hammersmith Theatre in London in 2026.

Rice’s relatives and friends from Mississippi and Texas attended “School Girls; or The African Mean Girls Play,” one of their sites. They voiced that they were happy to witness the play in that it focused on character, strength, determination, and wisdom. Also, bridging the gap between innocence and adulthood allowed them to recall their growing years.

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University. Both the parade and the football game will be held on October 17, 2026.

According to Dr. Hilliard Lackey (Professor of Urban Higher Ed.), “As tradition, JSU will have a dazzling display of scholarship, and the community will display the tenor of the times.” Lackey will serve as grand marshal for the parade. He stands ready for the forthcoming events.

Additional events will be announced during the days to come. Community groups, marching units, Alumni Chapters, local businesses, and regional organizations are welcome to participate in the Annual JSU Homecoming Parade. Visit the university portal at jsuhomecoming-parade-2026. For a complete list of Homecoming events, visit <https://jsuhomecoming.jsums.org>.

Farish Street

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surrounding community – you can check the data yourself; this is a hot spot in our city...”

Dorothy Davis, Executive Director and Board President of Farish Street Community of Shalom, shared, “it is so good to be known, for the right reasons...this project actually started in the year of COVID – 2020. We had to go on pause for a while, but we did not give up the fight. People question some of these buildings, comments about so much negativity, but I feel that God has blessed us to call this home, and I just don’t feel that He is going to leave us back. This will be a place of refuge, a place of celebration. As I drive through Jackson, I see all these other areas being built up, so why not our Historic District...out of the ashes we shall rise.”

Davis brought forth James Brandon Davis to assist her in unveiling a placard with a photo of Dr. Dewey A. Handy, who had served on the board of directors for fifteen years before his passing and was deeply involved in the early years of the project. She announced that Farish Street Green is dedicated in loving memory to Dr. Handy.

The Farish Street Community of Shalom includes 2CMississippi,



Miss JSU, Kamryn Patterson and Ruyuna Carter, Senior Business Administration Major. PHOTO BY JANICE NEAL-VINCENT



Dr. Hilliard Lackey and Dr. Denise J. Gregory. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON



Seated with President Gregory (far right) were speakers from Visit Jakson and JSU Staff. .

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Opposition and concerns about mid-decade redistricting were not limited to Democrats.

Women affiliated with Republican organizations also testified. Lisa Givens, representing the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women, spoke about the country’s history of racial discrimination and cautioned against replacing one racial division with another. She also referenced the 14th and 15th Amendments.

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. showed up strong as well, with members testifying during the hearing about voting rights and representation.

But some of the most powerful words came from Mississippi citizens connecting the current debate to the state’s past.

Twenty-one-year-old Jackson State University student Jakari Holland drew a direct connection between what was happening inside the Capitol and what happened generations earlier.

“They did this 60 years ago because of racism and white suprema-

cism,” Holland said.

Jackson Redevelopment Authority, Gulf Coast Housing, New Hope MB Church, Central United Methodist Church, Blair Street AME Zion Church, People’s Funeral Home, Marshall’s Music and Bookstore, Big Apple Restaurant, Johnny T’s Bistro and Lounge, Mt. Helm Baptist Church, and Farish Street Baptist Church.

Alex Lawson, CEO and Executive Director of Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA), shared, “yes, you made my pitch for me, please come and buy these buildings. This was an underused space on one of the most historic streets in our city. It’s now a place where people can gather comfortably, a place where they can bring life back to this area. Some of the people that envisioned this space were eyewitnesses to Farish Street at its peak...government doesn’t always have to have the idea, sometimes the community has the idea and our responsibility is to listen...all across our country, communities that often have the least protection from the heat often have been Black communities and lower-income communities. It’s not simply about beautification. This is infrastructure...”

Professor Jassen Callender, Director of Mississippi State University

cy,” Holland said.

For another citizen, the hearing brought back memories of an earlier struggle.

She said what was happening was “taking her back.”

“Here we are 50 years later fighting the same fight,” she said.

The comments reflected the history surrounding any debate about voting rights in Mississippi.

Sixty years ago, Black Mississippians were fighting discriminatory practices that restricted access to the ballot and diminished Black political power. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 became one of the landmark achievements of that struggle.

The latest redistricting debate follows the U.S. Supreme Court’s April 29 decision in Louisiana v. Callais. The Court held that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act did not require Louisiana to create the additional majority-Black congressional district at issue and found the challenged map unconstitutional.

Jackson Community Design Center, in partnership from the onset of the project, focused on gratitude. “The School of Architecture at MSU next year will celebrate 50 years in Jackson. It was one of the visions of the founders of the school that our students could come here and learn from a mid-sized American city and what it takes to revitalize mid-sized American cities. Our students come away with a love for places like this and an understanding of things that are possible...”

Just prior to the actual ribbon-cutting, James Brandon Davis was introduced as a young person involved with this project. “I’m James Brandon Davis and I am from the University of South Jackson and the Myrle Evers Community Development Center. This is a change for the better in Jackson. I have worked on the project for three years...” In a complete surprise, he was offered a \$3,000 stipend to help with his continued education.

Project partners for Farish Street Green are Farish Street Community of Shalom, Jackson Redevelopment Authority, City of Jackson Mississippi, Mississippi State University School of Architecture, CAPA Strategies, and Jackson Community Design Center.

Shortly after the decision, Gov. Tate Reeves moved toward calling Mississippi lawmakers into a special session to consider redistricting. The special session was later canceled.

Reeves subsequently wrote on X that he expected “lawmakers to redraw congressional lines BETWEEN NOW and 2027 elections!”

That possibility has raised a fundamental question among opponents: Why redraw Mississippi’s political boundaries now?

Citizens packed the Capitol October 1 to provide their own answer.

They came from different generations, colleges, organizations and political backgrounds. They did not necessarily oppose redistricting for the same reasons, but speaker after speaker expressed concern about changing Mississippi’s maps in the middle of the decade.

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Loper

Gwendolyn Nero Loper lived a life rooted in faith, family, education, and service. Born August 17, 1930, in Greenwood, Mississippi, she was the daughter and last surviving sibling of fifteen children born to the late Malinda and Willis Nero. She was raised with a strong connection to faith and community, attending Wesley United Methodist Church, a historic Black church where her grandfather was one of the founding trustees in 1878. Those early roots helped shape the values of service and responsibility that would remain with her throughout her life.

After graduating from Greenwood High School in 1946, Gwendolyn attended Tougaloo College, graduating cum laude in 1952 with a degree in Sociology. She continued her education at Howard University in Washington, D.C., becoming the first Black recipient of a Master of Social Work degree in 1955.

After graduating from Howard, she returned to Mississippi and became actively involved in the Civil Rights movement through local and national civic organizations. She also began what would become a distinguished career in social work, advocating for social justice, mental health, and the welfare of children and families.

She became the first Black social worker employed at Mississippi’s G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she worked until retiring in June 1995.

Her leadership extended throughout Mississippi. In 1974, she became the first Black woman appointed to a major state board when Governor William Waller named her to the State Board of Mental Health. She served for 20 years, receiving reappointments from Governors William

Gwendolyn Nero Loper: A Life of “Giving, Becoming and Doing”

August 17, 1930 – September 30, 2026

Winter and Bill Allain. In 1975, she also became the first Black woman to serve as president of the YWCA Board of Directors in Jackson following the integration of its facilities.

Her commitment to service was reflected through her involvement with numerous organizations. She was a charter member of the Jackson National Council of Negro Women, the Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Academy of Certified and Licensed Clinical Social Workers of Mississippi. She also maintained lifetime memberships in the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association.

Within Delta Sigma Theta, she served as a local President and was named Delta Woman of the Year in 1965. She was also named Tougaloo Alumna of the Year in 1975 and served as President of the Jackson Tougaloo Alumni Club.

Her decades of service brought numerous honors. She was named Mississippi Social Worker of the Year in 1976 and received a Woman Activist Award in 1980 and a Black Woman’s Political Action Community Service Award in 1990. She was recognized in George Sewell’s Black History Makers in Mississippi in 1985 and inducted into the Tougaloo National Alumni Hall of Fame in 1992.

In 1994, Delta Sigma Theta honored her as one of 81 Living Legends who had made a difference in the lives of others. The following year, the Hudspeth Regional Center named its administration building the Gwendolyn Nero Loper Administration Building in recognition of her dedicated service to Mississippi’s State Board of Mental Health. It was the first time a building in Mississippi had been named for a social worker and a living legend.

As an advocate for the welfare of children and families, her early working life moved through schools and social services. She worked as a secretary and grade school teacher in Greenwood and Laurel, Mississippi, and served as a psychiatric social worker. Gwendolyn also helped prepare the next generation of practitioners. As a field instructor, she worked with graduate level

social work students at Jackson State University and other institutions of higher education in MS. Mentoring was a way to pass on her experiences and to strengthen the profession she loved throughout the state.

Her professional achievements continued to be recognized. She received the Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers’ Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997 and was named an Outstanding Alumna by Howard University School of Social Work in 1998. She received special recognition for exemplary service at the School of Social Work at Jackson State University in 1999. In 2000, the National Association of Social Workers recognized her in Washington, D.C., as a pioneer in the field of social work.

Tougaloo College remained an important part of her life. In 2003, she received the college’s Presidential “Meritorious Leadership Award” for her dedication and service to the citizens of Mississippi. In 2013, she was recognized at the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Centennial National Convention for her community service, educational achievements, and political/social action. That same year, the Mary S. Nelums Foundation recognized her as a Trailblazer for her contributions to social work in Mississippi. In 2017, Tougaloo College honored her with its Chairman’s Award for extraordinary leadership in advancing a project or cause aligned with the college’s strategic goals.

For Gwendolyn Loper, service was never simply about professional accomplishments or recognition. It was a way of life and an expression of the values she carried with her from childhood.

Family was at the center of that life. She was married to the late Melvin Loper and was the mother of three children: Rodney (who preceded her in death), Hubert and Gerrilyn. She was also the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Her love and devotion to her family, particularly her grandchildren, remained among her greatest sources of joy and one of the crowning achievements of

her life.

Her faith was equally enduring. She remained an active member of Farish Street Baptist Church for more than 60 years and continued her involvement with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Grand Slam Bridge Club, the E.B. Tops Circle, and the Jackson Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

In September 2025, she received the Woman of Faith Award from the Circle of Faith Ministry of Farish Street Baptist Church, a fitting recognition of a life guided by faith, service, and devotion to others.

Throughout her more than nine decades of life, Gwendolyn remained committed to what she described as her life’s purpose: “giving, becoming and doing.” She gave of herself to her family, profession, church, and community. She became a trailblazer who opened doors for others. And she did the work of improving the lives of those around her.

Her hope had been to publish a memoir of her life as a legacy to her family. This story serves that purpose and will become a living legacy and a gift to the family she loved, the communities she served, the profession she helped advance and the generations she inspired.

Gwendolyn Nero Loper devoted her life to serving others, and in doing so, left behind more than a record of accomplishments. She left an example—a life of faith, purpose, perseverance, resilience, and love that will continue to be carried forward by those who knew and loved her.

Visitation for Gwendolyn Loper will be held Friday, October 9, 2026 at Collins Northside Chapel, 461 W. Northside Drive in Jackson from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Family & Friends Hour, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and Omega Omega Service at 6:00 PM.

Viewing will be held at Farish Street Baptist Church, 619 North Farish Street in Jackson from 10:00 AM-10:45 AM followed by Homegoing Service at 11:00 AM. The Interment will be at Garden Memorial Park, 8001 Highway 49 in Jackson at 12:30 PM.

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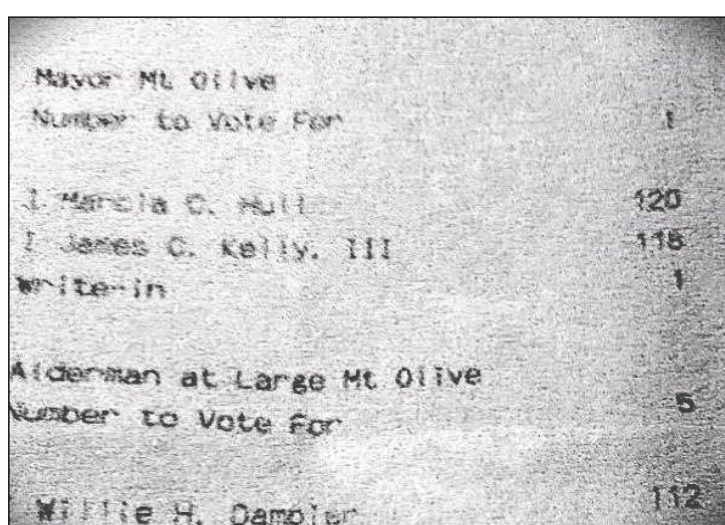
More revelations in 2025 Mt. Olive Mayoral Election

Oh, what a wicked web we weave...

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

The mayoral election for Mt. Olive, Mississippi, was conducted on June 3, 2025. Mt. Olive is a 75 percent African American town in Covington County, and Mrs. Marcia Craft Hull, a former Mt. Olive Alderwoman was challenging the white incumbent mayor, Cliff Kelly. As reported previously by The Mississippi Link newspaper, there were strong indicators of election irregularities from the onset: ballots being comingled, ballots received without postmarks, photocopied ballots, ballots without signatures, and then there was a reported ransomware attack about an hour before absentee voting closed at City Hall. A ransomware attack in a town of less than 900 souls. You think some folks were weaving a web?

Marcia Hull thought so, after all, at the polls on election day she won 114-67 (63 percent), then something interesting happened – the absentee ballots came in – 58 of them – and 51 (88 percent) went to the incumbent mayor, bringing the totals to 120 for Hull, and 118 for the incumbent mayor. During the prior mayoral election just two absentee ballots were cast, and now the number catapulted to 58. Challenger Hull appealed the election results to the Covington County Circuit Court, where the case was heard by senior status



Voting machine tape showing Marcia Craft Hull ahead 120-118, after absentee ballots had been added. . PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

COMMENTARY

Judge Lamar Pickard on November 25th, 26th, and December 1, 2025. It was a sight to see. Easily half of the dozen witnesses called to the stand had memory problems, despite the election only being five months earlier. On January 20, 2026, Pickard issued his ruling, dismissing Hull's case, with prejudice. The judge is always the decider of the facts, so apparently the elements presented did not amount to irregularities in his mind.

The trial was over, but Mt. Olive had not moved on. Everyone was so focused on those 58 ballots, the photocopying of ballots, and the many other issues, that

no one was focusing on the vote totals, the machine tape versus the Official Recapitulation sent to the Secretary of State, and an issue of when the polls opened and closed – twice – on election day.

The tape from the voting machine shows that the polls opened on June 3, 2025, at 6:37AM, and closed at 7:03PM. Another tape shows the polls re-opened on June 3, 2025, at 7:12PM, and re-closed at 7:30PM. The initial tape showing Hull with a 120-118 victory did not stand. By the time the three election commissioners; Paula Johnston, Sandra Boyd, and Roy Parks, signed the Official Recapitulation to be sent to the Secretary of State, those 58 absentee ballots had been added

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Votes cast in the Municipality of Mount Olive, Mississippi on the 3rd day of June 2025.		Names of Election Ward	
Race and Candidate Names	Party	At-Large	
Mayor			

Official Recapitulation showing incumbent Mt. Olive Mayor Cliff Kelly, III, winning after the absentee results were added a second time.

again, and now the totals were 169-126, with the incumbent mayor winning reelection. Someone, or more than one someone, added the absentee ballots to the totals a second time.

Back to these 58 absentee ballots yet again. At the original trial, the Mt Olive City Clerk, Breyon Magee, testified to compiling a list of the absentee voters by memory – the alleged ransomware attack had purportedly destroyed the actual record – and then delivered her own list to the Covington County Circuit Clerk, Melissa Duckworth, who accepted and certified the list - which was never signed by the Election Commissioners - assigned it a date of June 2, 2025, and entered

it into the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS).

Hull is not an attorney or a judge, but she knew something was greasy at every level of the process. Just because a senior status Judge dismissed (with prejudice) the former alderwoman's case doesn't mean it's over. She knew there were wrongs committed and appealed her case to the Supreme Court of Mississippi.

Hearing that the Mississippi Attorney General's Office may be involved in investigating the election, this writer reached out to them, but as of press time had not received a response. Additionally, a message was left for the Covington County District Attorney, Chris D. Hennis, to

inquire whether he had received any referrals or is involved in any way.

The Supreme Court of Mississippi is taking action – the case is styled as 2026-EC-00113-SCT and can be viewed at <https://courts.ms.gov>, under General Docket. They ordered the case be remanded to correct or modify the record, requiring Judge Pickard to convene a hearing which was held in Covington County August 18, 2026. He ordered the Circuit Clerk to produce the sealed ballot box, which was then in custody of The Supreme Court. The sealed ballot box contained many items, but “the absentee ballot envelopes were empty, and the original white absentee ballots and purple paper ballots were not found in the box.” Pickard gave the Covington County Circuit Clerk 10 days to respond - and on September 28, 2026, Hull's attorney, Scherrie L. Prince, petitioned the Supreme Court to compel production and to supplement the record so that it conveys a fair, accurate, and complete accounting, and so that Hull's right to a meaningful appeal is protected.

This is Mississippi, and it's not over yet. But trying to shut down an African American woman - an Air Force veteran and business owner - with the truth, facts, and law on her side, we can call that a very bad choice.

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RESOLUTION BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the governing authorities of each municipality of the State of Mississippi shall, not later than September 15th of each year, prepare a complete budget of the municipal revenues, expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal year, and shall prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenues collected during the current year in said municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the statement of revenue and expenses shall show every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the budget and statement of revenue and expenses shall be published at least one (1) time during September in a newspaper published in

the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing authority of each municipality shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the public hearing shall be held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours and the advance notice shall include an announcement published or posted in the same manner as required for the final adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, on August 19th and 26th, 2025, a notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for the City of Jackson, MS, was advertised in The Clarion Ledger. Additionally, on August 21, 2025, another notice for the same hearing was also published in The Clarion Ledger; and

WHEREAS, the required public

hearing was advertised for and held on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, as mandated by Section 21-35-9 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the proposed budget sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the proposed budget also sets out the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the

fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING

BODY ACTING

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of official intent. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby declares its official intent to approve and adopt the Municipal Budget, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit “A,” that sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year. Section 2. Incidental action. The Mayor is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution. The City of Jackson shall not authorize any expenditure of money, and the city clerk shall not issue any warrant for the same,

except for bonds, notes, debts, and interest, after October 1, unless and until this budget is finally approved, and such approval is entered upon the Jackson City Council minutes.

Vice President Parkinson moved adoption; Council Member Brown-Thomas seconded.

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Foote, Hartley, Parkinson and Stokes.

Nays – Clay.
Absent – Grizzell.

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 Special Council Meeting September

8, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book “7D”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of October 2026.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

ORDER ADOPTING MUNICIPAL BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027				
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is adopted as follows :				
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027				
Description	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Adopted	2025-2026 Revised	2026-2027 Adopted
GENERAL FUND				
REVENUES				
LICENSES AND PERMITS:				
PRIVILEGE LICENSES - MISC	21,072	100	100	15,047
PRIVILEGE LICENSES	261,455	355,000	355,000	305,000
BUILDING PERMITS	1,639,216	1,043,929	1,043,929	743,929
A/C & DUCT PERMITS	18,947	43,085	43,085	43,085
PLUMBING PERMITS	35,662	32,000	32,000	32,000
ELECTRIC PERMITS	201,330	156,509	156,509	156,509
GAS PERMITS	71,192	44,359	44,359	52,970
MAINTENANCE FEES	-	1,000	1,000	-
LANDSCAPE PERMITS	495	350	350	810
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	2,365	3,000	3,000	3,000
DANCE HALL & REC FEES	1,801	2,000	2,000	2,483
TRANSIT MERCHANTS	250	-	-	750
AIRCRAFT REGIST FEES	7,732	12,710	12,710	7,800
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE	1,598	3,000	3,000	1,000
SPECIAL EVENT FEE	12,663	3,000	3,000	10,120
SIGN --MISC.	-	7,527	7,527	-
SIGN PERMITS	29,735	35,850	35,850	35,850
FIRE INSPECTIONS PERMITS	137,847	60,000	60,000	104,355
COMMERICAL BURN PERMIT	600	401	401	396
COMB. & FLAM. LIQUID PERMIT	5,250	7,400	7,400	4,400
FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT	1,950	900	900	1,500
ZONING PERMITS	39,680	38,834	38,834	38,834
TAXICAB LICENSE FEES	180	500	500	530
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	2,491,020	1,851,454	1,851,454	1,560,348
FINES AND FORFEITURES:				
MISDEMEANOR FINES	101,197	200,000	200,000	100,000
VEHICLE PARKING FINES	7,698	50,000	50,000	20,000
MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	326,792	671,704	671,704	386,450
CITY COURT COST	2,240	6,425	6,425	3,925
WARRANT FEE	24,603	69,439	69,439	41,439
ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS	40	1,387	1,387	1,387
MUNICIPAL COURT COMPUTER	3,689	9,766	9,766	5,766
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE - DEL C	73,338	184,683	184,683	84,683
CONTEMPT FEE - MUNICIPAL COURT	14,328	51,674	51,674	21,675
COMPUTERIZED CRIME PREVENTION- POLICE	3,756	11,115	11,115	11,115
MUNICIPAL COURT ENHANCEMENT	37,671	85,000	85,000	60,000
JACKSON ENCHANCEMENT FEE	18,845	49,976	49,976	25,187
MUN CRT ORDER OF PROTECTION FE	100	-	-	-
BAD CHECK FEES	435	1,153	1,153	-
DAILY STORAGE FEE - VEHICLE	20,200	62,139	62,139	62,139
WRECKER FEE	34,165	60,000	60,000	60,000
EXPUNGEMENT FEE - MUNICIPAL	-	8,650	8,650	-
JACKSON COLLECTION FEE	7,010	30,000	30,000	7,500
DOCKET FEE - MUNICIPAL COUT	20,641	70,535	70,535	35,535
DROPPED CHARGE FEE - MUN COURT	750	900	900	900
CASH BOND CLEARING ACCOUNT	19,311	5,091	5,091	5,091
REARRAIGNMENT FEE - MUN COURT	9,333	9,833	9,833	9,833
TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES	722,335	1,639,470	1,639,470	942,625
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				
FEDERAL				
POLICE OVERTIME - FBI/DEA GRANT	87,029	59,325	59,325	59,325
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL	87,029	59,325	59,325	59,325
STATE				
ALCOHOL PERMITS - ABC	332,499	330,649	330,649	280,000
GASOLINE TAX	574,145	569,395	569,395	469,395
MUNICIPAL REVOLVING FUND	110,976	133,412	133,412	133,412
STATE FIRE PROTECTION	-	500,000	500,000	-
PRO-RATA STATE SALESTAX	26,872,641	31,969,801	31,969,801	27,000,000
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	1,969,403	1,808,881	1,808,881	1,719,409
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHARGE	12,402	20,423	20,423	12,000
STATE REIMB JPD TRAINING ACADE	12,000	-	-	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	29,884,065	35,332,561	35,332,561	29,614,216
LOCAL				
PRO-RATA COUNTY ROAD TAX	642,240	670,284	670,284	600,000
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM	-	3,300	3,300	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - LOCAL	642,240	673,584	673,584	600,000
ADMISSIONS, FEES, RENTALS				
PASSPORT	116,682	110,058	110,058	72,000
TSA	42,951	33,395	33,395	33,395
AD VAL APP	-	100	100	-
SMALL CELL	5,000	3,500	3,500	-
PARKING METERS	-	100,000	100,000	-
LOCAL RECORDS FEE	965	3,669	3,669	1,669
CRASH REPORT	62,325	62,750	62,750	62,750
MUN AUD-THALIA MARA HALL RENT	-	156,625	156,625	-
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM - DONATION	-	600	600	-
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM - ADMISSIONS	1,976	4,000	4,000	2,000
SMITH ROBERTSON MUS - ROOM RENT	10,343	5,425	5,425	8,085
SENIOR CENTER RESERVATION	-	1,200	1,200	-
SMITH ROBERTSON - GIFT SHOP	125	80	80	80
ARTS CTR - RENT ON COMMUNITY	7,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
CARNIVAL INSPECTION FEE	1,300	50	50	200
DAYCARE FIRE INSPECTION-AF	9,550	5,880	5,880	6,675
FIRE WATER FLOW TEST FEE	5,000	2,800	2,800	2,800
FIRE REPORTS & ETC.	17,550	17,200	17,200	17,200
ACCIDENT REPORT FEE	17,535	124,171	124,171	39,171
BACKGROUND CHECK FEE	1,000	10,530	10,530	3,530
FINGERPRINTING	12,270	24,115	24,115	24,115
VERIFICATION OF RECORD FEE	8,010	17,789	17,789	17,789
BAIL BONDSMAN APPLICANT	-	150	150	-
RENTS AND ROYALTIES	11,100	31,100	31,100	6,100
RENT PISTOL RANGE	5,438	2,323	2,323	-
SPRINKLER-HYDRO STATIC-PUMP	2,300	720	720	1,550
FIRE ALARM ACCEPTANCE TEST	14,600	1,000	1,000	13,350
FIRE RE-INSPECTION	2,000	5,000	5,000	2,000
FIRE KNOX	-	25	25	-
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM TE	2,104	600	600	900
FIRE TRUCK ON SITE	-	3,600	3,600	-
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	11,970	11,970	11,970	11,970
RENTAL FEE - FIRE MUSEUM	-	260	260	-
SCHOOL TOURS FEE - FIRE MUSEUM	-	1,476	1,476	-
RENTAL INSPECTIONS	-	350	350	-
LAND RENTAL	15,288	10,000	10,000	37,053
CEMETERY & MISC	8,600	-	-	1,600
ZOO ADMISSIONS	297	-	-	-
TOTAL ADMISSIONS, FEES AND RENTALS	393,279	756,611	756,611	370,082
INTEREST REVENUES:				
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	20	11,267	11,267	6,267
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	72,337	368,686	368,686	1,500,000
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	72,357	379,953	379,953	1,506,267
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:				
RENTAL AREGISTRY	41,720	786,679	786,679	75,000
SALE OF EASEMENT	-	5,000	-	-
PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISE FEE	5,978,887	4,752,792	4,752,792	5,978,000
FRANCHISE CABLE TELEVISION	900,875	1,071,079	1,071,079	251,650
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	1,541,630	1,602,421	1,602,421	1,532,783
IN-LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX	97,745	61,027	61,027	90,360
WATER/SEWER FRANCHISE FEE	-	972,534	972,534	-
SALE OF LAND	350	60,167	60,167	15,167
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	-	55,706	55,706	500,000
SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL	-	1,200	1,200	-
POLICE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS OTHER AGENCIES	-	20,000	20,000	18,000
POLICE-MISC	720	65,348	65,348	-
POLICE - SALE OF WEAPONS	8	15	15	15
PUBLIC SAFETY COMM TRNG REIMB	24,239	80,603	80,603	80,603
UNION STATION TENANTS/IRA	4,612	102,379	102,379	22,379
GRANTS & DONATION	-	4,000	4,000	-
INDIRECT COST	350,000	2,680,223	2,680,223	350,000
OTHER DEPARTMENTS	583,599	90,148	90,148	43,148
I.D. BADGE	120	180	180	15
PARKING FEE - CITY EMPLOYEES	1,819	6,730	6,730	6,730
ADMIN. FEE - PAYROLL DEDUCTION	12,666	15,725	15,725	15,725
MS VALLEY REFUND	-	800	-	-
ENTERGY REFUND	72	1,000	1,000	1,000
SCB REFUND	-	220	220	-

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BUILDING & PERMIT - MISC.	134,651	110,957	110,957	110,957
PLUMBING EXAM	27,025	11,000	11,000	25,050
ELECTRICAL EXAM	20,525	100	100	15,625
PENALTY ON DEMO/GRASS/WEED	4,111	30,000	30,000	6,000
SITE PLAN, REVIEW	24,288	16,157	16,157	16,804
SALE OF MAPS, PLANS, SPEC	-	158	158	-
SMITH ROBERSTON - NISSAN GRANT	-	7,115	7,115	-
TRAFFIC	-	170	170	-
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM	-	100	100	120
ABSTRACT FEES	4,905	6,961	6,961	6,961
FINANCE - M	212	10	10	-
CITY CLERK	18,537	15,271	15,271	15,271
CEMETERIES	-	25,000	25,000	-
FIRE DEPARTMENT	-	100	100	8,000
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM	-	200	200	-
PUBLICATION - MISC	581	7,089	7,089	-
MARY JONES DAYCARE	-	75,000	75,000	-
SETTLEMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS	127,228	-	-	250,000
PROCEEDS OF LONG TERM DEBT	-	2,572,460	2,708,460	-
FEES FOR LOST FUELMAN CARDS	150	181	181	-
REIMBURSEMENT JSU POLICE	99,750	-	-	58,957
CREDIT CARD FEES FROM AUCTION	288	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	1,520	-	-	-
SALE OF SCRAP METAL	458	-	-	-
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,003,294	15,314,005	15,450,005	9,494,320
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:				
TRANSFER IN/FROM OTHER FUNDS	-	3,241,000	3,241,000	1,446,000
TRANSFERS IN/FROM FEDERAL GRANTS	2,469,036	-	-	-
Description				
2024-2025 Actual				
2025-2026 Adopted				
2025-2026 Revised				
2026-2027 Adopted				
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	2,469,036	3,241,000	3,241,000	1,446,000
TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION				
	46,764,654	59,247,963	59,383,963	45,593,183
APPLIED FUND BALANCE				
	-	7,753,794	7,753,794	-
TOTAL REVENUE FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION	46,764,654	67,001,757	67,137,757	45,593,183
TAXES:				

Description	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Adopted	2025-2026 Revised	2026-2027 Adopted
GENERAL FUND -- OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS (outside the primary operating budget)				
GENERAL FUND Revenues				
CAFE PLAN-FLEXIBLE BENEFIT FD	-	150,074	150,074	150,074
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE FUND	16,526	79,873	79,873	68,547
CAPITOL COMPLEX ID COURT (CCID	53,119	24,000	24,000	51,510
OPIOID SETTLEMENT	465,608	383,126	383,126	508,310
FIRE PROTECTION	986,505	955,136	955,136	1,005,370
GF SIEMENS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT	-	596,531	596,531	575,950
P E G ACCESS- PROGRAMMING FUND	287,943	190,479	190,479	-
TECHNOLOGY FUND	4,643,572	4,662,795	4,662,795	4,662,795
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION REVO	-	108,380	108,380	108,380
Subtotal Revenues -- GENERAL FUND	6,453,274	7,150,394	7,150,394	7,130,936
GENERAL FUND Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	147,309	155,365	155,365	-
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	533,831	676,131	676,131	895,825
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,696,169	2,292,774	2,292,774	2,760,063
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,701,620	2,385,847	2,385,847	1,902,469
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	66,795	150,000	150,000	100,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS	-	1,446,000	1,446,000	1,446,000
DEBT SERVICE	122,412	44,277	44,277	26,579
Subtotal Expenditures -- GENERAL FUND	5,268,136	7,150,394	7,150,394	7,130,936
STATE TORT CLAIMS Revenues				
STATE TORT CLAIMS FUND	2,277,263	7,019,466	7,019,466	2,305,264
Subtotal Revenues -- STATE TORT CLAIMS	2,277,263	7,019,466	7,019,466	2,305,264
STATE TORT CLAIMS Expenditures				
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	-	5,723	5,723	5,723
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	626,266	7,013,743	7,013,743	2,299,541
Subtotal Expenditures -- STATE TORT CLAIMS	626,266	7,019,466	7,019,466	2,305,264
TOTAL REVENUES -- GENERAL FUND -- OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS (outside the primary operating budget)	8,730,537	14,169,860	14,169,860	9,436,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- GENERAL FUND -- OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS (outside the primary operating budget)	5,894,402	14,169,860	14,169,860	9,436,200
PARKS				
PARKS Revenues				
PARKS & RECREATION	7,057,620	4,018,437	4,018,437	2,950,256
ZOOLOGICAL PARK	1,776,230	1,769,240	1,769,240	1,769,240
Subtotal Revenues -- PARKS	8,833,851	5,787,677	5,787,677	4,719,496
PARKS Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	5,525,223	3,332,640	3,332,640	2,936,608
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	790,723	735,996	735,996	609,954
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,750,260	1,379,440	1,379,440	1,172,934
CAPITAL OUTLAY	421,109	339,601	339,601	-
DEBT SERVICE	46,940	-	-	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- PARKS	8,534,255	5,787,677	5,787,677	4,719,496
TOTAL REVENUES -- PARKS	8,833,851	5,787,677	5,787,677	4,719,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- PARKS	8,534,255	5,787,677	5,787,677	4,719,496
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
DISABILITY Revenues				
DISABILITY RELIEF FUND	4,166,590	3,900,181	3,900,181	3,612,561
Subtotal Revenues -- DISABILITY	4,166,590	3,900,181	3,900,181	3,612,561
DISABILITY Expenditures				
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	4,102,801	3,900,181	3,900,181	3,612,561
Subtotal Expenditures -- DISABILITY	4,102,801	3,900,181	3,900,181	3,612,561
FEDERAL GRANT Revenues				
2020 SAKI GRANT DOJ	185,758	-	-	-
2022 COPS MICROGRANT	32,082	166	166	-
2022 CRIME GUN INTEL GRANT	190,614	74,632	74,632	102,501
2022 ED BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	268,634	-	-	-
2023 ED BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE	218,516	36,029	36,029	-
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021	2,180,032	1,151,216	1,151,216	-
CDBG COVID CARES	119,127	699,292	699,292	-
COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND	-	570,008	570,008	-
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)	109,453	208,859	208,859	260,000
ESG COVID CARES ACT	-	370	370	-
H O P W A GRANT - DEPT. OF HUD	1,399,778	3,724,381	3,724,381	3,741,833
HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-	3,184,710	3,184,710	3,183,805
HOME PROGRAM FUND	590,126	4,444,042	4,444,042	2,728,235
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD	2,354,749	11,403,752	11,403,752	2,434,835
MDOT-CAMPDD PROJECTS	1,651,903	6,215,251	6,215,251	1,975,875
MDOT-ERBR PROJECTS	-	530,000	530,000	-
MEMA-FEMA	137,123	1,893,000	1,893,000	-
METRO MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM	46	25,398	25,398	25,398
MHC BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM	-	1,747,332	1,747,332	332,739
NCSC SENIOR AIDES	316,602	-	-	-
PARKS & RECS GRANTS	-	167,094	167,094	-
TITLE III AGING PROGRAMS	153,757	1,101,791	1,101,791	1,101,791
Subtotal Revenues -- FEDERAL GRANT	9,908,300	37,177,323	37,177,323	15,887,012
FEDERAL GRANT Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,249,679	1,293,340	1,293,340	1,335,321
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	179,093	1,105,879	1,105,879	1,056,577
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,239,768	3,216,968	3,216,968	490,389
CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,557,329	9,567,049	9,567,049	2,102,912
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	2,677,442	20,899,087	20,899,087	10,901,813
OPERATING TRANSFERS	2,469,036	1,095,000	1,095,000	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- FEDERAL GRANT	11,372,348	37,177,323	37,177,323	15,887,012
IMPROVEMENT FUND Revenues				
BLHAVEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT	184,024	154,976	154,976	185,305
BUSINESS IMPROV FUND (LANDSCP)	263,104	1,082,747	1,082,747	1,082,747
DRAINAGE - REPAIR & REPL. FD	1,022	557,044	557,044	555,044
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	180	85,412	85,412	-
FONDREN BUSINESS IMPROV FUND	25,381	398,581	398,581	398,581
GRAND GULF EMERGENCY PLANNING	160,000	600,410	600,410	600,410
HAIL DAMAGE MARCH 2013	(1,485,426)	5,877,032	5,877,032	2,499,508
PARKS - REPAIR & REPL. FD	74	11,044	11,044	-
RESURFACING - REPAIR & REPL. FD	36,080	3,650,843	3,650,843	-
TRAFFIC - REPAIR & REPL. FD	-	13,106	13,106	-
Subtotal Revenues -- IMPROVEMENT FUND	(815,560)	12,431,195	12,431,195	5,321,595
IMPROVEMENT FUND Expenditures				
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	71,149	76,474	76,474	77,490
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	158,494	1,619,673	1,619,673	605,987
CAPITAL OUTLAY	(2,552)	8,472,893	8,472,893	1,871,106
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	640,674	2,262,155	2,262,155	2,767,012
Subtotal Expenditures -- IMPROVEMENT FUND	867,765	12,431,195	12,431,195	5,321,595
LIBRARY Revenues				
LIBRARY FUND	2,166,276	2,099,110	2,099,110	2,099,110
Subtotal Revenues -- LIBRARY	2,166,276	2,099,110	2,099,110	2,099,110
LIBRARY Expenditures				
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	113,442	152,102	152,102	152,102
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	1,984,638	1,947,008	1,947,008	1,947,008
Subtotal Expenditures -- LIBRARY	2,098,080	2,099,110	2,099,110	2,099,110
OTHER Revenues				
FLOODING OF 2020	-	729,797	729,797	-
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-FED	70,232	83,978	83,978	-
SEIZURE & FORF PROP-STATE	172,420	-	-	-
Subtotal Revenues -- OTHER	242,652	813,775	813,775	-
OTHER Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	29,167	-	-	-
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	200,000	-	-	-
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	21,667	83,978	83,978	-
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	-	729,797	729,797	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- OTHER	250,833	813,775	813,775	-
STATE GRANT Revenues				
CAO GRANTS	-	49,591	49,591	48,273
DFA SB2468 BLIGHT PROPERTIES	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
DFA- HB603-BLIGHTED PROPERTIES	-	64,696	64,696	-
DFA- THALIA MARA HALL S2M	199,713	9,494	9,494	-
DFA-EUBANKS HB1353	24,097	-	-	-
DFA-FIRE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTE	-	1,936,237	1,936,237	282,935
DFA-HB603-THALIA MARA HALL	-	75,004	75,004	-
DFA-LAKE HICO AND NORTHGATE	26,397	1,733	1,733	-
DFA-SB2468 THAILA MARA HAL	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
DFA-SB2571-LIVINGSTON PARK	13	-	-	-
DFA-SB2571-TOUGALOO CENTER	55,765	5,985	5,985	-
DPS- HOMELAND SECURITY	92,364	-	-	-
FARISH STREET STABILIZATION	75,000	150,000	150,000	-
FIRE EXTERNAL FUNDING	-	155,833	155,833	88,717
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT	-	84,300	84,300	7,225
HUMAN AND CULTURE GRANTS	-	4,144	4,144	4,144
KELOGGS FOUNDATION PROJECT	1,156	474,419	474,419	531,000

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NLC-MUNICIPAL REIMAGINING COMM	370,635	82,561	82,561	-
PLANNING AND DEV GRANTS	8,828	56,173	56,173	29,630
PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING	70,627	160,335	160,335	-
Subtotal Revenues -- STATE GRANT	2,174,595	4,560,505	4,560,505	991,924
STATE GRANT Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	267,987	150,095	150,095	-
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	89,816	186,616	186,616	62,176
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,760,388	964,097	964,097	643,313
CAPITAL OUTLAY	202,629	3,027,136	3,027,136	286,435
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	150,000	232,561	232,561	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- STATE GRANT	2,470,820	4,560,505	4,560,505	991,924
TOTAL REVENUES -- SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	17,842,853	60,982,089	60,982,089	27,912,202
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	21,162,647	60,982,089	60,982,089	27,912,202
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
CAPITAL PROJECTS Revenues				
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	15,674,321	9,147,056	9,147,056	30,123,224
2012 G.O. NOTE-CAPITAL PROJECT	(627,718)	(18,063)	(18,063)	137,312
2018 TIF ESCROW - EASTOVER	28,683	-	-	-
2025 SPECIAL OBLIGATION BOND	40,000,440	39,133,200	39,133,200	33,690,177
INFRASTRUCTURE BOND 2020 S32M	29,199	6,541,565	6,541,565	4,974,174
MODERNIZATION TAX	11,380,459	9,849,040	9,849,040	31,623,680
MS DEV BANK SPEC OB INFRA 2020	142,707	-	-	-
Subtotal Revenues -- CAPITAL PROJECTS	66,628,091	64,652,798	64,652,798	100,548,567
CAPITAL PROJECTS Expenditures				
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	234,887	700,000	700,000	1,000,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	54,729	1,325,504	1,325,504	2,672,397
CAPITAL OUTLAY	16,831,857	58,999,856	58,999,856	90,790,233
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	-	3,627,438	3,627,438	1,917,687
OPERATING TRANSFERS	3,883,569	-	-	4,168,250
DEBT SERVICE	2,038,750	-	-	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- CAPITAL PROJECTS	23,043,792	64,652,798	64,652,798	100,548,567
TOTAL REVENUES -- CAPITAL PROJECTS	66,628,091	64,652,798	64,652,798	100,548,567
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- CAPITAL PROJECTS	23,043,792	64,652,798	64,652,798	100,548,567
DEBT SERVICE				
DEBT SERVICE Revenues				
10 TAX INCREMENT BD FD \$2.8M	-	230,945	230,945	235,820
2015 A/B G.O. REFUNDING	-	1,812,063	1,812,063	1,810,063
2018 TIF BOND \$1.7M - WESTIN	-	193,940	193,940	196,025
2018 TIF BOND \$4.6M - EASTOVER	-	394,108	394,108	395,963
2019 TIF BOND \$1.8 - LANDMARK	216	162,186	162,186	164,165
2021 G.O. REFUNDING BOND	-	2,776,750	2,776,750	2,289,625
2023 FONDREN TIF DEBT SERVICE	4,406	95,377	95,377	95,684
2023 GO BOND 9.5M DEBT SERVICE	8,139	881,205	881,205	884,516
2025 SPECIAL OBLIGATION-DEBT	-	3,800,367	3,800,367	3,798,434
2026 DISTRICT EASTOVER DEBT SE	-	455,572	455,572	-
BOND & INTEREST FUND	5,711,714	6,797,575	6,797,575	5,946,440
CONVEN REFUNDING SERIES 2013A	4,557,020	4,819,938	4,819,938	4,912,388
MDB SO INFRASTRUCTURE BOND 2020	3,973,756	4,168,250	4,168,250	4,166,000
Subtotal Revenues -- DEBT SERVICE	14,255,251	26,588,276	26,588,276	24,895,123
DEBT SERVICE Expenditures				
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	14,040	20,250	20,250	33,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS	-	6,797,574	6,797,574	5,917,778
DEBT SERVICE	15,589,721	19,770,452	19,770,452	18,944,345
Subtotal Expenditures -- DEBT SERVICE	15,603,761	26,588,276	26,588,276	24,895,123
TOTAL REVENUES -- DEBT SERVICE	14,255,251	26,588,276	26,588,276	24,895,123
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- DEBT SERVICE	15,603,761	26,588,276	26,588,276	24,895,123
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
SANITATION Revenues				
LANDFILL/SANITATION FUND	8,390,759	16,083,413	16,083,413	16,083,413
Subtotal Revenues -- SANITATION	8,390,759	16,083,413	16,083,413	16,083,413
SANITATION Expenditures				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,037,171	1,248,880	1,248,880	1,248,980
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	248,930	184,629	184,629	184,629
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	13,800,306	13,721,004	13,721,004	13,721,004
CAPITAL OUTLAY	555,280	888,900	888,900	888,900
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Subtotal Expenditures -- SANITATION	15,641,687	16,083,413	16,083,413	16,083,413
TRANSPORTATION (REVENUES)				
TRANSPORTATION FUND	10,370,598	23,604,823	23,604,823	15,007,804
Subtotal Revenues -- TRANSPORTATION	10,370,598	23,604,823	23,604,823	15,007,804
TRANSPORTATION (EXPENDITURES)				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	417,642	784,259	784,259	784,259
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	791,648	973,545	973,545	973,545
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	10,358,260	13,671,981	13,671,981	12,500,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,699,737	8,175,038	8,175,038	750,000
Subtotal Expenditures -- TRANSPORTATION	13,267,287	23,604,823	23,604,823	15,007,804
WATER/SEWER (REVENUES)				
REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND	37	765,487	765,487	-
WATER/SEWER CAP IMP NOTE 7M	-	133,056	133,056	133,056
WATER/SEWER CON FD 2013-\$89.9M	70	-	-	-
Subtotal Revenues -- WATER/SEWER	107	898,543	898,543	133,056
WATER/SEWER (EXPENDITURES)				
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	17,878	3,707	3,707	-
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,477,691	138,056	138,056	133,056
CAPITAL OUTLAY	511,002	756,780	756,780	-
Subtotal Expenditures -- WATER/SEWER	2,006,571	898,543	898,543	133,056
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND (REVENUES)				
2012 WATER/SEWER REFUNDING B&I	5,089,726	3,000	3,000	-
2016 WATER/SEWER REFUNDING B&I	31,135	-	-	-
2024 GO REFUNDING NOTE	-	473,000	473,000	432,440
WATER/SEWER B&I FD 2013-\$89.9M	6,892,552	-	-	-
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	-	1,856,067	1,856,067	1,856,067
WATR SEWR RETD B&I 2011 \$50663	3,288,664	-	-	-
Subtotal Revenues -- WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	15,302,077	2,332,067	2,332,067	2,288,507
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND (EXPENDITURES)				
PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,482,912	1,742,317	1,742,317	1,742,317
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	5,036	-	-	-
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	28,739	6,000	6,000	3,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS	-	113,750	113,750	113,750
DEBT SERVICE	16,895,824	470,000	470,000	429,440
Subtotal Expenditures -- WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND	18,412,511	2,332,067	2,332,067	2,288,507
TOTAL REVENUES -- ENTERPRISE FUNDS	34,063,542	42,918,846	42,918,846	33,512,780
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ENTERPRISE FUNDS	49,328,056	42,918,846	42,918,846	33,512,780
INTERNAL SERVICE				
EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE Revenues				
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE FUND	19,052,409	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
Subtotal Revenues -- EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	19,052,409	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE Expenditures				
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	19,064,322	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
Subtotal Expenditures -- EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	19,064,322	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
TOTAL REVENUES -- INTERNAL SERVICE	19,052,409	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- INTERNAL SERVICE	19,064,322	16,489,301	16,489,301	19,469,492
TRUST & AGENCY				
AGENCY Revenues				
JXN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUR	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
Subtotal Revenues -- AGENCY	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
AGENCY Expenditures				
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTINGENCIES	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
Subtotal Expenditures -- AGENCY	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
TOTAL REVENUES -- TRUST & AGENCY	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- TRUST & AGENCY	3,603,980	2,772,205	2,772,205	3,603,980
CITY-WIDE GRAND TOTAL (General Fund + all Outside Funds, excluding funds marked EXCLUDED above)				
TOTAL REVENUES -- ALL FUNDS	285,678,617	369,884,266	370,020,266	337,348,801
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	271,817,137	369,884,266	370,020,266	337,348,801

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4343

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Hugh J. Thomas has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for a tattoo studio and museum within a UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) District on property located at 2763 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel: 47-4-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being a part of Lots B and C of the Isham Cade Survey, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in plat book A at Page 229 and Plat Book B at Page 7, and part of Lot 30 of Odeneal Survey, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office, as now recorded in Plate Book A at Page 256, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing pk nail marking the Northeast corner of the former J.A. Moore one acre lot being the Northeast corner of the aforesaid Lot B, Isham Cade Survey; said point also being the Southeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Katherine Rhymes Speed described in deed recorded in Deed Book 586 at page 344, on file and of record in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence North 74 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West along the North line of said Lot B and along the South line of said Speed property for a distance of 116.00 feet to a point on the East face of an existing concrete block wall; run thence South 19 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West along said East face of an existing concrete block wall for a distance of 0.56 feet to the Southeast corner thereof; leaving said East face of an existing concrete block wall, run thence North 70 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West along the South face of said existing concrete block wall for a distance of 91.58 feet to a point; leaving said South 19 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 85.94 feet to a set iron pin; run thence South 74 degrees 49 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 120.11 to a set pk nail being 0.20 feet northeasterly of the Northwest corner of an existing 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road; run thence South 15 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 0.20 feet to the Northwest corner of said existing 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road; run thence South 75 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East along the North face of said 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road and along it's southeasterly extension thereof for a distance of 87.87 feet to a set pk nail in asphalt on the West right-of-way line of Old Canton Road; run thence North 19 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of Old Canton Road for a distance of 79.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.387 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL mailto:ERICL@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO OCTOBER 21, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 30TH day of September 2026.

/s/Eric D. Lewis
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/08/2026, 10/22/2026

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ORDINANCE GRANTING SHANTWANETTE AUSTIN A REZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-IA (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3809 BRITTON AVE. (PARCEL 430-93), CASE NO. 4322.

WHEREAS, Shantwanette Austin has filed a petition to rezone property located at 3809 Britton Ave. (Parcel 430-93), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Pennit allow for a commercial childcare center; and WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property at 3809 Britton Ave. (Parcel 430-93), from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-IA (Restricted) Co1mmercial Distict with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026 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 City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 5, 2026 and March 19, 2026 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on March 25, 2026, 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 had recommended the rezoning of the property located at 3809 Britton Ave. (Parcel 430-93), from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential Dist1ict to C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, the 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 said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, to, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking and other uses, and that a Conditional Use Pennit be granted to allow for the operation of a commercial child care center within a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District of the City of Jackson.

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 particular described as follows:

75 FT OFFS/SLOT 24 NORTH VIEW ADDN PART 3

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 3809 Britton Ave. (Parcel 430-93 from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-IA (Restricted) Crmmnercial District with a Conditional Use Permit allow for the operation of commercial childcare center. The conditions of the Use Permit are that it shall be granted on an annual basis; be granted to Shantwanette Austin, the owner/operator of the commercial day care center; and that subsequent owners or operators of a commercial day care at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit and that compliance with adopted Property Maintenance, Building, Fire, Law Enforcement and Zoning codes be maintained at all times. 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 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Vice President Hartley moved adoption; Council Member Clay seconded.

Yeas - Clay, Foote, Gitzzell, Hmiley and Parkinson.
Nays-None.
Absent-Brown-Thomas and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Hanis 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 Council Meeting April 20, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book *7D Pgs. 55-56*.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 28th day of September 2026.

I
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/08/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ALICE JONES, DECEASED

SADDIE SABIR, ADMINISTRATRIX

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-443

VS.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF
ALICE JONES, DECEASED,

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
RE: MOTION TO CLOSE ESTATE

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Della Mae Washington, Joseph Jones, Willie D. Jones, Geneva Jones;
Rosaland Michelle Jones, Shawn Phillips Jones, Johnny Shurell Cincy,
Joseph Jones, resident of Florida

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sadie Sabir, Plaintiff(s), to Close the Estate of Alice Jones, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Motion to Close Estate, at **9:00a.m. on the 30th day of November, 2026** in the Chancery courtroom of Hinds County Courthouse in Jackson Mississippi, located at **316 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201**, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Motion.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Such should be served by mailing to Joseph A. Denson, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 5022, 1931 23rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi 39302, Telephone (601) 693-5400.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the *28th* day of *September*, 2026.

CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4344

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Eddie Lee Jr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for an Adult Day Care Center within a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) District on property located at 5260 Manhattan Rd. (Parcels 516-12) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 15, BLOCK 6 NORTH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PART 5, (ABANDONED)
SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4, NORTHEAST 1/4, Q654 SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14, BLOCK 5 NORTH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PART 4, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEROF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 168.98 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF MANHATTAN ROAD; RUN THENCE NORTHERLY AND IN A STRAIGHT LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.13 FEET TOP THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 174.30 FEET AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 14 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 5013 AT PAGE 913 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 5260 MANHATTAN ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND BEARING HINDS COUNTY TAX PARCEL 5116-12.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of October 2026.

/s/Eric D. Lewis
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/08/2026, 10/22/2026

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CITY OF JACKSON

2025/2026

NOTICE OF GRANT FUNDING

The City of Jackson's Office of Housing and Community Development hereby notifies interested Applicants of funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

The City will conduct an in-person Application/Proposal Workshop session on October 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the first Smith Robertson Museum, located at 528 Bloom Street, Jackson, MS 39202. Organizations interested in applying for use of 2025 and 2026 HUD funds are encouraged to attend the Workshop to receive instructions and information on completing the application/proposal.

Application/Proposal packages for this funding will only be accepted electronically via the City of Jackson's official website platform. Electronic submission instructions will be included in the application instructions.

Application instructions are available on the City of Jackson's website. To download, please visit: <https://www.jacksonms.gov>.

The deadline to submit all applications electronically is by 5:00 p.m. on Friday October 23, 2026.

No application/proposal packages will be accepted at our office or by mail.

For more details contact the Office of Development Assistance Division at 601-960-2083.

10/08/2026

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Final Public Notice of a Proposed Action in a Floodplain

Queens Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements

City of Jackson Mississippi FEMA Application EMA 2026 PD 006 0004

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, through its Department of Public Works, proposes to undertake stormwater conveyance and flood-risk-reduction improvements in the Queens-Magnolia Terrace area of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. Federal assistance is being considered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Because portions of the proposed action would be located in or affect a FEMA-mapped Special Flood Hazard Area, including Zone AE, FEMA must complete the floodplain review required by Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9. This final notice explains the basis for proceeding with the proposed action and provides the public an opportunity to comment before the action is carried out.

Proposed Action and Purpose

The proposed action would improve the existing Lynch Creek tributary and the connected Magnolia Road and neighborhood drainage system serving Queen Eleanor Lane, Queen Christina Lane, Magnolia Road, John Hopkins Avenue, and nearby streets. The conceptual scope includes removal of accumulated sediment, debris, and obstructive vegetation; approximately 2,000 linear feet of channel improvements and regrading; bank and outlet stabilization using approximately 500 tons of riprap and erosion-control measures; approximately 600 linear feet of new or upgraded storm-drain pipe; approximately 80 linear feet of box culvert improvements; approximately six inlets, junction structures, headwalls, or related drainage structures; excavation and grading; pavement restoration; and seeding, sodding, and site restoration. The engineer's August 2026 benefit-cost memorandum identifies the 25-year storm as the intended design level for storm-drain pipe replacement; that performance target remains subject to final hydrologic and hydraulic analysis. Exact alignments, dimensions, and quantities will be established during survey, hydraulic analysis, environmental review, permitting, and final design.

The purpose is to restore and improve stormwater conveyance, reduce recurring localized flooding and erosion, protect homes and public infrastructure, improve access for residents and emergency responders, and reduce repeated maintenance and damage costs.

Why the Action Must Affect the Floodplain

The improvements must be located within and along the existing drainage corridors because the flood problem is created by inadequate or obstructed conveyance in the Lynch Creek tributary, roadway crossings, storm drains, inlets, and outfalls that currently serve the neighborhood. Moving the work outside the floodplain would not correct the existing hydraulic deficiencies or protect the affected properties and access routes. The proposed work is therefore functionally dependent on its location within or adjacent to the existing watercourse and drainage system.

Significant Facts Considered

The project materials document recurring flooding of roads, yards, structures, and utilities; restricted neighborhood and emergency access during significant rainfall; vegetation encroachment, sediment accumulation, erosion, and reduced channel capacity; the location of existing public drainage infrastructure; and conceptual maps and quantities. Waggoner Engineering's August 2026 benefit-cost memorandum reports five repetitive-loss properties in the Queens-Magnolia Terrace area, with 17 recorded loss occurrences and \$90,646.65 in cumulative paid claims. It also lists documented flood dates and 24-hour rainfall measured at Jackson International Airport, a nearby gauge rather than an onsite measurement. The benefit-cost analysis models damage to wastewater service for 30 customers and residual losses after mitigation; those modeling assumptions are not measured flood elevations. The design review must consider potential construction effects on the channel, floodplain, vegetation, water quality, and aquatic resources and avoid transferring flood risk upstream or downstream.

Alternatives Considered

No action. Existing flooding, erosion, access restrictions, and maintenance demands would continue or worsen.

Maintenance-only measures. Periodic debris removal, mowing, and localized cleaning would provide temporary relief but would not correct undersized or deteriorated conveyance features and roadway crossings.

Isolated spot improvements. Repairing only individual inlets, pipes, culverts, or short channel reaches would not address the connected hydraulic system and could shift problems to adjacent or downstream locations.

Relocation outside the floodplain. This alternative is not practicable because the work must connect to the existing tributary, drainage corridors, crossings, and outfalls that serve the affected neighborhood.

Proposed integrated improvements. Coordinated channel, culvert, storm-drain, structure, stabilization, and restoration work was selected because it provides the most complete and practicable reduction of flood and erosion risk while using existing public drainage corridors.

Floodplain Standards and Effects

Based on the current conceptual design, the proposed action is intended to conform to applicable federal, State of Mississippi, and City of Jackson floodplain-protection, stormwater, erosion-control, and flood-damage-prevention requirements. Final design and construction will be subject to all required City floodplain and land-disturbance approvals, Mississippi environmental requirements, FEMA environmental and historic preservation conditions, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization if jurisdictional waters or wetlands are affected.

Construction would temporarily disturb portions of the floodplain and existing drainage channel through clearing, excavation, regrading, pipe and structure installation, culvert work, and placement of stabilization materials. The completed project is intended to improve conveyance and reduce localized flooding, erosion, standing water, and damage. The 25-year design target in the benefit-cost memorandum is a planning objective, not a verified level of protection. Final hydrologic and hydraulic analysis will be used to verify that the design does not create unacceptable adverse upstream or downstream effects.

Mitigation and Monitoring

Potential adverse effects will be minimized through construction limits, erosion- and sediment-control best management practices, stabilized construction access, protection of areas outside the approved disturbance limits, appropriate construction sequencing, management of excavated material, bank and outlet stabilization, revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas, and compliance with permit conditions. Riprap and other structural measures will be limited to locations where necessary for erosion protection and hydraulic stability. The City will inspect the work during construction and will maintain the completed drainage improvements. Wetland and jurisdictional-water effects, if identified, will be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable and mitigated as required by the applicable reviewing or permitting agency.

Responsible Organization and Additional Information

The City of Jackson Department of Public Works is responsible for implementation, construction oversight, monitoring, and long-term maintenance of the proposed action, with oversight and coordination by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and FEMA as applicable. Additional information may be obtained from Lorenzo Anderson, P.E., Director of Public Works, at (601) 960-1178 or landerson@jacksonms.gov.

Map and Project Information Available for Inspection

A conceptual project map and supporting information are available for public inspection at the City of Jackson Department of Public Works, Warren Hood Building, 5th Floor, 200 South President Street, Suite 523, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding City holidays. Please call (601) 960-1178 before visiting to confirm availability.

Public Comments

Written comments concerning the proposed action and its effects on the floodplain or wetlands must be received by [10/29/2026]. Comments may be submitted by email to landerson@jacksonms.gov or by mail or hand delivery to:

Lorenzo Anderson P E Director of Public Works
City of Jackson Department of Public Works
200 South President Street Suite 523
Jackson Mississippi 39201
Reference FEMA Application EMA 2026 PD 006 0004

The City will consider timely comments and provide them to FEMA and MEMA as appropriate. In accordance with 44 CFR 9.12, FEMA will wait at least 15 days after final notice before carrying out or approving the action, absent good cause.

10/08/2026

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RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO INCREASE THE LEVY OF THE TOURIST AND CONVENTION TAX CURRENTLY LEVIED ON HOTELS AND MOTELS BY ONE PERCENT (1%) AND ON RESTAURANTS BY ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.5%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO THE JACKSON CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU, AS AUTHORIZED BY SENATE BILL 3328, ENACTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE DURING ITS 2026 REGULAR SESSION, AND SETTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH TAX SHOULD BE LEVIED.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 authorizes the City Council to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to levy the increased tourist and convention tax, setting forth the amount of the tax to be levied, the date upon which the tax shall become effective, and calling for an election to be held on the question of whether the tax should be levied; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature, during its 2026 Regular Session, passed Senate Bill 3328, and Governor Tate Reeves signed Senate Bill 3328 into law on April 8, 2026. Senate Bill 3328 extends the repeal date of the local and private law that created the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau until 2030; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 further authorizes an increase in the current tourism and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels by one percent (1%) and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, by one-half of one percent (.5%); and

WHEREAS, before any tax authorized under Section 7(2)(b) of 2026 Senate Bill 3328, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi must adopt a resolution declaring their intention to levy an increase on the tourist and convention tax on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels from 1% to 2% and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants from 1% to 1.5.%; and

WHEREAS, the taxes authorized by Senate Bill 3328 are levied for the purpose of providing funds to the Jackson Convention and Visitor's Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau was created by local and private legislation in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the participation of the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau is vital to advancing the economic vitality of the City of Jackson and strengthening the City's competitive advantage in recruiting events, meetings, conventions, and activities for current and future years; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau require adequate funding to support its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, increasing the current tourism tax levied on hotels and motels by 1% and on restaurants by one-half of one percent (.5%) is reasonable as following the increased levy, the total tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels will be two percent (2%), and the total tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, will be one and one-half percent (1.5%); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 authorizes the City Council to set a date for the election on the question of whether the tax should be levied.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 3328, enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, the City of Jackson intends to increase the levy of the tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels by one percent (1%) and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, by one-half of one percent (.5%).

Following the increased levy, the total tourist and convention tax levied on hotels and motels will be two percent (2%), and the total tourist and convention tax levied on restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, will be one and one-half percent (1.5%).

An election shall be held on November 3, 2026, on the question of whether the additional tax should be levied, where all qualified electors of the City of Jackson may vote.

The ballot used in such election will include the following brief statement of the amount and purposes of the proposed tax levy, the language of which has been approved by the Mississippi Secretary of State:

Shall the City of Jackson increase the tourism tax to support efforts to attract more visitors, conventions, sporting events, cultural events, and tourism-related economic activity to Jackson by:

- Increasing the restaurant and prepared food tax by 0.5%; and
- Increasing the hotel, lodging, and vacation rental tax by 1%;

With the additional revenue dedicated solely to Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau d/b/a Visit Jackson for destination marketing, convention sales, tourism promotion, visitor services, and economic development initiatives that generate visitor spending, jobs, and tax revenue for the City of Jackson.

____ "FOR THE TAX" - YES

____ "AGAINST THE TAX" - NO

The ballot shall also include the words "FOR THE TAX" and, on a separate line, "AGAINST THE TAX" and the voters shall vote by placing a cross (x) or check (?) opposite their choice on the proposition.

Upon canvass and certification of the election results, if at least sixty percent (60%) of the qualified electors voting in the election vote in favor of the tax, the increased levy shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date on which the election results are officially certified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council is directed to publish the notice of intention and election once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and the publication of the notice must not be made less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election, as set forth below, and not more than seven (7) days before the election.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council is directed to furnish a certified copy of the resolution evidencing the tax to the Mississippi Department of Revenue at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the tax.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Vice President Parkinson seconded.

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Clay, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Parkinson and Stokes.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTES:

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 August 25, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7D, Pgs. 1235-1237".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 25th day of September 2026.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

10/08/2026

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi**

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 27,2026 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

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The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases, where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Monica Oliver, Manager
Purchasing Division

(601) 960-1025/1028

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD A sPECIAL MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2026 AT 11:00aM IN VIA ZOOM.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

NEW BUSINESS
CASE NO. HPNC-26-29
LOCATION: 1525 DEVINE ST (PARCEL 9-253)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: JOHN SHARP
REQUEST: ADD SUPPORT COLLUMNS FOR PRINCESS BALCONY

II. CASE NO. HPNC-26-30
LOCATION: 1331 ST MARY ST (PARCEL 16-39)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: WALT WOFFORD
AMENDED REQUEST: CONSTRUCT A STORAGE ROOM ON THE NORTH ELEVATION OF THE HOME

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

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**LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS OFFICE OF
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The City of Jackson Office of Housing and Community Development is issuing this notice to solicit qualifications from Contractors/General Contractors to create an "Approved Contractor List". The Approved Contractor List will be used to solicit sealed bids for all housing construction/ rehabilitation activities associated with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) Funds.

Contractors or General Contractors with demonstrated experience in housing electrical, plumbing, mechanical or construction/rehabilitation projects and who are interested in making their services available to the City of Jackson are invited to respond to this RFQ. "Respondents" means the companies or individuals that submit proposals in response to this RFQ. It is understood that the selected Respondent, acting as an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity, is state-licensed, certified, and capable of providing the specified services.

Contractors or general Contractors interested in providing these services may so indicate by furnishing the City of Jackson three (3) copies of a Statement of Qualification Packet, which should consist of the following:

1. Licenses and Certifications for all individual contractors and/or members of the company submitting for the RFQ
2. A copy of your Privilege License
3. Certificate of Liability
4. A copy of your City Master Trade License (if applicable)
5. A copy of your business information from the Secretary of State showing your business is in good standing
6. MSBOC License
7. Contractor's Bond
8. Must have a City-issued Master License for your Trade
9. A description of similar type work completed during the past five (5) years which qualifies the consultant for this work; the cost and schedule completion (or actual completion) of this work with project owners reference contact information.

The City will evaluate the Statements of Qualification based on the following factors listed in their relative order of importance. Contractors who satisfactorily meet the criteria will be placed on the Approved Contractors List

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi; or can be accessed on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity webpage.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City of Jackson encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City of Jackson, as well as those who seek to contract with the City of Jackson on various projects and/or conduct business in Jackson, to assist the City of Jackson in achieving its goal by strongly considering City of Jackson residents for employment opportunities.

Responses to this RFQ are due by 3:30 p.m. on October 27, 2026. Responses to this RFQ may be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to: City Clerk's Office, Attn: RFQ 90638 - 102726 – Housing and Community Development Division Rehabilitation Services, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Each Respondent is responsible for labeling the exterior of the sealed envelope containing the name of the respondent's business.

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P R E S E R V E D

How can a Christian stay silent?

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I don't see what the issue is... Have we forgotten what Germany looks like these days? Get a system in

place to figure out who these people are first. Let us learn from Germany and not open the gates for the TROJAN HORSE... Protect AMERICA FIRST!!" I stared at this post on my Facebook page back in 2017. I'm not sure how to respond. The person that posted this was a member of a church I used to attend and had

commented on my posting of a Facebook Live video from the DFW Airport Muslim ban protests.

Back then, as a Christian I was quite frankly surprised that a fellow Christian would support a mean-spirited ban that traumatizes so many. I wondered what scripture in the bible supports treating others with such callous indifference. And because of these feelings, I wasn't sure how to respond. How could we both read the same bible but have two very different ideas of being God's hands extended and treating others with Christ-like love? The bible clearly teaches us

about the importance of treating others, especially those in need, with kindness and compassion in Matthew 25:34-36 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father... For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"

However, years later the attention has turned from the Muslim ban to the deadly immigration sweeps that have

terrorized our country. Once again, I find myself shocked and dismayed when I see social media posts celebrating these immigration enforcement efforts and struggle with the same emotions as I had back then. I am disheartened by the social media posts from Christians that are wholeheartedly in support of these deadly law enforcement sweeps. In fact, many Christians who proudly voted for our current President are also enthusiastic supporters of the immigration enforcement. Reading their posts and then looking at the social media accounts of some well-known megachurch pastors that have

no comments at all about immigration enforcement have led me back to one simple question: How can you stay silent?

How can you stay silent when others suffer? Isaiah 1:7 says "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." As Christians we are called to protect life, but we must also call out injustice. In this unsettling time, we can find comfort in Psalm 103:5 which says, "The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed."

Even in the midst of chaos during this presidential admin-

istration, we have the assurance that God is still sovereign. But God still expects us to do our part to stand against injustice. What kind of display of Christianity is it to stay silent and remain indifferent to those suffering injustice? As far as I am concerned, it's not much of a Christian witness at all.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth-based 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 her at preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda

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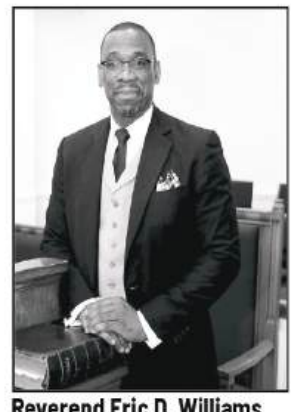
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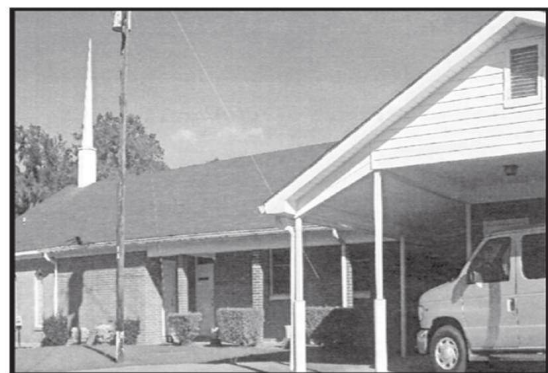
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How safe is Cannabis?

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

Many people think that once the “high” from recreational cannabis fades, they are completely back to normal. They believe that if they no longer feel buzzed, giggly or relaxed, then it must be safe to drive. But science shows something very different. Even after the high wears off, cannabis can still affect your brain in ways that make driving dangerous. These effects can last for hours and sometimes even into the next day.

This matters for everyone on the road. Driving is one of the most common activities in daily life, and it requires quick thinking, fast reaction time and good judgment. When any of those skills are weakened, the risk of a crash goes up. Understanding how cannabis affects driving, even after the high is gone can help people make safer choices and protect themselves and others.

Cannabis contains a chemical called THC. This is what causes the “high” feeling. When THC enters the brain, it changes how nerve cells communicate. It slows down signals, affects memory and changes how people judge distance and time. These changes are why people feel relaxed or silly when they use cannabis.

But THC does not disappear from the body right away. Even when the high feeling fades, THC can still be active in the brain. It can continue to affect thinking, attention and reaction time. Some people may not notice these changes, but they are still happening under the



surface.

Scientists have found that THC can stay in the body for hours or even days, depending on how much someone uses, how strong the cannabis is and how often they use it. This means a person might feel normal but still have slower thinking and weaker judgment.

Driving is more than just steering a car. It is a complex skill that depends on many parts of the brain working together. Safe driving requires:

- Quick reaction time — reacting fast when a car stops suddenly or a pedestrian steps into the street.
- Sharp attention — staying focused on the road, mirrors and surroundings.
- Good judgment — making smart decisions about speed, distance and when to turn or stop.
- Coordination — controlling the wheel, pedals and signals

smoothly.

Cannabis affects all of these skills. Even after the high wears off, the brain may still be slower and less accurate. A person might think they are driving normally, but their brain is working harder to keep up. This can lead to mistakes that they do not realize they are making.

Many studies show that cannabis can impair driving long after the high is gone. Some of the lingering effects include:

- Slower reaction time — The brain may take longer to process sudden changes on the road.
- Trouble focusing — It may be harder to stay alert during long drives or in heavy traffic.
- Poor judgment — People may misjudge how fast they are going or how close they are to another car.
- Reduced coordination — Steering and braking may not

be as smooth or controlled.

- Weaker short-term memory — Forgetting directions or missing road signs becomes more likely.

These effects can last for several hours. In some cases, especially for regular cannabis users, the effects can last into the next morning. Someone might think they are fine because they slept off the high, but their brain may still be recovering.

One of the biggest dangers is that people often do not realize they are impaired. Unlike alcohol, where people can usually tell when they are drunk, cannabis impairment can be subtle. A person may feel calm, clear and in control, but their brain is still working slower than usual.

This false sense of confidence can lead to risky decisions, such as driving too soon after using cannabis. People may think, “I’m not high anymore, so I’m safe to drive.” But the science shows that feeling normal does not mean the brain is fully recovered.

Across the country, police officers and safety experts have seen more crashes involving drivers who used cannabis. Some of these drivers were not high at the time of the crash. They had used cannabis earlier in the day or the night before. They thought they were fine, but their driving skills were still affected.

Research shows that cannabis-related impairment can lead to:

- Drifting out of lanes
- Driving too slowly or too fast
- Missing stop signs or traffic

lights

- Delayed braking
- Poor decision-making in emergencies

Even small mistakes can lead to serious accidents. A few seconds of slower reaction time can be the difference between stopping safely and hitting another car.

People who use cannabis often may have THC in their system for longer periods. Their brains may also take longer to recover after each use. This means regular users may experience lingering impairment more often than occasional users.

Some regular users believe they drive better after using cannabis because they feel calmer. But feeling calm is not the same as being alert. Calmness does not improve reaction time or judgment. In fact, it can hide the signs of impairment, making driving even more dangerous.

Another major risk is mixing cannabis with alcohol or other drugs. Even small amounts of alcohol combined with cannabis can greatly increase impairment. The effects stack on top of each other, making driving extremely dangerous.

Someone might think, “I only had one drink,” or “I only took a small hit,” but the combination can slow the brain far more than either substance alone. Many serious crashes involve drivers who used both cannabis and alcohol.

The safest choice is simple: Do not drive until you are sure your brain is fully recovered. Because THC affects everyone differently, there is

no exact number of hours that guarantees safety. But experts recommend waiting several hours after using cannabis before driving and even longer if you used a large amount or a high-THC product.

Here are some practical tips:

- Plan ahead — If you know you will use cannabis, arrange a ride or stay where you are.
- Wait longer than you think — Even if you feel normal, give your brain extra time to recover.
- Avoid mixing substances — Do not combine cannabis with alcohol or other drugs.
- Be honest with yourself — If you feel even slightly off, do not drive.
- Use public transportation or rideshare services — These options are safer than risking impairment.

Driving is a responsibility. Every time someone gets behind the wheel, they are responsible for their own safety and the safety of everyone around them. Even one moment of impaired judgment can change lives forever.

Cannabis may be legal for recreational use in many places, but legal does not mean harmless. Understanding how cannabis affects driving even after the high wears off helps people make smarter choices. Waiting a few extra hours before driving can prevent accidents, injuries and tragedies.

Being safe is not just about following laws. It is about protecting your community, your family and yourself. When people understand the risks and take them seriously, the roads become safer for everyone.

Bleach: Powerful, common, and too often misunderstood

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

Bleach is one of the most common cleaning products in American homes. You can find it in kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms and even in some workplaces. Many people use bleach because it is powerful, affordable and easy to find. But bleach also comes with real dangers. Understanding how it works, how to use it safely and what to do in an emergency can protect you and the people around you.

Most household bleach is made from a chemical called sodium hypochlorite. This chemical is very good at killing germs, removing stains and breaking down dirt. When bleach touches bacteria or viruses, it destroys their cell walls and stops them from spreading. That is why bleach is often used to disinfect surfaces during outbreaks of illnesses like the flu or stomach viruses.

Bleach also works as a strong whitening agent. It can remove tough stains from clothing, brighten white fabrics and clean mold or mildew from damp areas. Because it is so effective, many people rely on bleach as their “go-to” cleaner.

But the same power that makes bleach useful also makes it dangerous. Bleach is not a gentle product. It can burn skin, damage eyes and create toxic fumes if used the wrong way. That is why it is important to understand both its benefits and its risks.

Bleach has several common uses in homes, schools and workplaces:

- Disinfecting surfaces — Bleach can kill many types of germs, including bacteria, viruses and fungi. People often use it on countertops, bathroom surfaces and floors.
- Laundry — Bleach can brighten white clothes and remove stains like



coffee, wine or sweat. Some people also use it to sanitize towels or bedding.

- Mold and mildew removal — In damp places like basements or bathrooms, bleach can help remove mold and prevent it from growing back.
- Water purification in emergencies — In situations where clean water is not available, a very small amount of bleach can be used to disinfect water. This must be done carefully and only with unscented household bleach.
- Cleaning outdoor surfaces- Bleach is sometimes used to clean decks, patios and siding.

These uses show that bleach can be extremely helpful. But every use must be done with caution. Bleach is dangerous when it is swallowed, breathed in or mixed with other chemicals. Even touching it can cause harm. Here are the main hazards:

1. Skin and Eye Burns
Bleach can irritate or burn the skin. If it splashes into the eyes, it can cause serious damage and even blindness. This is why people should wear gloves and avoid touching their face when us-

ing bleach.

2. Breathing Problems

Bleach gives off strong fumes. Breathing these fumes can irritate the nose, throat and lungs. People with asthma or other breathing problems may have severe reactions. Bleach should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

3. Poisoning

Drinking bleach is extremely dangerous. Even a small amount can burn the mouth, throat and stomach. Larger amounts can cause life-threatening injuries.

4. Dangerous Chemical Reactions

Bleach should never be mixed with other cleaners. Some mixtures create toxic gases that can be deadly.

The most dangerous combinations include:

- Bleach + ammonia → creates chloramine gas
- Bleach + vinegar → creates chlorine gas
- Bleach + rubbing alcohol → creates chloroform

These gases can cause coughing, chest pain, shortness of breath and even lung damage. Many people do not realize that some household cleaners already contain ammonia or acids, so mixing products can be risky even if the labels are not read carefully.

5. Damage to clothing and surfaces

Bleach can ruin colored fabrics and damage certain surfaces like wood, metal or stone. It can also weaken clothing fibers over time.

Bleach is dangerous when used incorrectly. It is not dangerous when used with care, in the right amounts and for the right purposes. The key is to understand that bleach is a chemical tool. Like any tool, it can help or harm depending on how it is handled.

Bleach becomes dangerous when:

- It is mixed with other cleaners
- It is used in a closed room without ventilation
- It is left where children or pets can reach it
- It is used without gloves or eye protection
- It is swallowed or splashed
- It is used too often or in too strong a concentration

Bleach is safest when:

- You follow the instructions on the label
- You dilute it properly
- You use it only for recommended tasks
- You store it safely
- You keep it away from food, children

It is extremely useful when used responsibly. Hospitals, schools, restaurants and homes all rely on bleach to keep surfaces clean and reduce the spread of disease. During public health emergencies, bleach is often recommended as a disinfectant because it is effective and affordable.

Bleach is also useful in laundry, stain removal and mold cleanup. In emergencies, it can even help make water safe to drink. But usefulness does not erase danger. Bleach is a powerful chemical, and its benefits come with responsibilities.

First Aid: What to Do If Someone Drinks Bleach

If someone drinks bleach, it is a medical emergency. The American Red Cross and poison control experts give clear instructions on what to do.

1. Do not make the person vomit
Vomiting can cause more damage as the bleach comes back up through the throat and mouth.
2. Do not give them anything acidic

Do not give vinegar, lemon juice, or any other acidic drink. These can react with bleach and make the situation worse.

3. Call Poison Control immediately.
In the United States, the Poison Control number is 1-800-222-1222.

They will tell you exactly what to do based on the amount swallowed and the person’s symptoms.

4. If the person is conscious, give small sips of water or milk

This can help dilute the bleach in the stomach. Do not give large amounts.

5. Watch for symptoms
 - Burning in the mouth or throat
 - Drooling
 - Vomiting
 - Stomach pain
 - Trouble breathing

If any of these symptoms appear, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

6. If bleach gets on the skin
Rinse the area with running water for at least 15 minutes.

7. If bleach gets in the eyes
Rinse the eyes with clean water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical care immediately.

Bleach is a product that deserves respect. It can protect your home from germs, brighten your laundry and help control mold. But it can also burn skin, damage lungs and create toxic gases if used incorrectly. The best approach is simple: use bleach only when you need it, follow the instructions carefully and keep it away from children and pets.

Bleach is both helpful and hazardous. Understanding both sides allows you to use it safely and confidently. If you treat bleach like the powerful chemical it is, you can enjoy its benefits while avoiding its dangers.

HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

GARY ROAD STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Gary Road Elementary is proud to recognize its outstanding **August and September Staff Members of the Month: Dr. Hughes, Mr. Lyons, Ms. Faulkner, and Ms. Wellington.**

These dedicated staff members were recognized for their hard work, commitment, and continued efforts to make Gary Road Elementary a great place for students to learn, grow, and achieve.

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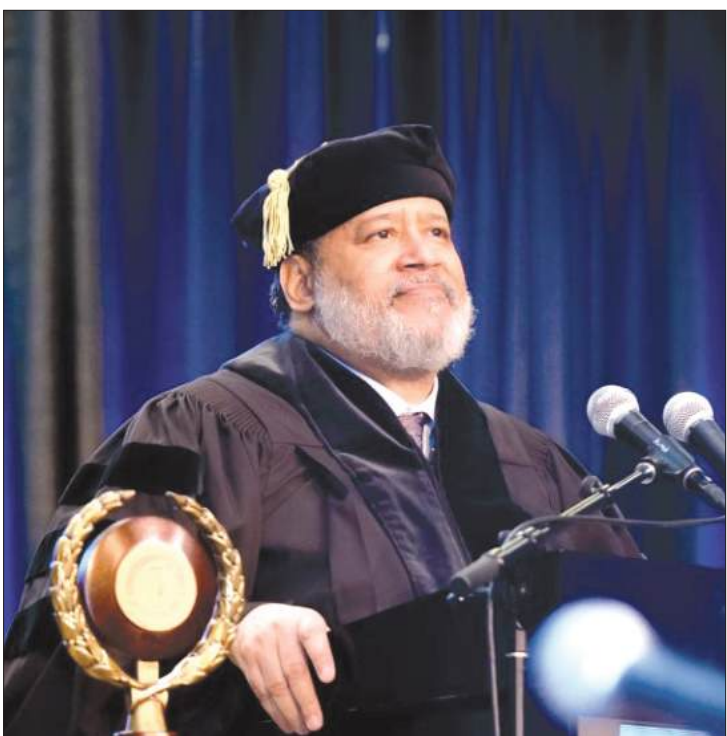
Michael Eric Dyson to Livingstone College: HBCU Graduates must continue the ‘Unfinished Fight’ for Justice

By Hazel Trice Edney
Trice Edney Wire

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, a nationally renowned scholar, public intellectual and cultural critic, has urged an audience of HBCU students to use their historically Black college education to continue the “unfinished fight” by impacting and transforming America.

“HBCUs are critical. They still produce most Black people who are educated in America. Right now, despite Harvard and Yale and Princeton and all of them, we got Morehouse, we got Spellman, we got Talladega, we got Livingstone, we got Tuskegee. They still produce the vast majority of Black people who are educated in this nation. And the graduates of HBCUs have changed America, have made America what it is today,” Dyson told the applauding audience at the 147-year-old Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C. “You’ve got to think about all the great people that HBCUs have produced. And now you have your opportunity to stand up and to be a proud member of that great sorority and that great fraternity.”

Speaking on the Livingstone campus during its 2026 convocation Sept. 18, Dyson was



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

giving his inaugural lecture as the college’s new Visiting Scholar in Residence.

Livingstone President Dr. Anthony J. Davis envisions four lectures by Dyson on the topics of Black thought, faith, hip-hop, politics and democracy as fortifying the college’s growing reputation as an institution of “Black intellectual thought, cultural expression and academic excellence,” Davis

said in a statement.

Introducing Dyson to the audience of more than a thousand people, including newly installed student government leaders, Davis said Dyson’s residency will help position Livingstone as a college for preparing “students not simply to enter the world, but to help shape it.”

In the speech, formally titled, “Represent: The Unfin-

ished Fight”, Dyson challenged the student body to follow the examples of Black American heroes who attended or led HBCUs. He pointed to the works of noted sociologist E. Franklin Frasier, a Howard University graduate; civil rights lawyer Charles Hamilton Houston, a dean at Howard Law School; U. S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, a graduate of Howard Law School; civil rights activist Pauli Murray, also a Howard graduate, and the civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a Morehouse College graduate.

“When we think about the great thinkers and the great philosophers and the great sociologists, they have been associated with an HBCU,” Dyson said.

He also lauded President Davis as a hero in his own right, having grown up in foster care and is now president of his undergraduate alma mater, doing an “extraordinary, magnificent and mighty job.”

Dyson told the applauding audience, “What an amazing story he has growing up in foster care. Now he fosters care for all of you.”

Also a distinguished professor at Vanderbilt University, Dyson is assuming the visit-

ing scholarship at Livingstone during a season in which Black history and contributions of Black people to the building of America is widely being downplayed. This denigration across the nation is often led by the Trump White House.

With attempts to roll back civil rights gains and the suppression of Black history as a backdrop, the inspirational atmosphere in the Varick Auditorium during the Convocation often appeared to be a church revival. Student choirs empowered the audience with historical songs, including the Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and the Gospel song, “Sometimes You Have to Encourage Yourself.”

“We beg God, keep your hand on the plow. Hold on,” preached Dyson, who is also an ordained Baptist minister. “And so, my brothers and sisters, Black excellence is a hallmark. It is not an exception. Black excellence is the practice and the norm. Yes, sir. Not something that you got to aim for that’s outside your race.”

He concluded by encouraging the students to develop their thinking skills and never forget the heritage they have assumed from hard-working parents and families, who may

not have been educated, but who prayed for their success.

“So, I want you to stand tall. I want you to think clearly and cogently. You ain’t got to agree with your professors. Read and think and reflect for yourself. I tell my students, you ain’t got to agree with me. Study for yourself. Know for yourself. Because when somebody gives you something physical, they can take it back. But when God gives you learning in your mind and in your spirit, can’t nobody take that away.”

Dyson used Dr. King as a prime example of a leader who used his education, his intellect and his faith to impact America by telling the nation, “You have not done all that you should do in order to be what you are meant to be.”

Recalling Dr. King’s “Mountain Top Speech” made the day before he was assassinated, Dyson quoted Dr. King as he drew from his knowledge of the Declaration of Independence: “‘All we ask America is be true to what you said on paper’...What did they say on paper? All lives should make a difference. That all lives are central to defining America. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men and women, all people are created equal.”

Books That Open Doors: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Through Literature

The Mississippi Link Newswire

During Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15), Jackson Public Schools is proud to celebrate the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. One of the most impactful ways our scholars, families, and staff can participate in this observance is through the power of literature.

Reading books by Hispanic and Latino authors provides our scholars with opportunities to see their own lived experiences reflected in stories while opening doors to different cultures, perspectives, and histories across Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States.

Aligned with the **Profile of a JPS Graduate**, which emphasizes developing civically engaged and globally minded scholars, this

recommended reading list spans PreK through 12th grade. Featuring award-winning picture books, middle-grade adventures, novel-inverse poetry, and high school literature, these titles explore themes of family, resilience, identity, and community leadership.

We encourage families to explore these titles at home, visit their local public library, and engage in conversations about the stories that shape our shared world.

Hispanic Heritage Month Reading List:

Pre-K: Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal
Kindergarten: Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina

1st Grade: Plátanos Go with Everything by Lissette Norman

2nd Grade: Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller

Pura Belpré by Anika Aldamuy Denise

3rd Grade: Juana & Lucas by Juana Medina

4th Grade: The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas

5th Grade: Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

6th Grade: Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

7th Grade: Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

8th Grade: The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

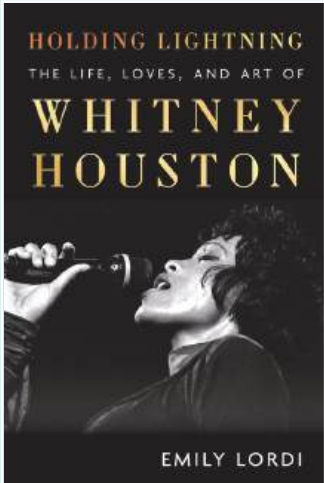
9th Grade: The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

10th Grade: Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez

11th Grade: Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

12th Grade: Ordinary Girls by Jaquira Diaz





BOOK REVIEW: HOLDING LIGHTNING: THE LIFE, LOVES, AND ART OF WHITNEY HOUSTON BY EMILY LORDI C.2026, MARINER \$32.00 • 336 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Round and round they go in your head. Snippets of tunes, entire songs you loved decades ago, dance moves you copied and videos you never missed. Those things were essential to your youth, they were a soundtrack of your life, so read “Holding Lightning” by Emily Lordi and learn about the woman whose music you can still remember at full volume. In the nearly fifteen years since she died, Whitney Houston, says Lordi, has been “wide-

ly considered to be one of the greatest singers of all time.” Her mother, Cissy Houston, and record executive Clive Davis are generally “credited for her rise.” Her ex-husband is “frequently blamed for her fall.” Says Lordi, “This... frame has made it impossible to see how hard Whitney worked to become herself...” Houston was born in August 1963, the child of musical royalty. Her mother was a renowned back-up singer; her cousin was Dionne Warwick. The family was immersed in music from

church to concert, and Houston happily took take her place among them. “Whitney... loved the sound of her voice,” says Lordi, which is apparently rare for a singer. As Houston’s talents grew, she became a “diva” and that was important: “she understood what it meant to claim this superlative status as a Black woman.” She was likewise focused and “worked hard to develop the aptitude she’d inherited.” She also played hard: early in her career, she and her best-friend-turned-lover, Robyn, did

drugs sometimes but it didn’t affect Houston’s work then. Houston was energetic, on top of her career, topping the charts, and she made it all look easy. It seemed as though she was everywhere, dancing in heels and using that amazing voice – and yet, her success brought criticism from those who questioned her musical choices and her Blackness. By the early part of this century, Houston was struggling. Substance abuse plagued her. She was “stressed out all the time,” seemingly refusing to fail

but also ready to stop... It’s called an earworm, when you just can’t get a song out of your head, when it rolls around and around for days. That’s what’s going to happen when you read “Holding Lightning.” If you’re a fan, you won’t mind. Whitney Houston’s music is a good accompaniment to this book – and a needed one, since, aside from the occasional insight and surprising tidbit, author Emily Lordi doesn’t offer much new about Houston’s life here. Still, Houston’s story is a classic tale of a rising and falling star,

the kind that movies are made of. That doesn’t make it any easier to read, nor is it easy to look away because Houston was (and still is) everywhere. Even though what’s in this book may feel like it’s all been covered before, even though there may be repetition, even though the narrative can lag some, you’ll be left with earworms and sadness. That should make fans old and new eager to get ahold of “Holding Lightning.” So find it and turn up the volume; here’s a book to wrap your hands around.



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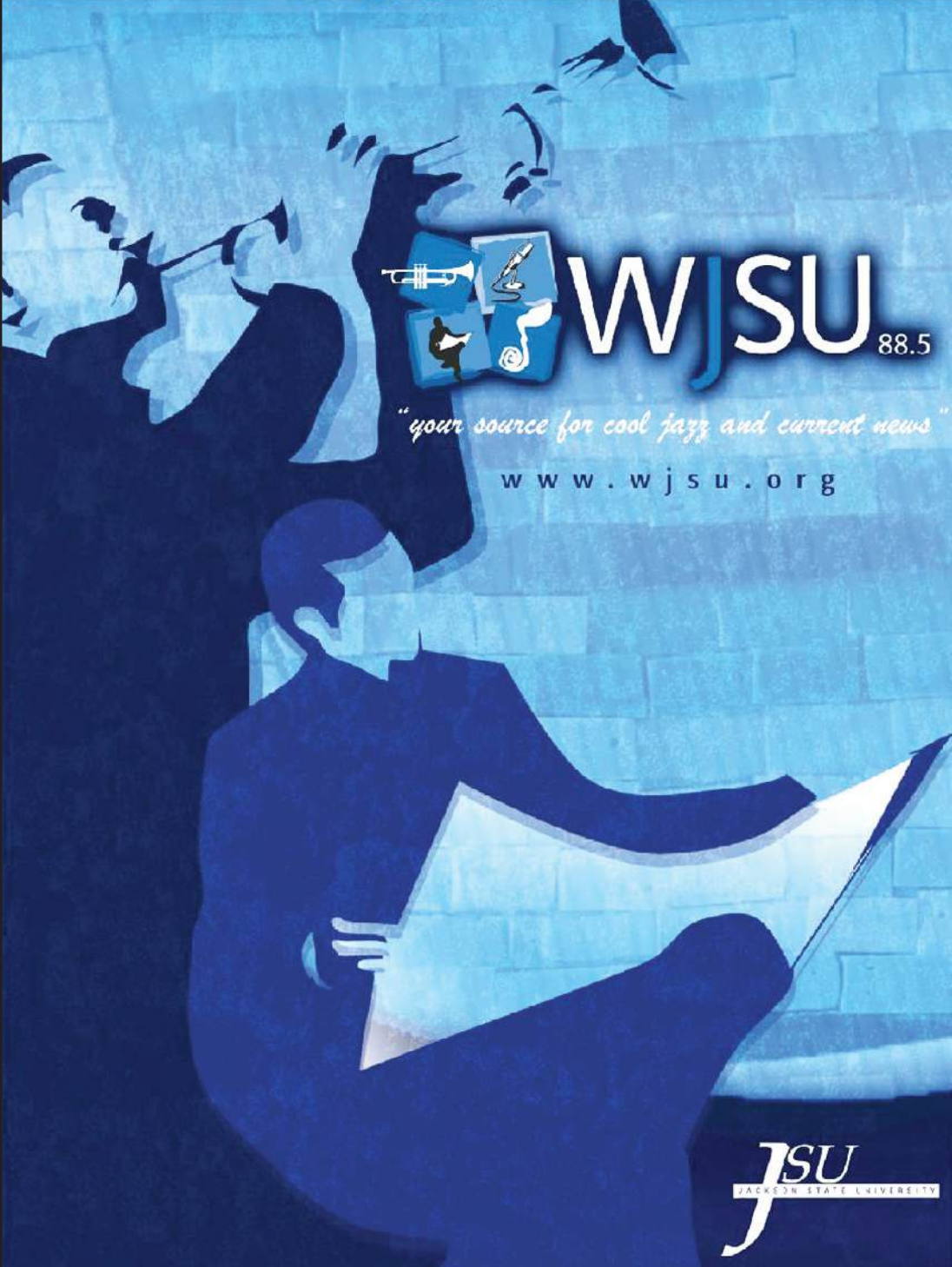
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Jackson State storms back in the rain

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Rain was coming down steadily at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile this past Saturday night, but Tiger Nation still made the trip for the 9th annual Gulf Coast Challenge. And for most of the night it honestly looked like they might be driving back to Jackson disappointed. Then the Tigers flipped the whole thing in under 3 minutes.

Jackson State 31, Alabama A&M 28.

The Tigers knew the weather was coming. QB Jared Lockhart said they were wetting the footballs at practice all week to get ready, and you could see him drying his hands on the towel at his waist before almost every snap. JSU still struck first, going 10 plays and 80 yards on its first scoring drive, finished by a 6-yard touchdown pass from Lockhart to Jabari Jones. 7 to 0 Tigers. The Bulldogs needed exactly 2 plays to answer. Cornelious Brown IV found Jordan Chambers-Smith for a 67-yard touchdown, and just like that it was 7 to 7.

Early in the 2nd quarter Brown did it with his legs, punching in a 10-yard run to cap a 12 play, 58-yard drive. 14 to 7 Bulldogs. The rain was heavier in the first half and it showed. At one point Lockhart rolled left on a 3rd and 16 near midfield, cocked back to throw, and the ball just slipped right out of his hand. Center Alex Valbuena fell on it, but the drive was dead. Lockhart was 8 of 16 for 102 yards at the half. JSU did manage to grind out an 11-play drive late, and Andrew Ivaniciuc knocked in a 19-yard field goal with 14 seconds left to make it 14 to 10 at the break.

The 3rd quarter belonged to Alabama A&M. Brown hit Jarel Williams on a 14-yard touchdown, with Williams hauling it in one hand in the end zone. 21 to 10. To make it worse, Nate Blount IV, who had been carrying the load with 18 carries for 88 yards, had gone down with an injury and wouldn't play in the 4th. So with the rain coming down and their top back on the sideline, T.C. Taylor's crew did what you do in a storm. Run the ball. JSU put together a 16 play, 72-yard drive that ate up 5:43, and Emari Matthews plowed in from 2 yards out with 13:11 left. 21 to 17. Then Brown struck again. 1 play. 70 yards to Jaylan Bean. 28 to 17 with 8:22 to go. Tiger Nation was stunned.

But like a good heavyweight fight, the guy who just took the big shot came right back swinging. Freshman Li'Darius Pryor, who had 6 carries total in the first 4 games of the season, capped a 4-play, 72-yard drive that took just 1:16 with a 29 yard touchdown run. 28 to 24, 7:00 left.

Now the Darkside Defense needs a stop. The Bulldogs try a toss, the pitch gets botched, the ball is loose on the wet field, and Jackson State comes up with it at the A&M 28. Tiger nation erupts! 3 plays later, Lockhart drops back, the stands are rocking, he finds Kobe Paul for 17 yards and the touchdown.

31 to 28 Tigers with 5:42 left. Wow!

The Darkside got 1 more stop, the offense ran out the clock, and that was the ballgame. JSU scored the last 14 points and shut out the Bulldogs over the final 8:22.

Taylor said he told running backs coach Eric Gallon this was going to be a big week for Pryor, and with the storm coming you've got to "empty the

clip with these running backs." That's exactly what happened. JSU ran it 52 times, way above their normal 39 a game. Taylor also said Blount will be fine, that he's tough and he wanted to go back in. Lockhart summed it up after the game, saying they just started off slow and it was "a minor setback for a major comeback."

Final Stats for the game. Lockhart went 15 of 32 for 169 yards and 2 touchdowns with no interceptions and added 39 yards on 8 carries. Nate Rembert was the go-to guy through the air with 7 catches for 108 yards. Blount had 88 yards on 18 carries, Pryor 72 yards and a TD on 12 carries, and Matthews 34 yards and a TD on 11 carries. As a team JSU ran for 236 yards and outgained A&M 405 to 358. J'Cori Hargon and Tymon Wells led the defense with 6 tackles each and Kazarius Bowie had 5. JSU didn't turn it over once, but 10 penalties for 108 yards kept the Bulldogs in this one longer than they should have been. For Alabama A&M, Brown had a big night with 3 touchdown passes and 1 rushing score.

The win keeps the Tigers perfect at 5 and 0, 2 and 0 in the SWAC. Alabama A&M falls to 4 and 2, 1 and 1. Jackson State is now 5 for 5 against the Bulldogs in the Gulf Coast Challenge.

Next up, Jackson State stays on the road and heads to Louisiana to take on Grambling State Saturday, October 10th. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 pm, streaming on SWAC TV. After that the Tigers come home to "The Vet" on October 17th for homecoming against Florida A&M.



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