

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Pro Tem Lauderdale presiding. Aldermen present were: Sonny Bryant, Alderman Miller, Gary Higdon, Jamie Tipton, Marcus Manning, and Jeff Hobbs. Alderman Miller and Alderman Manning arrived late. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Subia, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Assistant Parks Director Melissa Zizmann, Doug Thornton, Doug Francis, and Henry Bailey.

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### INVOCATION

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Alderman Higdon gave the invocation.

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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the agenda as amended, moving items # 5, 6, and 12 to after item # 18. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2012.

Agenda  
City of Hernando  
Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Regular Meeting

May 1, 2012

6:00pm

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 93652 – 93823 less 93672, 93674, 93708 – 93721, and 93778
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 93672 and 93778
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Bryant) 93708 - 93721
- 7) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 93674
- 8) Approve Minutes
- 9) Consent Agenda
  - A) Authorize Jeny Black to attend the 911 training in Natchez, MS on May 20-23. Also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (will be reimbursed by the State)
- 10) Authorize to sponsor BBQ cook off at the Hernando Shrine Club to promote the assets of the City of Hernando (\$250 to be paid out of the tourism fund)
- 11) Request from Jimmy Fischer to close Panola street on Saturday October 6, 2012 from 6 am to 2 pm, for Donna's Run for a Remedy

- 12) Approval of street and sidewalk renovation on north side of square
- 13) Request from Ashland Oil for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption
- 14) Accept lowest and best bid for Emergency Watershed Protection Project (NRCS-Thousand Oaks Project) 2012
- 15) Authorize the Parks Department to apply for the Mississippi Recreation Trails grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Skate Park inside (one acre) Renasant Park.
- 16) Authorize to hire Temporary Staff employee Michelle Dun, Program Coordinator in the Parks Department, as a full time employee, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour, effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- 17) Authorize to hire Temporary Staff employee Jackie Edwards, Receptionist in the Parks Department, as a full time employee, at a rate of \$8.50 an hour, effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- 18) Adopt Amended Resolution Authorizing the City of Hernando authorized credit card users
- 19) Executive Session – Possible Litigation
- 20) Adjourn

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 93652 – 93823 LESS 93672, 93674, 93708 – 93721, AND 93778**

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The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 93652 – 93823 less 93672, 93674, 93708 – 93721, and 93778 in the amount of \$516,528.99 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 93674 (MILLER)**

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Alderman Miller was not present at the time of the discussion and vote.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.'s 93674 the amount of \$38,386.12 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING APRIL 17, 2012**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 17, 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Bryant, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting “Nay”: None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A) Authorize Jeny Black to attend the 911 training in Natchez, MS on May 20-23. Also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses (will be reimbursed by the State)

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to approve the consent agenda. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**AUTHORIZE TO SPONSOR BBQ COOK OFF AT THE HERNANDO SHRINE CLUB TO PROMOTE THE ASSETS OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO (\$250 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE TOURISM FUND)**

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Doug Francis with the Hernando Shrine Club spoke about their BBQ cook off. It will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to sponsor the BBQ Cook off at the Hernando Shrine Club for \$250, to promote the assets of the City of Hernando, to be paid out of the Tourism Fund. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**REQUEST FROM JIMMY FISCHER TO CLOSE PANOLA STREET ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 6, 2012 FROM 6AM TO 2PM, FOR DONNA'S RUN FOR A REMEDY**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to approve the request from Jimmy Fischer to close Panola Street on Saturday October 6, 2012 from 6am to 2pm for Donna's Run for a Remedy. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**REQUEST FROM ASHLAND OIL FOR AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

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Alderman Miller asked if the website was updated to be more user friendly for job applicants.

**GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen took up for consideration the matter of granting tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for ASHLAND INC., the following Resolution having first been reduced to writing, was introduced:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TO ASHLAND INC., AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, ASHLAND INC., filed in triplicate with this Board its Application for exemption from ad valorem taxation; and

WHEREAS, ASHLAND INC., has produced written verification and documentation to this Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its Application in regard to the true value of the prayed for exemption and the completion date of said enterprise: and

WHEREAS, this Board finds as a fact that the property described in the aforesaid Application constitutes an industrial enterprise of public utility which was completed on the 31st day of December, 2011, and that said Company is entitled to the exemption sought for a period of five (5) years for personal property beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2012, subject to approval and certification by the Mississippi State Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando, DeSoto County, Mississippi, as follows:

1. That the Application for ad valorem tax exemption by ASHLAND INC., for five (5) years for personal property beginning January 1, 2012 on the property described in the Application filed by said Company for tax exemption, be and the same is hereby approved, five (5) years for personal property subject to approval and certification by the Mississippi State Tax Commission.

2. That ASHLAND INC., is hereby granted tax exemption on ad valorem taxes, except Library Fund, Park Fund, G O Bond Fund, State, School District and Road and Bridge ad valorem taxation, for five (5) years for personal property, beginning January 1, 2012.

3. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to spread a copy of this Order on the minutes of this Board; and that said Clerk shall forward the original and three (3) certified copies of the Application and a certified copy of the transcript of this Order approving said Application to the Mississippi State Tax Commission for its approval and certification: and said Clerk shall also forward one certified copy to the Tax Assessor of DeSoto County and obtain the Certificate of said Tax Assessor stating that the personal property as itemized in the Application has been placed on the appropriate tax roll as "Non-Taxable", except for Library Fund, Park Fund, G O Bond Fund, State, School District and Road and Bridge ad valorem taxes, for the duration of the exemption period only and the Position Statement of Tax Assessor.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, seconded by Alderman Higdon to adopt the foregoing Resolution Granting Tax Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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CHIP JOHNSON, MAYOR  
CITY OF HERNANDO

SEAL

ATTEST:

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KATIE SUBIA, CITY CLERK

**ACCEPT LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT (NRCS – THOUSAND OAKS PROJECT) 2012**

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Joe Frank Lauderdale spoke about the project. The lowest bid was from Trey Construction for \$35,809.00.

Alderman Tipton – Where are they out of Joe?

Joe Frank Lauderdale – Memphis. They have gotten one of our other jobs. That is some of their work down on Oak Grove Road, over at the North Lagoon and over on Pleasant Hill Road.

Alderman Lauderdale – What was the estimate?

Joe Frank Lauderdale – The estimate is less than this. One of the pipes under the road has collapsed. NRCS does not pay for pipe repair. So we will be about \$7,000 over the budgeted amount.

Alderman Miller – Where will the rest of it be paid from?

Alderman Lauderdale – From what I understand, the Bond Fund.

Alderman Miller – That Bond Fund will be so low, after a while we won't fix any streets.

Alderman Lauderdale – I understand. We are supposed to get a budget on the remaining part of it.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to accept the lowest and best bid from Trey Construction in the amount of \$35809.00 for Emergency Watershed Protection project (NRCS – Thousand Oaks project) 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**AUTHORIZE THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RECREATION TRAILS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE SKATE PARK INSIDE (ONE ACRE) RENASANT PARK**

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Alderman Miller – I don't think we have designated Renasant Park for a Skate Park. We don't have a time table or how we are going to do Renasant Park.

Melissa Zizmann – The Skate Park representative, Dewayne and I are all in agreement that the location within Renasant Park, right before the lagoons, the section of land that would be optimal for this park. The Skate Park Representatives have provided us with a design, detailed cost, everything we need to apply for this grant and actually get funded. As far as the park's location, it's just a small piece of the puzzle with Renasant, there is enough property there for us to do lots of things and that is just a small section, it would be just a piece of the puzzle. We are applying for this grant because 90% of the track is complete, so we can go ahead and apply for this funding. If we are granted this funding, which is announced in August, we have 180 days to complete that project. What we would have to do, is the 20% that we need to match the grant, could be the dirt work to get from Highway 51 to the location in the Park. It's literally a straight shot; I drove my City car back there.

Alderman Tipton - So it doesn't necessarily have to be a boulevard like we were talking about having designed to get to the Park. As long as there is a road to get to the skate park, is what Melissa is saying, we can get the grant and it would be the end of August before we are granted the money and then we have 180 days before the skate park has to be completed. What

you were asking I think is how we are going to get to it, to access it and that is kind of what the plan is right now.

Alderman Miller – I think we sat here a couple of Board Meetings ago, we selected a group, which I think Doug was a part of, to go down and look at stuff and come back to us with a plan. Now I hear that the Skate Board representatives have put together a plan and we are in the process of negotiating to hire someone to do a plan.

Alderman Tipton – It's in Doug's plan.

Alderman Miller – I didn't know that.

Alderman Higdon – Doug has told us that it fits in to his overall design for the Park very well.

Alderman Miller – It would have been nice to know. Did you know Alderman Manning?

Alderman Manning – No I did not.

Alderman Miller – Did it concern you?

Alderman Manning – Well one acre of Renasant Park was what I had hoped for to begin with, so it turned out to be a blessing.

Alderman Miller – But did it concern you that you didn't know what the master plan was?

Alderman Manning – I did not have a concern at all; I have complete and total trust in the department heads in that case.

Alderman Lauderdale – When you brought this to us, this is a grant for \$100,000 and we don't have to pay it back. But you threw a bone at us, and that is the 20%, and you said that is just building a road. Well that cost \$20,000. The question I really have is, if we can't fund the \$20,000, if we aren't prepared to fund it in that period of time, then we would lose the grant and the money would go back to them. Because no one has mentioned where the \$20,000 is coming from.

Melissa Zizmann – I agree and I understand what you are saying. I have just been told that I can use any kind of dirt work and the talks that we have had with the Mississippi Recreational program have been that would suffice with the 20% match. They are not being overly picky as to how we distinguish how we disburse it. I see what you are saying, it's still going to cost the \$20,000. And we will have to come up with it from somewhere. To answer your question tonight I don't know. I was just asked to do this, we are on a tight timeline, and this has to be sent out by Thursday.

Alderman Lauderdale – You have to have it done by Thursday, or we won't be able to apply for the money.

Alderman Tipton – The way I see this is that we have August and then 180 days after that. I'm sure Doug has other items that he is looking for the Park, we haven't seen the plan yet and I'm sure we'll see it soon. My thinking is by the time we get ready to start construction on this park, there will be other things going on in Renasant Park that will require a road to get to them. If nothing else, what Joe Frank has set up, an entrance to the park, money is going to be coming from somewhere to handle those and what I'm hearing Melissa say is as long as we can use some of that dirt work, gravel, whatever is going in there, to say this is the \$20,000 in kind, I can't see it being a problem.

Alderman Lauderdale – Where Alderman Miller brought up one point, is that ya'll have said where it's going to be, but I can't picture that in my mind without having a plan right in front of me. How many feet is that from Highway 51?

Melissa Zizmann – its closet to the lagoons.

Alderman Lauderdale – Doug, how many feet is it from Highway 51?

Doug Thornton - It hasn't been set out to the foot yet.

Alderman Lauderdale – So how many feet of road are we talking about building?

Alderman Tipton – I guess what I'm saying is in addition to what I just said is that we are going to have to come up with money to do other roads in the other areas during this time, so we aren't just talking about \$20,000 for this one road. We are going to be dealing with other items in Renasant Park. We will be dealing with "where are we going to get \$150,000" maybe. That's my point.

Melissa Zizmann - It could be drainage, it could be dirt work, it could be anything. It doesn't just have to be dirt work. Anything on that piece of property.

Alderman Lauderdale - I understand that part. Whatever you say we do, we still have to get the money from somewhere to do it. Do you know about how many feet of road it is?

Doug Thornton – I'm going to guess it's at least a thousand to a couple of thousand feet back there. \$20,000 is about 200 feet of road.

Alderman Tipton – That's what I'm saying, we will have to come up with the money for all of that as we develop this. So the \$20,000 is a small pea in the whole pod.

Alderman Lauderdale – But if we are granted it could we come up with it in a year.

Alderman Manning – I'm thinking that there is a good bit left over, we did not utilize the entire \$50,000 BCBS to pave Hernando sports and recreation track.

Alderman Lauderdale – My understanding is that we were going to use the remaining to repair the bathrooms.

Alderman Manning – True, that was the discussion. But it does at least leave, there was more than \$20,000 there.

Alderman Lauderdale – That will be a challenge for the Mayor.

Melissa Zizmann – The bathrooms have to be done according to that grant. The bathrooms can't be left out.

Alderman Tipton – We might as well give up on Renasant Park if we are going to let \$20,000 slow us down.

Alderman Lauderdale - My point is that it will cost more than \$20,000 to get a road to it.

Alderman Tipton – All we have to spend is \$20,000.

Alderman Lauderdale – How are they going to get to it?

Alderman Tipton – A dirt road.

Alderman Miller – How many streets did we not pave because we didn't have any money. How far would \$20,000 go toward doing some of the streets that people are riding on today?

Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize the Parks Department to apply for the Mississippi Recreation Trails grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Skate Park inside (one acre on the back side near the lagoons) Renasant Park. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**AUTHORIZE TO HIRE TEMPORARY STAFF EMPLOYEE MICHELLE DUNN,  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, AS A FULL TIME  
EMPLOYEE, AT A RATE OF \$10.00 AN HOUR, EFFECTIVE MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton, that the personnel committee recommends to hire Michelle Dunn as the Program Coordinator in the Parks Department, as a full time employee, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour, effective May 7<sup>th</sup> 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**AUTHORIZE TO HIRE TEMPORARY STAFF EMPLOYEE JACKIE EDWARDS,  
RECEPTIONIST IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, AS A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE,  
AST A RATE OF \$8.50 AN HOUR, EFFECTIVE MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to authorize to hire Jackie Edwards as the Receptionist in the Parks Department, as a full time employee, at a rate \$8.50, effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HERNANDO  
AUTHORIZED CREDIT CARD USERS**

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**ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HERNANDO TO  
GET A CREDIT CARD**

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BOARD MEMBER Tipton moved the adoption of the following Resolution and Order:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, THE GOVERNING BODY ("THE BOARD") OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI FINDING IT NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE A CREDIT CARD FOR GOVERNMENTAL OR PROPRIETARY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW: FINDING THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ACQUIRE SUCH CREDIT CARD: FINDING THAT THE FIRST SECURTIY BANK, HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI, HAS OFFERED TO ACQUIRE SUCH CREDIT CARD: FINDING THAT SUCH PROPOSAL IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE BORROWER AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK (THE "AUTHORIZED OFFICERS") TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to acquire a credit card for purposes authorized by law and

WHEREAS, the Board does by these presents determine that it would be in the public interest to acquire a credit card; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates that it will not purchase more than \$10,000.00 in any month; and

WHEREAS, the First Security Bank of Hernando, Mississippi, has proposed to acquire said credit card with no annual fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board hereby accepts the aforementioned proposal of First Security Bank pursuant to the terms and conditions thereto.

SECTION 2: The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for said credit card making the City of Hernando responsible for the payments charged on said credit card.

SECTION 3: The Board of Aldermen authorizes the following persons to use said credit cards:

Willis "Chip" Johnson	Mayor
Katie Subia	City Clerk
Gary McElhannon	Public Works Superintendent
Hubert Jones	Fire Chief / EMS Director
James M. "Mike" Riley	Police Chief
Sam Lauderdale	Alderman
E. R. "Sonny" Bryant	Alderman
Andrew Miller	Alderman
Gary Higdon	Alderman
James P. "Jamie" Tipton	Alderman
Marcus Manning	Alderman
Jeff Hobbs	Alderman
Jared Darby	Planning Director
Dewayne Williams	Parks and Landscape Manager
Julie Harris	Administrative Assistant
Dot Oldaker	Deputy Clerk
Melissa Zizman	Assistant Park Director
Shelly Johnstone	Director of Community Development

BOARD MEMBER Miller seconded the motion and after a full discussion, the same was put to vote with the following results:

Alderman Tipton	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Manning	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Hobbs	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Lauderdale	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Bryant	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Miller	Voted: "AYE"
Alderman Higdon	Voted: "AYE"

The motion, having received an affirmative vote, was carried and the resolution adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Chip Johnson

Mayor, City of Hernando

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Katie Subia

City Clerk, City of Hernando

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 93708 - 93721 (BRYANT)**

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Alderman Bryant recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.'s 93708 - 93721 in the amount of \$5,383.55 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**APPOINT TEMP MAYOR PRO TEM FOR ITEMS # 5 AND # 12**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Higdon to appoint Alderman Higdon as Temporary Mayor Pro Tem for items # 5 and # 12. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 93672 AND 93778 (LAUDERDALE)**

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Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No.'s 93674 in the amount of \$205,608.45 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

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**APPROVAL OF STREET AND SIDEWALK RENOVATION ON NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE**

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Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

Joe Frank Lauderdale spoke and gave information about the street and sidewalk renovations, and passed out a new diagram of the renovations. The Historical Group approved this plan.

Alderman Miller – Where the parking starts, is that the same distance, from the curb to the front of the building?

Joe Frank Lauderdale – Yes.

Alderman Hobbs – Why did you move the steps in front of Windy City?

Joe Frank Lauderdale - That was brought out in the meeting that the width across there may not need as many entry steps as I had on there. You have your ramp coming up on the west, a small set of steps going into the ramp and of course steps in front of the gift shop and more steps down by Center Stage. You have enough steps enough ways to get in there, it just gives a bigger area there in front of Windy City to have more room there.

Alderman Hobbs – Have all of the property owners there agreed to fund the fencing?

Joe Frank Lauderdale – Yes.

Alderman Tipton – I like the second design better. It gives more room on that sidewalk. There isn't too many times when you have people congregating out in front of Windy City, but when you do you would have room on the sidewalk for people to get by or people to stand down there when they are waiting for a table.

Joe Frank Lauderdale – We were trying to think of all angles.

Alderman Tipton – You get your Afair's and open houses, there would be a lot more room to navigate in front of that building than the original plan.

Alderman Higdon – I like it better too.

Alderman Manning – The lower sidewalk, is that section there, already in front of Desoto Economic Council, a narrower section.

Joe Frank Lauderdale – That's pretty much the way the rest of it will look.

Alderman Tipton – It's very similar to it.

Alderman Higdon – But we won't have the fence the whole distance from the Law Office down to the corner, we will have some vacant places there, in front of Judy Beard's place and the Economic Council?

Alderman Tipton – The fence is already in front of the Economic Council. The fence is going all of the way except for the steps isn't it?

Alderman Higdon – If you look at the sketch it doesn't show it going that far.

Joe Frank Lauderdale – I don't know about Center Stage. I need to talk to her about if she is interested in doing the fence.

Alderman Tipton – So right now it stops at the gift shop.

Alderman Higdon – It really needs to be continuous down through there I think, to make it really look good.

Alderman Miller – Well if they pay for it.

Alderman Higdon – I would think she would want to join in on that, I don't know, that is up to her.

Alderman Tipton – Have ya'll not asked her?

Joe Frank Lauderdale – I haven't talked to her.

Alderman Tipton – I would talk to her, I agree with Gary, it would look better if it did go all the way, but it is her choice. I would hate for her not to be asked.

Joe Frank Lauderdale – You can see on the picture of the building that her front extends out a good bid of distance than the corner building.

Alderman Higdon – There has to be a way to tie the fence in there though.

Joe Frank Lauderdale – Yes, we could.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the street and sidewalk renovation on the North Side of the square, per the revised plan presented tonight. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session for possible litigation. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Tipton to come out of Closed Session. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Higdon, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to go into executive session for possible litigation. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

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Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to come out of Executive Session for possible litigation. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**ADJOURN**

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There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

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MAYOR PRO TEM SAM LAUDERDALE

ATTEST:

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KATIE SUBIA, CITY CLERK