

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met for the Special Meeting at City Hall on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Alderpersons present were: Alderman W.I. "Doc" Harris, Alderwoman Natalie Lynch, Alderman Andrew Miller, Alderman Bruce Robinson, Alderman Chad Wicker, Alderwoman Beth Ross, and Alderman Ben Piper. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Pam Pyle, Deputy Chief Shane Ellis, Officer Parrott, Dolly Brechin, Amanda Chirby, Gia Matheney, Talicia Moore, Pastor Hester Maxwell, Linda Burkley, Tommie Davis, Eddie Davis, Nadolyn Patton, Geraldine Patton, Bernice Jackson, Jimmy Smith, Dedric Hardy, Paxton Fitts, Katherine Spears, Porshious Maxwell, Brandy Williams, Robert Spears, Jr., Bettye Taylor, Mitch Lemmon, Alberta Williams, Michelle Hawkins, Gregory Shannon, Keith Hawkins, Sr, Sierra Bran, Charle Townsend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

Alderman Harris gave the invocation.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Date: October 1, 2021

To: All Aldermen of the Municipality of Hernando, Mississippi

From: Mayor Chip Johnson

Subject: Special Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando shall be held on October 1, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.. at the City Hall Building in the City of Hernando, Mississippi.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1) Executive Session:
Parks Personnel

This notice is given pursuant to and in compliance with Section 21-3-21 of the Mississippi Code. Please be present.



Chip Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Pyle, City Clerk



All Aldermen were contacted by email on -9/30/2021

Pamela Pyle
City Clerk
City of Hernando
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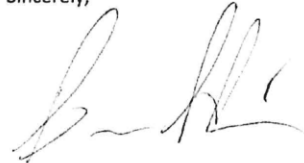
Mrs. Pyle,

Alderman Bruce Robinson and Alderman Ben Piper request a special called meeting of the Board of Alderman for the City of Hernando including Mayor Chip Johnson for October 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Parks Personnel in executive session.

Executive Session Agenda

1.) Parks Personnel

Sincerely,



Bruce Robinson, Ward Three Alderman



Ben Piper, Ward Six Alderman

AGENDA

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Special Meeting

October 1, 2021

9:30 A.M.

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approve Agenda
- 5) Executive Session- Parks Personnel
- 6) Adjourn

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was duly made by Alderman Piper and seconded by Alderman Robinson to approve the agenda as presented.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Harris, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

**AUTHORIZE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS GOING INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PARKS PERSONNEL**

Alderman Miller stated why is it necessary to have a Special Called Meeting when we have a regular meeting on Tuesday? I had not been informed of anything wrong or wrong doing. I am requesting from the Attorney to get an Attorney General opinion stating if it is legal to call a Special Meeting when we could have had it on Tuesday, and is this a legitimate action. Steven Pittman stated that the requirements for a Special Meeting had been met on this Board called meeting, and it is a legally called meeting. Alderman Miller stated that he has no question that the

meeting was legally called, but he wants an Attorney General opinion, and wants to know what the urgency was. Alderman Piper stated he had a lengthy discussion with the employee and his feelings waiting to put off the decision are why do we have to wait? Alderman Miller stated he understood, but is the reason public opinion or outcry? Alderman Piper stated he had received numerous calls on this decision and was not discussing any personnel issue publicly because it is not fair. Alderman Miller stated why couldn't we wait from Friday to Tuesday? Thank you for making your statement, Alderman Piper.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Piper to go into Executive Session to discuss Parks Personnel.

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Harris, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

AUTORIZE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PARKS PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Piper and seconded by Alderman Robinson to discuss the future of the Parks Director.

Those voting "Aye": Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Harris, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller,

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

APPROVAL TO TERMINATE DEWAYNE WILLIAMS AS PARKS DIRECTOR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Wicker to terminate DeWayne Williams as Parks Director effective today October 1, 2021 without Mr. Williams in the room.

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Robinson

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Miller, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Motion not passed.

APPROVAL TO BRING DEWAYNE WILLIAMS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Piper and seconded by Alderwoman Lynch to bring DeWayne Williams into the Board room for Executive Session discussion.

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Miller, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper.

Those voting "Nay": None

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

APPROVAL TO TERMINATE DEWAYNE WILLIAMS

Motion was duly made by Alderman Wicker and seconded by Alderman Robinson to terminate DeWayne Williams immediately.

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper

Those voting "Nay": Alderman Miller

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

AUTHORIZE TO COME OUT OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Piper to come out of executive session for Parks Personnel.

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Lynch, Alderman Miller, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Wicker, Alderwoman Ross and Alderman Piper

Those voting "Nay":

ORDERED AND DONE this the 1st day of October, 2021.

ADJOURN

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

RESOLVED AND DONE, This 1st day of October, 2021

MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

PAM PYLE, CITY CLERK