MINUTES BRANDON BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING BUTCH LEE, MAYOR PRESIDING FEBRUARY 22, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Lee and Aldermen Dobbs, Middleton, Womack, Coker, Williams, Vinson and Craine.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Invocation: Anna Blacksher-Mayor's Youth Council
- Pledge of Allegiance: Dylan Chapman-Mayor's Youth Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS –

- Mayor Lee recognized the Brandon, MS Boy Scout Troop #29 who were attending the meeting working on their citizenship and community merit badges.
- Kathy Strahan Spoke in favor of opting out of the Medical Cannabis law.
- Joe Oaks Spoke in favor of opting out of the Medical Cannabis law and presented three letters from local pastors in opposition to the Medical Cannabis law.
- Ben Luther President of Cornerstone HOA re: expressed concerns regarding Grants Ferry Station Subdivision as proposed.
- Johnny Beck President of Centre Point neighborhood re: expressed concerns regarding Grants Ferry Station Subdivision as proposed.
- Martin Keil Expressed concerns regarding the Collier Crossing subdivision as proposed.
- Mayor Lee announced the Krewe DeRoux Festival this weekend.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022 and Special Called Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda item 4.1, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

- Authorize the submission of projects to the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding consideration and authorize and approve the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any related documents.
- Adopt a Resolution in support of the Southern Rail Commission's efforts to reestablish passenger rail service from Meridian, MS to Dallas/Fort Worth, TX along the I-20 corridor.

- 3. Adopt a Resolution in support of the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the historic Jackson and Brandon railroad line located in Brandon.
- 4. Approve travel for Georganna Keenum to Natchez, MS to attend the 2022 Welcome Home Mississippi Spring Managers Meeting on April 7-8, 2022.
- 5. Authorize advertisement for bids for the addition of box seats at the City of Brandon Amphitheater.
- 6. Approve the sponsorship agreement with Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Program for project collaboration with regard to improvements of pedestrian and biking trails and authorize and approve the Mayor to execute the same.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 5.1-5.6, in accordance with the related memos from the Mayor, which are appended hereto, seconded by Aldermen Dobbs and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK

- 1. Approve the concrete repairs at Quarry Park from NJ Farms, Inc. at commodity pricing, in the estimated amount of \$8,100.00 and authorize and approve payment of the same.
- 2. Approve rental agreements with RJ Young, a state contract vendor, for the Accounting and City Clerk Office copiers and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 3. Approve the professional service agreement with Valentine Road (Willie Nelson) for a City of Brandon Amphitheater performance on May 7, 2022, for the purpose of promoting tourism in accordance with HB 1629 (2018 Mississippi Legislative Session, extending prior enactments for such purposes) and such other lawful purposes and authority; authorize the Mayor to execute the same and approve all show related expenditures in accordance with the agreement.
- 4. Approve Brandon Amphitheater sponsorship agreements with Cellular South, Inc. D/B/A C-Spire and Mississippi Lottery Corporation for the 2022 season, and Bottle Tree Beverage Company for the 2022 and 2023 seasons; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 5. Authorize repairs to the City Hall unit #1 air conditioner by Air Plus and Maintenance Services, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$8,475.00 and authorize and approve payment of the same.
- 6. Declare twenty-five (25) Dell computer towers and twenty-five (25) monitors that are no longer functional or of value to the City as surplus; and authorize disposition through GOV deals online auction.

- Approve the professional services agreement extension with Cole Entertainment Services for the 2022 concert season at the Brandon Amphitheater and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 8. Approve modified Event Concessions Second Amendment (City Hall Live) and Fourth Amendment (Brandon Amphitheater) which approval supersedes and replaces prior action item 6.1 from the February 7, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 9. Accept the resignation of Robert Hoover effective February 18, 2022.

10. Approve:

- a. Docket of Claims for February 22, 2022.
- b. Fox Everett claims released on January 30 and February 12, 2022.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve agenda items 6.1-6.10 (a)&(b) in accordance with the related memos from the City Clerk, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. MATT DODD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Adopt an Ordinance amending Sections 6-21 and 6-22 of the Brandon Code of Ordinances with regard to the modification of boundary lines of the Downtown Brandon Arts and Entertainment District.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda item 7.1 in accordance with the related memo from the Community Development Department, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

2. Action re: the Grants Ferry Station Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Alderman Womack made the motion to table action on agenda item 7.2 and to set a work session prior to the next regular board meeting regarding the same, seconded by Alderman Craine, whereupon Alderman Dobbs, Womack, Coker and Craine voted "AYE" and Alderman Middleton, Williams and Vinson voted "NAY", and the motion carried.

(This action is mooted by the withdrawal of the application for approval as noted herein-below)

3. Action re: the Collier Crossing Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to deny agenda item 7.3 based on unresolved traffic concerns, seconded by Alderman Williams, whereupon Aldermen Vinson and Williams voted "AYE" and Aldermen Dobbs, Womack, Coker and Craine voted "NAY", whereupon the motion failed.

Alderman Womack then made the motion to table action on agenda item 7.3 and to set a work session prior to the next regular board meeting regarding the same; however, prior receiving a

second on the motion, the applicant for the Grants Ferry Station Subdivision and Collier Crossing Subdivision preliminary plats formally withdrew the applications for the approval of the preliminary plats for the said subdivisions, and thereafter Alderman Womack withdrew her motion.

8. CHARLES SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 1. Approve an Order amending Utility Rates as codified in Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances in accordance with Sections 82-55 and 82-64 of the Code of Ordinances with regard to the amendments of utility billing units and utility rate changes.
- 2. Approve pay request #10 in the amount of \$267,921.92 and final summary change order re: Utility Constructors, Inc., re: Downtown Waterline Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor to execute the same; and authorize and approve payment of the same.
- 3. Approve Felicity Street parking area and street striping services from Traffic Control Products at commodity bid pricing in the amount of \$9,500.00 and authorize and approve payment of the same.
- 4. Approve the professional services agreement for general engineering and surveying services with Benchmark Engineering & Surveying Services, LLC and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same.
- 5. Approve the professional services agreement with Q Solutions to perform smoke testing and sewer system evaluation in the estimated amount of \$4,312.00; authorize and approve payment of the same; and authorize the Mayor to execute related documents.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda items 8.1–8.5 in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

- 6. Approve the professional service rates with Cleo's Asphalt, Inc. for labor and equipment services related to asphalt repairs.
- 7. Declare as an emergency the pump rental at Appleridge lift station from Hydra Services in the amount of \$5,382.00 and authorize and approve payment of the same.
- 8. Authorize advertisement for bids for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Site Work Project.
- 9. Authorize advertisement for bids for the Brenmar Waterline Extension Project.
- 10. Authorize advertisement for bids for the Cornerstone Grants Ferry Area Water Improvements Project.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 8.6–8.10 in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

9. WILLIAM THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF

- Rescind board action taken on February 7, 2022 under section 10.3 of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes with regard to the surplus of one (1) 2013 Chevy Caprice bearing vin ending #4695.
- 2. Authorize transfer of one (1) 2002 Chevy Silverado bearing vin ending #3749 to the Public Works Department.
- 3. Amend the rate of pay for Marta Powell that was hired effective January 24, 2022 to correct a scrivener's error on the memo presented at the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2022.
- 4. Amend Policy 4.15 of the Brandon Police Departments General Operating Guidelines with regard to the investigation of motor vehicle accidents.

Alderman Womack made the motion to approve agenda items 9.1-9.4 in accordance with the related memos from the Police Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. BRIAN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF

- 1. Authorize purchase of two (2) Battery PPV fans from NAFECO, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$8,978.00 plus shipping charges and authorize payment of the same.
- 2. Authorize purchase of eight (8) recliners from Dreamseat, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$7,078.68 and authorize payment of the same.
- 3. Authorize purchase of fifteen (15) mattresses from Miskelly, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$5,685.00 and authorize payment of the same.

4. Approve travel for:

- a. Chief Brian Roberts, Deputy Chief Patrick Wofford, Division Chief Jerry King, Battalion Chief Justin Adcock, Battalion Chief Eric Stringer and Captain Bryhn Beck to Vicksburg, MS to attend the MS Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Summer Conference on June 2-5, 2022.
- b. Lt. Dilan Sanchez to Corinth, MS to attend the "Training at the Crossroads" on March 25-27, 2022.
- c. Captain Bryhn Beck and Battalion Chief Eric Stringer to Camp Shelby, MS to attend the rope and OSAR type exercise on March 7-10, 2022.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda item 10.1-10.4(a)(b)&(c) in accordance with the related memos from the Fire Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Womack made the motion to consider the need to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Craine then made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Gold Coast, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(Mayor Lee returned to the Board Room and announced that the board voted to enter into Executive Session and the reason therefore.)

Alderman Vinson motion made the motion to reject the offer dated February 21, 2022, to settle the Gold Coast lawsuit, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Williams then made the motion to resume the Regular Board Meeting out of Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Dobbs and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(That a vote was taken in Executive Session was announced upon return to the Board Room).

ADJOURN

Attest:

Alderman Coker made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Minutes approved this the 7th day of March 2022.

Hon. Butch Lee, Mayor

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