Minutes Mayor and Board of Aldermen Special Call Board Meeting (Finance)

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

4:30 PM

NATCHEZ CONVENTION CENTER & VIA TELECONFERENCE

Board Secretary, Sevetrius Dillon

1. Call to Order

- 2. Prayer by Mayor Dan M. Gibson
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Present:

Mayor Dan Gibson

Alderwoman Valencia Hall Alderman Billie Joe Frazier

Alderwoman Sarah Carter-Smith - Absent Alderwoman Felicia Bridgewater-Irving

Alderman Benjamin Davis Alderman Daniel Dillard

Also Present:

Attorney, Walter Brown

Attorney, Bryan Callaway - Absent Servia Fortenberry- City Clerk

Sevetrius Dillon-Chief Deputy City Clerk

FINANCE MEETING:

The City Clerk thanked the Mayor and Board for their continued support and provided the following documents:

- Current Budget Status Report
- Sales Tax Spreadsheet
- Gaming Revenue Spreadsheet
- Franchise Fees Spreadsheet
- Debt Services Spreadsheet
- Shift South Spreadsheet
- Monthly/Annual (Larger) Payments

The Mayor highlighted the increase in our Sale Tax, April 2021 has been our highest amount collected to date.

The Mayor highlighted the increase in our Gaming Revenue, April 2021 is looking great. We are on schedule to exceed the amount budgeted.

Our Franchise Fees that has been collected to date is \$396,000, we are budgeted to collect \$600,000. We are on schedule to collect the amount budgeted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed the Monthly/Annual (Larger) Payments and Debt Services (Bonds) for the City.

Shift South was discussed, we may be able to use some of the COVID funds that's coming to us. The Mayor reached out to Mayor Sally Garland of Crystal Springs about what they are doing about more FEMA expense reimbursements. We maxed out our MEME reimbursement last year, we received \$369,000. We are sitting on some expenses that we can file with FEMA that will reimburse 75% of our expenses, we will be working that spreadsheet and gathering

documentation that is a source of COVID reimbursement to the City. We then can contribute those funds to our Shift South campaign.

The Mayor reviewed the Budget Status Report with the Board, fund by fund.

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to adjourn the Special Call Board Meeting. **The vote carried unanimously.**

DAN M. GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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