MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 26, 2020

The Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, met in the Multi-purpose Room of the Mobile Government Plaza on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Manzie
Councilmembers:	Richardson, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Absent:	Daves

The meeting was called to order. The Council reviewed and discussed the agenda for their meeting to be held today at 10:30 a.m.

Councilmember Williams moved for the Council to enter into executive session and reconvene into the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m., which move was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the meeting moved into executive session at approximately 9:41 a.m.

Adopted: June 2, 2020

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 26, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama met in the Multi-purpose Room of the Mobile Government Plaza, on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., in regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Lisa C. Lambert.

Pastor Josh Sparkman, Christ Presbyterian Church, offered the invocation.

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call:

Chairman:	Manzie
Councilmembers:	Richardson, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Absent:	Daves

STATEMENT OF RULES BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Presiding Officer provided an overview of the City Council rules of procedure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2020 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Stimpson stated that he visited Mobile's National Cemetery to commemorate Memorial Day.

Mayor Stimpson urged citizens to continue to protect themselves from Covid-19 as the city begins to re-open.

Chief Sealy, Mobile Fire and Rescue Department, presented Life Saving Awards to Ronald Godwin, DeMarcus Battles, Harold Sykes, and Quinn Parrish in appreciation for their efforts to save residents of Serenity Apartments during a recent fire.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

Paul Wesch, Executive Director of Finance, presented the Council with the monthly finance report for March 2020.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Small moved to adopt the agenda, which move was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the agenda adopted.

ESSENTIAL / COVID-19 ITEMS HELD OVER:

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ALABAMA POWER COMPANY TO UPGRADE STREET LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTING. The following resolution, which was introduced and read at the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and held over until the regular meeting of May 26, 2020, was called up by the Presiding Officer.

RESOLUTION: 21-354-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectfully, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, by and between the City of Mobile and Alabama Power, for Professional Consulting Services as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set for the in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to Covid-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Gregory. Following comments from Councilmembers Small, Richardson and Rich the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH C. THORNTON, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – 2019 MISCELLANEOUS DRAINAGE REPAIRS – GROUP D (LAKE CIRCLE AND PRINCETON WOODS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT), $662,159.50. The following resolution, which was introduced and read at the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and held over until the regular meeting of May 26, 2020, was called up by the Presiding Officer.

RESOLUTION: 21-355-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Williams and Gregory and Mayor Stimpson

WHEREAS, bids for street and drainage improvements for districts 4 and 7 were received and opened on March 25, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended award to the lowest bid meeting specifications from C. Thornton, Inc., in the amount of $662,159.50.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the lowest responsible bid was submitted by C. Thornton, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a contract with the company listed below for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as through set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

Name of company: C. Thornton, Inc.

Project name: 2019 Miscellaneous Drainage Repairs – Group D (Lake Circle and Princeton Woods Drainage Improvements)

Project number: 2019-3005-06

Amount: $662,159.50

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Gregory. Following comments from Councilmember Gregory the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE 3-YEAR SERIVCE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS-INSPECTION, SERVICING & MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS CITY OF MOBILE FACILITIES; TOTAL CONTRACT = $74,985.00. The following resolution, which was introduced and read at the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and held over until the regular meeting of May 26, 2020, was called up by the Presiding Officer.

RESOLUTION: 21-356-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, by and between the City of Mobile, and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Name of company:	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP
Project name:	VARIOUS CITY OF MOBILE FACILITIES FIRE EXTINGUISHERS-INSPECTION, SERVICING & MAINTENANCE (3-YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT)
Project number:	SC-019-20
Amount:	$74,985.00 TOTAL CONTRACT SUM (Year 1 = $21,900.00 + Year 2 = $24,995.00 + Year 3 = $28,090.00)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this Resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

<u>AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FOR THE JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM, $750,000.00 (NO MATCH)</u>. The following resolution, which was introduced and read at the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and held over until the regular meeting of May 26, 2020, was called up by the Presiding Officer.

RESOLUTION:	31-357-2020
Sponsored by:	Mayor Stimpson

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that the subject of this Resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID 19, or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, the Mayor is authorized to apply, accept and receive from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, a Notice of Award for grant assistance in the approximate amount of $750,000.00 for The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to accept said grant if offered and to sign any agreements or other documents in connection with the grant application and to provide any information required by the U.S. Department of Justice. Any agreements for grant assistance, together with the exhibits, shall be filed with the City Clerk after award and execution.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA (RESTORE ACT) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INNOVATING ST. LOUIS STREET: MOBILE'S TECHNOLOGY CORRIDOR, $5,885,000. The following resolution, which was introduced and read at the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and held over until the regular meeting of May 26, 2020, was called up by the Presiding Officer.

RESOLUTION: 31-358-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, Finds that the subject of this Resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID 19, or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Clerk, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile in order to accept and receive the federal funds in the amount of $5,885,000.00 from the Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) for implementation of the RESTORE Act Direct Component project titled "Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor" from the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to accept said grant and to sign any agreements or other documents in connection with the grant and to provide any information required by the Department of Treasury or State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or any other federal agency. The subaward agreement, together with the exhibits, shall be filed with the city clerk after award and execution.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

APPEALS:

The Council considered the request of Kim Hall for a waiver of the Noise Ordinance at 2051 Clemente Court on June 6, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (District 1).

Councilmember Williams moved to grant the waiver, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Small and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the waiver granted.

The Council considered the request of Johnnie L. Robinson for a waiver of the Noise Ordinance at 4791 Lesure Road, Theodore, on June 19 and 20, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. (District 4).

Councilmember Williams moved to grant the waiver, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Small and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the waiver granted.

The Council considered the request of Minister Tony Pope for a waiver of the Noise Ordinance at Joe Bailey Park, on June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (District 4).

Councilmember Rich moved to hold the waiver over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Small and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the waiver held over.

The Council considered the request of Minister Tony Pope for a waiver of the Noise Ordinance at the corner of Halls Mill Road and McVay Drive, on June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (District 4).

Councilmember Rich moved to hold the waiver over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Small and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the waiver held over.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL:

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Reggie Hill, 1007 Center Street, restated questions he previously submitted and offered comments regarding the re-opening of Mobile and the Covid-19 pandemic.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Councilmember Small moved for the suspension of the rules to consider Consent Resolutions, being introduced for the first time, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer declared unanimous consent granted for the items.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED:

RE-APPOINT BARBARA HORY TO THE MEDICAL CLINIC BOARD OF THE CITY OF MOBILE (SPRINGHILL). The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Williams.

RESOLUTION: 03-360-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Williams

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that Barbara Hory is re-appointed to the Medical Clinic Board of the City of Mobile (Springhill) effective immediately for a term ending June 29, 2025.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

APPROVE AWARD OF SPECIAL BONUS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MONTH – APRIL & MAY 2020. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Williams.

RESOLUTION: 60-361-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor, upon nomination by City supervisors, recommends to the City Council that it authorize awards, pursuant to Section 11-40-22 Code of Alabama 1975, of $500 each to the following employee(s):

April 2020 - Firefighter Antwan K. Washington

May 2020 - Fire Service Driver John T. Hall

These employees are to be commended for their exemplary work performance or innovations that significantly reduce costs or results in an outstanding improvement in service to the public.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SOUTHERN SKYLINE COMMUNITY SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT, $4,000.00. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Williams.

RESOLUTION: 60-362-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Williams

A RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Councilmember Williams wishes to appropriate $4,000.00 to The Southern Skyline Community, Inc., from his discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Skyline Community, Inc., is an Alabama non-profit corporation which provides a service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama has opined that the granting of public funds to private groups or corporations is proper if the City Council determines that the same serves a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile City Council determines that this appropriation to The Southern Skyline Community, Inc., will be used to assist with an ongoing beautification and revitalization project at the intersection of Azalea Rd & Hwy. 90 by planting azaleas, replacing oak trees and replacing a flag that is used during patriotic holidays, which will serve a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mobile City Council hereby finds and determines that an appropriation of $4,000.00 to The Southern Skyline Community, Inc. for the purposes described hereinabove serves a public purpose and the Council further approves and directs the payment of same, and further authorizes execution of a standard form City of Mobile council discretionary fund performance contract with said entity, group or individual for the amount set forth herein.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SUGAR CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT, $3,500.00. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Williams.

RESOLUTION: 60-363-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Rich

A RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rich wishes to appropriate $3,500.00 to Sugar Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., from her discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, Sugar Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., is an Alabama non-profit corporation which provides a service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama has opined that the granting of public funds to private groups or corporations is proper if the City Council determines that the same serves a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile City Council determines that this appropriation to Sugar Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., will be used for reimbursement of installation of security cameras that is linked to the Mobile Police Department Project Shield Program, which will serve a public purpose benefitting the City of Mobile and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mobile City Council hereby finds and determines that an appropriation of $3,500.00 to Sugar Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., for the purposes described hereinabove serves a public purpose and the Council further approves and directs the payment of same, and further authorizes execution of a standard form City of Mobile council discretionary fund performance contract with said entity, group or individual for the amount set forth herein.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Williams moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF CIP RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Councilmember Small moved for the suspension of the rules to consider CIP Resolutions, being introduced for the first time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer declared unanimous consent granted for the items.

CIP RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED:

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO TARKETT USA LLC FOR FLOORING FOR MOORER/SPRING HILL LIBRARY, $16,452.79. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gregory.

RESOLUTION: 08-364-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gregory and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
10665	2020	(3032) ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING	FLOORING FOR MOORER/SPRING HILL LIBRARY (SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT)	$16,452.79	(296490) TARKETT USA INC

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Gregory moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Small. Following comments from Councilmember Gregory the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MAURIN ARCHITECTURE, P.C. FOR LANGAN PARK-PAVILLION IMPROVEMENTS, $25,650.00. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gregory.

RESOLUTION: 21-386-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gregory and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE. ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, that is necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, by and between the City of Mobile, and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Name of company: Maurin Architecture, P.C.

Project name: Langan Park - Pavilion Improvements

Project number: PR-048-20

Amount: $25,650.00 (2020 CIP#2D83, D7)

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Gregory moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Small. Following comments from Councilmember Gregory the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Councilmember Small moved for the suspension of the rules to consider Resolution 01-366, being introduced for the first time, per Council rules all other resolutions held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer declared unanimous consent granted for the item.

RESOLUTIONS BEING INTRODUCED:

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GOVERNMENT STREET CONGESTION MANAGEMENT, $1,372,714.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 01-365-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Manzie and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, as follows:

That the City enters into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for: intersection improvements-congestion management process-SR-16 (US 90) from Broad Street to Bankhead Tunnel; Project # STPMB-0016(525); CPMS Ref # 100066703; Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the official seal of the City be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the Agreement by all parties, that a copy of such Agreement be kept on file by the City.

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD LOCAL RAILROAD AGENCY (REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING ANY AND ALL PRIOR AGENCY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS) FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING SIGNAL – ZEIGLER BOULEVARD; $648,279.00. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gregory.

RESOLUTION: 01-366-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gregory and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, the "Agreement for Local Agency Roadway Improvements" between the City of Mobile and Illinois Central Railroad Company in connection with the Zeigler Boulevard widening project (replacing and superseding any and all prior agency roadway improvement agreements between the parties with regard to the project involved herein), and further to perform all acts necessary in connection with said Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said Agreement for Local Agency Roadway Improvements Agreement is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Gregory moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Williams. Following comments from Councilmember Gregory the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA POWER COMPANY AND SMG FOR STORM STAGING SITE AT CIVIC CENTER. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 01-367-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, an Amendment to Contract between City of Mobile, SMG, and Alabama Power Company, to use Civic Center, including the parking lots, for the purpose of a staging area for personnel and equipment for repairing storm damage and restoring power during emergency electric service outages in the Mobile area through April 30, 2021. A copy of said Amendment is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY SITE USE AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA POWER COMPANY FOR USE OF THE PARKING LOTS AT MATTHEWS PARK FOR STORM STAGING FOLLOWING A HURRICANE OR OTHER WEATHER-RELATED EVENT. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 01-368-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Temporary Site Use Agreement between City of Mobile and Alabama Power Company, that authorizes Alabama Power Company to use parking lots at Matthews Park for the purpose of a staging area for personnel and equipment for repairing storm damage and restoring power during emergency electric service outages in the Mobile area through June 1, 2023; and that such authorization to use said site serves a public purpose benefiting the City of Mobile and its citizens. A copy of said Agreement is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

APPROVE ITEM BASED BIDS FROM SUNBELT FIRE AND RITZ SAFETY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-369-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to accept and approve, and issue Purchase Orders against, the below proposed Bid Award, to the designated vendor, for the indicated time period, and if renewable, renewable without further action by Council, for the specified item(s) at the unit prices indicated.

Bid	Description	Number of Items	Bid Amount	Time/Renewal	Vendor(s)
5411	GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT	5	Various, see bid tab	One year, renewal for two additional one year periods	Sunbelt Fire Inc./Ritz Safety LLC

APPROVE ITEM BASED BID FROM GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO., INC. FOR POLE BREAKAWAY SUPPORTS. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-370-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to accept and approve, and issue Purchase Orders against, the below proposed Bid Award, to the designated vendor, for the indicated time period, and if renewable, renewable without further action by Council, for the specified item(s) at the unit prices indicated.

Bid	Description	Number of Items	Bid Amount	Time/Renewal	Vendor(s)
5409	TRAFFIC BREAKAWAY LIGHT POLE SUPPORT SYSTEMS	2	Various, see bid tab	One year, renewal for two additional one year periods	Graybar Electric Co. Inc.

APPROVE ITEM BASED BID AWARD FOR LARGE TRUCK OIL CHANGE SERVICES TO WARD INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LLC. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-371-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to accept and approve, and issue Purchase Orders against, the below proposed Bid Award, to the designated vendor, for the indicated time period, and if renewable, renewable without further action by Council, for the specified item(s) at the unit prices indicated.

Bid	Description	Number of Items	Bid Amount	Time/Renewal	Vendor(s)
5415	LARGE TRUCK OIL CHANGE SERVICE	4	Various, see bid tab	6 months, renewable for another 6 months, then renewable for 2 additional one-year periods	Ward International Trucks LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR COMPUTERS FOR HURTEL STREET COMPUTER LAB, $15,476.63. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-372-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
11305	2020	(5000) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	13 HP ELITEDESK 800 G4 I7 TRAINING COMPUTERS FOR HURTEL ST COMPUTER LAB (SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT/ UNAVAIL THRU AL STATE CONTRACT VENDOR)	$15,476.63	(272932) CDW GOVERNMENT LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO GRAYBAR CO. LLC FOR 48 LED STREET LIGHT FIXTURES, $39,328.32. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-373-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
9939	2020	(2062) ELECTRICAL	48 NAVION LED STREET LIGHT FIXTURES (SEALED BID 5413)	$39,328.32	(75199) GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO INC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO GLADIATOR FORENSICS LLC FOR ANNUAL LICENSES FOR WIRELESS NETWORK FORENSIC SOFTWARE PRODUCTS, $15,300.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-374-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
11311	2020	(1545) POLICE CYBER DIVISION	ANNUAL LICENSES FOR GLADIATOR WIRELESS NETWORK FORENSIC SOFTWARE PRODUCTS (SOLE SOURCE)	$15,300.00	(294271) GLADIATOR FORENSICS LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR DRONE, ACCESSORIES AND SOFTWARE, $25,799.60. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-375-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
11508	2020	(1510) FIRE ADMINISTRATION	DJI MATRICE 300 RTK DRONE WITH ZENMUSE H20 CAMERA, 8 TB60 FLIGHT BATTERIES, BATTERY CHARGER, 3 GIMBALS, SPOTLIGHT, ONE YEAR FLIGHTHUB PRO SOFTWARE LICENSE (SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT)	$25,799.60	(272932) CDW GOVERNMENT LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO VERMEER SOUTHEAST SALES AND SERVICE, INC. FOR TRENCHER, $17,290.77. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-376-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
8223	2020	(F7000) MOTOR POOL	VERMEER RTX250 SELF PROPELLED PEDESTRIAN TRENCHER (SEALED BID 5403)	$17,290.77	(223500) VERMEER SOUTHEAST SALES AND SERVICE INC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO TOTER LLC FOR 588 TRASH CONTAINERS, $27,572.01. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-377-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
11498	2020	(2090B) GARBAGE COLLECTION	588 96GAL TRASH CONTAINERS (OMNIA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT)	$27,572.01	(205975) TOTER LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO TOTER LLC FOR REPLACEMENT TRASH CONTAINERS, LIDS AND PARTS, $74,725.80. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-378-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	**Fiscal Year**	**Department**	**Description**	**Amount**	**Vendor**
11504	2020	(2090B) GARBAGE COLLECTION	500 64GAL CART LIDS, 4000 96GAL CART LIDS, LID FASTENERS AND HINGES, CART AXLES (OMNIA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT)	$74,725.80	(205975) TOTER LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO AUTONATION FORD MOBILE FOR FOUR PICKUP TRUCKS, $112,612.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-379-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	**Fiscal Year**	**Department**	**Description**	**Amount**	**Vendor**
11085	2020	(F7000) MOTOR POOL	1 FORD F150 1/2TON 2WD, 1 FORD F150 1/2TON 4WD, 2 FORD F250 3/4TON 2WD PICKUP TRUCKS (SEALED BID 5200)	$112,612.00	(270013) AUTONATION FORD MOBILE

APPROVE PURCHSE ORDER TO AUTONATION FORD FOR ONE PICKUP TRUCK, $29,640.50. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-380-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
11308	2020	(1510) FIRE ADMINISTRATION	1 FORD F150 4WD SUPERCREW PICKUP TRUCK (SEALED BID 5200)	$29,640.50	(270013) AUTONATION FORD MOBILE

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO AUTONATION FORD FOR TWO 2020 FORD PICKUP TRUCKS, $53,181.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-381-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
9161	2020	(F7000) MOTOR POOL	2 2020 FORD 4X2 PICKUP TRUCKS (SEALED BID 5200)	$53,181.00	(270013) AUTONATION FORD MOBILE

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO WARD INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LLC FOR FOUR TRASH SHUTTLE TRUCKS, $399,596.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-382-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
7817	2020	(F7000) MOTOR POOL	4 2021 INTERNATIONAL MV607 TRASH SHUTTLE TRUCKS (SEALED BID 5404)	$399,596.00	(232872) WARD INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LLC

APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER TO GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO., INC. FOR ALUMINUM ROADWAY LIGHTING POLES FOR TIGER/BROAD STREET PROJECT, $228,327.02. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 08-383-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a purchase order to the indicated vendor in the approximate amount stated, and to approve the supporting bid award if required, for the following requisition as indicated below and attached herein:

Requisition	Fiscal Year	Department	Description	Amount	Vendor
5225	2020	(2060) TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	106 28FT ALUMINUM ROADWAY LIGHTING POLES W/LUMINAIRE ARMS (28 W/BANNER ARMS) FOR TIGER/BROAD ST PROJECT (SEALED BID 5412),	$228,327.02	(75199) GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO INC

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE ATLANTIC GROUP LLC FOR GIS MAPPING SERVICES, $50,192.95. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-384-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a contract, by and between the City of Mobile and The Atlantic Group, LLC, in the amount of approximately $50,192.95, for Geographic Information System mapping services as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full.

A copy of said contract is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN EARTH SCIENCES, INC. FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING FOR BATES C & D LANDFILL, $18,500.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-385-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE. ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a contract, by and between the City of Mobile and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as set forth in full, subject to the company signing the contract and furnishing the required bonds and Insurance. A copy of said executed contract will be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

Name of company: Southern Earth Sciences, Inc.

Estimated cost: $18,500.00

AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE ON SR 163 OVER PERCH CREEK, $3,000,000 (PASS-THROUGH GRANT). The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 31-387-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, Finds that the subject of this Resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID 19, or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Clerk, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile in order to accept and receive funds in the amount of $3,000,000.00 from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant to cooperate in the construction for the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 163 over Perch Creek in the City of Mobile with the Alabama Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to accept said grant and to sign any agreements or other documents in connection with the grant and to provide any information required by the Alabama Department of Transportation or any other agency. The agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation, together with the exhibits, shall be filed with the city clerk after award and execution.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO SELL 320 DAUPHIN STREET. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 60-388-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Manzie and Mayor Stimpson

WHEREAS, the City of Mobile owns 320 Dauphin Street (the subject property), a vacant 2,970 ± square ft. commercial space (formerly Dauphin Street Police Precinct & Police Museum), located on a 3,124± square ft. parcel, described in Exhibit A (attached); and

WHEREAS, the City is not utilizing the property and the current zoning for the property is mixed use commercial building (T5.1); and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from the sale of the property under favorable terms and conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Mobile hereby RESOLVES:

That it does not object to offering the subject property for sale. In the event that the City receives an offer to purchase under favorable terms and conditions, the purchase agreement will be presented to the Council for consideration, and the Council may, if it deems appropriate, adopt an ordinance declaring the property not needed for public purpose and authorizing the execution of the purchase agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that this resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council.

<u>RESOLUTION TO URGE THE MOBILE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO PROPOSE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE VOTING.</u> The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of June 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 60-389-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Richardson, Manzie and Small

WHEREAS, Title 17 of the Code of Alabama applies to all primary elections and all elections by counties or municipalities held in the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-11-3 of the Code of Alabama provides for absentee voting in any primary, general, special, or municipal election within the State of Alabama and, furthermore, provides requirements to be met in the event an elector proposes to vote absentee, and

WHEREAS, the applicable provision of Section 17-11-3, to wit: Section 17-11-3(a)(2), provides for a person who has "any physical illness or infirmary which prevents his or her attendance at the polls…" to vote absentee, be they within or without the county on the day of the election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mobile, the State of Alabama and, indeed, the entire United States, is in the midst of a pandemic, to-wit: a novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, the extent, severity and duration of which has yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, citizens of this city, state and county have been urged to stay at home, to separate, and to sanitize, in order to slow the progression of this pandemic and the danger to such citizens, including death; and

WHEREAS, those of our citizens with underlying health conditions, including advanced years, are particularly susceptible to this pandemic, whereupon many of them are avoiding any and all close contact with others outside their home in order to avoid infection; and

WHEREAS, those citizens so situated ought not to be required to enhance their exposure to the disease caused by COVID-19 in order to exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, current Alabama law would require such citizens, be they predisposed to infection due to another health condition, or simply because they fear infection, to falsely affirm they have a "physical illness or infirmity which prevents his or her attendance at the polls" in order to exercise their right to vote, thereby subjecting themselves to prosecution for falsifying an absentee ballot application or verification document "so as to vote absentee," of which charge a finding of guilt would constitute a Class C felony; and

WHEREAS, it is important, even in times such as these, for our citizens to be able to cast their votes in any and all elections without fear that to do so might enhance their exposure to a serious, even deadly, disease; and

WHEREAS, at least 29 states, plus the District of Columbia, currently allow citizens to cast an absentee ballot without as “excuse.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mobile urges the Mobile County Legislative Delegation to propose and support changes to current Alabama law so as to allow “no excuse” absentee voting at the next available legislative session at which such changes can be considered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Richardson asked the Administration to have the stormwater drains along Emogene Street cleaned.

Councilmember Richardson requested the Administration provide the Council a list of all businesses that applied for the “Ignite Mobile” grant detailing which received funds and which did not.

Councilmember Richardson commended the City’s Electrical Department for quickly replacing the fountain lights at Tricentennial Park.

Councilmember Williams requested the Administration report to the Council which businesses applied for the “Ignite Mobile” grant, but did not receive funds and why they were denied.

Councilmember Gregory provided an overview of a letter, written by a resident of Princeton Woods, commending the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Gregory reported that 275 families received food distributions at Smith Memorial AME Church this past Saturday.

Councilmember Small invited the community to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Baltimore Street road project on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Rich stated that 200 “Blessing Totes” were distributed to senior citizens. Additional bags will be distributed on June 3 and 10, 2020 at various senior citizens.

Councilmember Rich asked the Administration when a plan will be presented to citizens regarding the re-opening of the splash pad at Medal of Honor Park.

Councilmember Manzie thanked Pastor Chris Williams and the members of Yorktown Baptist Church for coordinating with Feeding the Gulf Coast to provide food for residents in need.

Councilmember Manzie stressed the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for the public to protect themselves.

Councilmember Gregory moved to adjourn the meeting, which move was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Rich and Gregory
Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at approximately 11:46 a.m.

Adopted: June 2, 2020

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

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CITY CLERK