

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD OCTOBER 28, 2021, AT 8:30 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, held a meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The meeting was held in the Boardroom in the Municipal Complex at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the following present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney	Present
Alderman Lee B. Turner	Present
Alderman Valerie Hartsfield	Present
Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe	Present
Alderman Adam Fullilove	Present
Alderman Daniel M. Pierce	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	Present
Assistant Police Chief Kevin Hatton	Absent**
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Absent
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Via telephone.	

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet - None.

**** Mr. Hatton was present for his interview as indicated below.**

A copy of the notice which was posted and given to each Alderman was received and directed to be attached hereto as Appendix A.

Mayor Dulaney called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Dulaney led in prayer. Based on the current schedule for interviews, it was agreed that the Board of Alderman would deviate from the order of items on the agenda and address the interviews for the position of Chief of Police first.

As part of this, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Alderman Turner moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the

Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Mayor and Board held a closed determination on the issue of whether an executive session is necessary. Mayor Dulaney stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to interview candidates for Chief of Police and hiring new police officers which will include discussing current job performance as each candidate for Chief of Police is a current employee, as well as the character, professional competence, etc. for each candidate and potential employees (the “Executive Session Matter”).

Based on this, Alderman Pierce moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session Matter. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board entered executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, all members of the Board of Aldermen, Town Clerk Pennock, and Town Attorney Ryals.

During the executive session, the Executive Session Matter was discussed. AS part of this, Jason Sims, Keith Smith and Kevin Hatton were individually and separately interviewed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Following the interviews, the Board discussed hiring two new and additional officers. Following the discussion relating to the two new officer and based on the recommendation of Chief Hatton, Alderman Hartsfield moved Mike Smith and LaMelanie Pickett be hired as Patrol Officers for the Police Department. Mike Smith has 15 years of experience in law enforcement and will start at \$18.00 per hour. LaMelanie Pickett has a year of experience in law enforcement and will start at \$17.00 per hour. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

Following the discussion, Alderman Hartsfield moved to leave executive session. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board ended the executive session and returned to open meeting. Mayor Dulaney announced the action that was taken during executive session.

The Mayor and Board considered and discussed final budget amendments for fiscal year 2021. Mayor Dulaney reviewed the budget amendments with the Board. Upon discussion, Alderman Turner moved to approve the final amendments for fiscal year 2021 as presented. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Alderman, the Mayor declared the same carried, adopted, and approved.

APPENDIX B – FY 2021 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Mayor and Board next discussed meeting with Mr. Taylor at the Tunica Museum to discuss future plans for the museum. Mayor Dulaney advised that he has advised Mr. Taylor that the Museum was not included in the Town budget for the current fiscal year. Mr. Taylor has relayed to Mayor Dulaney that the Museum has recently reopened and that he would like to have the Board of Aldermen come for a visit. Mr. Taylor will be at the Museum on Saturday for anyone who would like to stop by.

With no other business, Alderman Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Fullilove seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. this 28th day of October 2021.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

APPENDIX A – NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
APPENDIX B – FY 2021 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS