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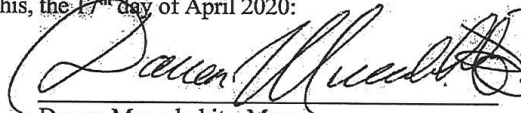
NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §21-3-21, notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven shall be held on Friday, the 17th day of April, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the Boardroom of City Hall located at 8710 Northwest Drive, Southaven, MS 38671.

The subject matters of business (Agenda) to be acted upon at this Special Meeting are as follows, to-wit:

1. COVID-19 "Comeback Plan"

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby called by the Mayor, Darren Musselwhite, on this, the 17th day of April 2020:


Darren Musselwhite, Mayor

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF April 17, 2020 OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in a Special Session on the 17th day of April, 2020 at one o'clock (1:00) p.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

William Brooks	Alderman At Large
Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
Charlie Hoots	Alderman, Ward 2
George Payne	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher	Alderman, Ward 4
John David Wheeler	Alderman, Ward 5
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Alderman Wheeler was physically present with all other Alderman present by teleconference.

Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Andrea Mullen, City Clerk, and Nick Manley, City Attorney. Approximately fifteen (15) other people were present.

Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting to order. Chris Shelton led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Musselwhite.

COVID-19 "Comeback Plan"

Mayor Musselwhite shared the following proposed COMEBACK PLAN (Plan 33/50/100):

Phase One-April 28-May 15, Phase Two-May 15-June 1, Phase Three-After June 1

Today, Governor Reeves indicated that his "Shelter-in Place" Order will be extended until April 27. The only changes to his order is that he will allow lakes, beaches, and fishing to open as well as drive-through, curbside, and delivery commerce options for all businesses.

The purpose of our meeting today is not to change anything until April 28. Everything we do as a City will be in compliance with state law and orders. Our purpose today is to bring HOPE. Our people have done what we asked, made many sacrifices, and come together while showing their toughness and resilience, but it's time for all to know what lies ahead and to have a plan to re-open our businesses and lives. This plan is contingent upon Governor Reeves allowing us this leniency on April 28.

We're not "in the clear" yet and must continue to be smart, but local statistics are indicating that we have slowed the spread of the COVID-19 virus, minimized our

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public health risk, and flattened the curve of a potential over-run of our health care facilities.

We've made significant progress and must now weigh other health risks as well as the economic risks that these efforts have created. It's time to plan our comeback and restore HOPE for everyone in returning to some form of normalcy.

For this reason, effective **April 28, 2020** at 12:01 AM, all businesses, organizations, and facilities, except those listed as closed below, shall be allowed to re-open in the City of Southaven, subject to a **33%** building capacity occupancy limit and social distancing requirement of a minimum of 6 feet between all persons at all times and at all locations. This limit shall be increased to **50%** capacity on **May 15, 2020** at 12:01 AM with a longer range hope of allowing 100% capacity on **June 1, 2020**, subject to further update. All listed as essential will remain unchanged, however, the City still recommends adherence to the CDC guidelines as it relates to social distancing between persons as well as recommending facial coverings of the mouth and nose when traveling in heavily-frequented locations. Furthermore, we continue to plead with all of our citizens that may face a higher risk due to underlying health issues to continue to use all safeguarding measures to protect themselves.

PHASE ONE... What remains closed from April 28-May 15?

Theaters

Recreational and amusement facilities, including playgrounds, basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball/softball fields, and football/soccer fields (golf courses, tennis courts, walking/running trails, and other activities performed without teams are permitted with a social distancing requirement of 6 feet)

City government facility interiors, excluding those facilitating public meetings mandated by state law, fire stations, and police stations (all services provided by drive-through windows, drop boxes, and other remote means)

PHASE TWO...What remains closed from May 15-June 1?

Playgrounds, stadium/bleacher seating at City parks, park concessions, and Forever Young senior activities

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES...

Churches, funerals, weddings, and religious gatherings have always been listed as essential, but will have no other physical gathering restrictions. Our churches have been incredible in cooperating with us and protecting the health of their congregations and our public, in general. (It is important to note that U.S. Supreme Court rulings in the past have expressed that governments do have the Constitutional right to limit assemblies temporarily under the pressures of great dangers to the general health and welfare of the public.) *Jacobsen vs. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 197 U.S. 11, 29 (1905)*

Restaurant dining rooms may open with capacity limitations and social distancing requirements on April 28.

Gyms may open with capacity limitations and social distancing requirements on April 28.

Golf, tennis, and other recreational activities performed without teams are permitted with social distancing requirements of 6 feet on April 28.

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Snowden Grove, Greenbrook, and the Arena will open for baseball, softball, and volleyball tournaments as well as recreational league games with social distancing requirements on May 15.

WHAT REMAINS ESSENTIAL WITH NO RESTRICTIONS THROUGH ALL PHASES?

The following are considered **Essential Services** pursuant to the Governor's Orders:

Government operations, including defense operations, law enforcement, and courts
Healthcare, including home health care, and veterinarian care
Essential retail, including grocery stores, pharmacies, food and beverage stores, nutrition stores, convenience stores (excluding inside dining), gas and fuel stations, hardware and building material suppliers, firearm and ammunition suppliers, telecommunication equipment suppliers, sanitation, cleaning, and household necessity suppliers, office and professional service suppliers, and restaurants for drive-through, curbside service, or delivery (excluding inside dining and take-out)
Essential infrastructure, including utilities, supply chain, communications, telecommunications, public works, transportation, and hotel/lodging
Manufacturing, wholesale and distribution, and shipping
Agriculture
Essential services, including mail, sanitation, laundry, medical and hazardous waste management, building cleaning, building security, home sales and repair, automobile sales and repair, and mortuaries and cemeteries
Construction and related trades, including but not limited to lumber, building materials and hardware, electricians, plumbers, painters, cleaning and janitorial, and moving and relocation services
Banks and financial services
Professional services, including attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers, real estate sales and service, and insurance sales and service
Media outlets
Education to facilitate remote learning, critical research, or meal provision
Technological and logistics support
Child-care programs and services
Churches, funerals, weddings, and religious gatherings
Basic-necessity services for disadvantaged persons
Lawn care
Pest control
Essential services required to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and essential businesses
Non-essential facility maintenance and minimum operations

This plan will allow us continue to analyze and minimize our public health risks while also minimizing economic risks and moving towards normalcy in our lives as soon as safely possible. We will continue to analyze statistics daily and make appropriate changes if our numbers move in a negative direction.

Stay calm; stay smart; stay tough; stay positive; and stay away from risk as much as you can. We will get through this and return stronger than ever! #southavenstrong

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There was some discussion among the Board as it relates to Mayor Musselwhite's proposed plan. It was shared that the plan was well thought out and will help get the City back on track.

No Board action was taken at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Kelly to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously April 17, 2020 at 1:50 p.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

Andrea Mullen,
City Clerk
(Seal)

