

RECESSED MEETING
August 28, 2009

A Recessed Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the Conference Room at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 28, 2009. Mayor Jake Middleton presided at the meeting.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
John ‘Jake’ Middleton Mayor		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Coretta Logan, Deputy Clerk Adams County Board of Supervisors
Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderman, Ward 1	Bob Pollard Alderman, Ward 3	Woody Allen Ken Herring Leon Crawford Aaron Patton
J. “Ricky” Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2		
Ernest ‘Tony’ Fields Alderman, Ward 4		
Mark Fortenbery Alderman, Ward 5		
Daniel Dillard Alderman, Ward 6		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Middleton stated that the purpose the meeting is to come up with a workable solution for the EDA.

Mr. Woody Allen stated that previously, he, Mr. Watts, Mayor Middleton, and Mr. Jeansonne met with representatives from the Mississippi Development Authority, to come up with ideas on how to improve the EDA. He indicated that they had a nice meeting and a suggestion was made that they enter into an agreement with a group to help with structuring.

Mr. Woody Allen stated that after a big study, they have entered into an agreement with the Boyette Group. He added that since then, there has been a couple of in depth meetings to share thoughts and ideas on the EDA.

Mr. Allen stated that since January, the EDA has been in limbo, not knowing whether the EDA would be funded or not. He added that the Boyette Group recommended that the EDA form some type of Interim group. As a result, a group was composed of the Mayor, the President of the Board of Supervisors, the Chairman of the EDA, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce to review any major prospects that come along.

Mr. Allen added that this is a short term structure and he does not know what the long term structure will be just yet.

Mayor Middleton stated that this will be four groups acting as one.

Mr. Darryl Grennell stated that he thinks that this would be great for the EDA.

Alderman Gray asked if the Boyette Group does this for a living.

Supervisor Grennell stated that when the group gave them the proposal, enclosed was a list of benefits of other EDA offices they have helped and structured.

Alderman Dillard stated that he would like to see the audit financial report.

Mr. Allen stated that the reports are done monthly. He added that a full audit is done every year by Silas Simmons.

Alderman Dillard asked to receive a financial report for this quarter. He added that it will be helpful in their decision making process.

Mr. Woody Allen stated that the yearly audit's financial report is given to Donnie Holloway and Kathy Walker each year.

Supervisor Grennell stated that the City and County must comprise on how the funding will be. He added that there is a need for an EDA in Natchez.

Supervisor Campbell stated that in Concordia Parish, there are more and more businesses opening up.

Mr. Ken Herring stated that if the EDA Board, Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Supervisors should continue to meet more often, so that problems and other issues are resolved.

Mr. Henry Watts stated that this could be moving more towards private and less towards government.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis made a motion to move forthwith the condemnation of the property of John & Elliot Smith Estate. Seconded by Alderman Dillard. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis stated that she needed clarification on the millage.

Attorney Sanders stated that once you set a mill, then it will be worth what it's worth. He added that it is uniform. He indicated that the dollar amount will have to be set and the millage adjusted accordingly.

Alderman Dillard made a motion that the Mayor Middleton and Board of Alderman fully fund their next year's portion of the EDA at \$100,000. Seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Fortenbery seconded by Alderman Dillard to adjourn the recessed meeting of August 28, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

**JAKE MIDDLETON
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**DONNIE HOLLOWAY
CITY CLERK**