

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS BEGUN AND HELD THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI ON AUGUST 21, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF SAID CITY.

THOSE PRESENT	MAYOR TONY PHILLIPS
CITY ATTORNEY	THOMAS W. TYNER
ALDERMEN	MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN WILLIE W. HINTON JOE C. McMURRY, SR. STEVE STRINGER WILLIAM A. TRAVIS
OTHERS PRESENT	DEBORAH REYNOLDS DAN TOLBERT DUB CAMPBELL GRADY CROSBY AND OTHERS

THE MAYOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND DECLARED THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION.

THE INVOCATION WAS OFFERED BY MICHAEL DRAUGHN.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- X. 12. APPROVE METRO VEHICLE 1997 MAZDA 626
- 13. DISCUSS YOUTH IN ACTION
- 14. POSSIBLE \$400.00 TO BUY SIGN @ PEARL RIVER COLLEGE BASEBALL FIELD
- 15. DONALD X.M. FERNANDER DE LA REGUERA R. TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF CARITAS MANOR.
- XIII. 2. APPROVE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2001
- 3. CLARK DELIPIDATED BUILDING ON CEDAR STREET
- XVI. 3. CONSIDER HIRING DALE BRAZIL FOR STREET
- 4. APPROVE TO PROCEED WITH LLEBG
- 5. REQUEST FOR JR. FIREFIGHTERS

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2001 OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THEREUPON, KEITH HENRY ASKED THE BOARD WHAT IT TOOK TO BE A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF PETAL. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT WE HIRED RICHARD PERKINS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A PART-TIME OFFICER WHEN HE HAS ALREADY BEEN ON THE FORCE AND QUIT.

THEREUPON, BILLIE JEAN CROSBY REQUESTED THAT ALDERMAN BILL TRAVIS GIVE THE BOARD AND MAYOR PHILLIPS AN APOLOGY FOR HIS OUT BURST IN THE AUGUST 7, 2001 MEETING.

THEREUPON, JUANITA CROSS TALKED TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE DITCH ON WEST 6TH AVENUE AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITY TO COVER THE DITCH ALONG SIDE OF WEST 6TH AVENUE TO STOP CHILDREN FROM PLAYING IN THE DITCH WHEN IT RAINS.

THEREUPON, JERRY CROWE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE EMPLOYEE WAGES.

WHEREAS, ETOA KENNEDY ADDRESSED THE BOARD AGAIN WITH DEBRIS FROM THE JULY 4TH, 2001 FIREWORK SHOW THAT WAS DISPLAYED AT THE CIVIC CENTER BY THE PETAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. MS. KENNEDY WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE FIREWORK SHOW.

THEREUPON, MAYOR PHILLIPS STATED THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT FORGOT ABOUT THE SITUATION, AND IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN UNTIL JULY, 2002. MAYOR PHILLIPS TOLD MS KENNEDY THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY OTHER COMPLAINTS ON THIS MATTER SINCE THE PETAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HAS BEEN HAVING THE FIREWORKS SHOW FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO HAVE NO OTHER FIREWORKS SHOWS BEHIND THE CIVIC CENTER AT THE WALKING TRACK. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, VALERIE WILSON PRESENTED PICTURES OF TWO DIFFERENT PAVILLIONS FOR THE CITY TO CHOSE FROM TO PUT BEHIND THE CIVIC CENTER AT THE WALKING TRACK. MS WILSON ASKED IF THE CITY WOULD PAY \$55,000.00 OUT OF THE \$1.2 BOND ISSUE FOR THE 2,185 SQUARE FEET PAVILLION.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN TRAVIS MADE A MOTION FOR THE CITY TO PAY \$55,000.00 OUT OF THE \$1.2 BOND ISSUE FOR THE 2,185 SQUARE FEET PAVILLION. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, BABS FAULK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT WHAT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. MS FAULK WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO KEEP THEM IN MIND DURING BUDGET TIME.

WHEREAS, BARBARA GANDY, WITH PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO OFFER SOME TRAINING TO THE CITY BY BRINGING IN A PORTABLE TRAILER AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TEACH AND TRAIN ON DIFFERENT TOPICS THAT THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH ON. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THIS. ALL THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO DO IS SUBMIT APPLICATION.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A ZONING REQUEST FROM CHARLES A. SHOUDY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 CARTERVILLE ROAD.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO SET THE ZONING HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A, TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS STATED THAT DAVID CUPPLES DID NOT SHOW UP REGARDING THE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM KENNY AND SUSAN JOYCE TO PUT A SIGN UP ON CENTRAL AVENUE FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO THE FLOWER GARDEN IN MEMORY OF THERE SON, LYLE JOYCE.

THE MOTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

WHEREAS, ALLEN FLYNT PRESENTED THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN WITH SOME INFORMATION ON PROPERTY LINE VARIANCE FOR ERIC CRAWFORD LOCATED AT 115 LEEVILLE ROAD. MR. CRAWFORD WOULD LIKE TO DIVIDE THE PROPERTY INTO TWO DIFFERENT PARCELS SO HE COULD RENT BOTH DWELLINGS.

THEREUPON, MAYOR PHILLIPS TABLED THE MATTER UNTIL ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS COULD GO AND LOOK AT THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION SETTING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2001 AS "PAINT THE TOWN PINK" FOR THE BREAST CANCER TASK FORCE.

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

PROCLAMATION

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING PROCLAMATION. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM POLICE CHIEF RODNEY JARRELL TO RECEIVE A 1997 MAZDA 626 FROM THE METRO TASK FORCE TO USE AND RETURN THE OTHER CAR BACK TO FORREST COUNTY METRO TASK FORCE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO SWAP THE CARS WITH THE METRO DEPARTMENT. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A, TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

THEREUPON, MARSHA STALLWORTH-DIXSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON "YOUTH IN ACTION". AN ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE CHILDREN OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE ARE WELL EQUIPPED FOR ENDEAVORING THROUGH THE JOURNEY OF LIFE. MS STALLWORTH-DIXSON STATED THAT A MINIMUM OF \$5,000.00 WILL BE NEEDED TO START AND IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

THE MOTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

WHEREAS, ROBERT DRAKE REQUESTED THE CITY TO PURCHASE A SIGN FOR \$400.00 AT PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASEBALL FIELD ON THE FENCE.

THE MOTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

WHEREAS, DONALD X.M. FERNANDEZ de la REGUERA R., ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON CONCERN CITIZENS THAT LIVE AT CARITAS MANOR. MR. REGUERA R. WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITY TO LOOK AT THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON WEST TENTH AVENUE AND SOUTH GEORGE STREET.

THE MOTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS MADE A RECOMMENDATION FOR ROBERT TALLEY TO RECEIVE A FIFTY CENT (.50) RAISE IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR BEING THE METER READER EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 17, 2001.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO GIVE ROBERT TALLEY THE FIFTY CENTS AN HOUR RAISE. MOTION DIED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A RECOMMENDATION FROM JUDGE SHELIA SMALLWOOD ON PAY RAISE OF \$2,500.00 FOR SHAROLD FRANKLIN ON HER ANNIVERSARY DATE OF AUGUST 21, 2001.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO GIVE SHAROLD FRANKLIN A \$500.00 RAISE ON HER ANNIVERSARY DATE AND ANOTHER \$500.00 ON OCTOBER 1, 2001 FROM THE NEW BUDGET. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A, TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A RECOMMENDATION FROM DAN TOLBERT REQUESTING TO TAKE HIS VEHICLE HOME, WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW DAN TOLBERT TO TAKE HIS VEHICLE HOME OUTSIDE THE CITY. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A, TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETAL AND THE FORREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNDER WHICH THE CITY AND COUNTY MAY EACH CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE OTHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CITY.

SEE EXHIBIT "B"
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FORGOING AGREEMENT. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED THE HOLIDAY FOR LABOR DAY BEING SEPTEMBER 3, 2001 AS PROCLAIMED BY GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING DAY AS A HOLIDAY FOR THE ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS REQUESTED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO GERALD CLARK ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 205 CEDAR STREET THAT HIS TIME HAS EXPIRED FROM THE MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON JUNE 6, 2000.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION FOR THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A LETTER TO GERALD CLARK TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT HIS TIME HAS EXPIRED FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2000. ALDERMAN McMURRY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM SHIRLEY DRAUGHN IN THE CIVIC CENTER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2001.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT SHIRLEY DRAUGHN'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM DEXTER BENDER IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 10, 2001.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT DEXTER BENDER'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION. ALDERMAN McMURRY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER HIRING DALE BRAZIL AS A LABORER IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2001.

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MS DO HEREBY DEEM IT NECESSARY TO HIRE A LABORER IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT DALE BRAZIL IS HIRED AS A LABORER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2001 AT A RATE OF \$6.25 AN HOUR.

SO ORDERED ON THIS THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2001.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE DALE BRAZIL IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT AS A LABORER, UPON DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTATION ABOUT HIM BEING ON HOUSE ARREST. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM POLICE CHIEF RODNEY JARRELL TO APPLY FOR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (LLEBG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH APPLYING FOR THE LLEB GRANT. ALDERMAN DRAUGHN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM WESLEY HUGHES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RE-ESTABLISH THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF PETAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 13-18.

THE MOTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

WHEREAS, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO CLEAR THE ROOM TO DETERMINE IF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS NEEDED TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. ALDERMAN McMURRY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN McMURRY MADE A MOTION TO REOPEN THE MEETING.
ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "YEA"

ALDERMAN MICHAEL W. DRAUGHN
ALDERMAN WILLIE W. HINTON
ALDERMAN JOE C. McMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN STEVE STRINGER
ALDERMAN WILLIAM A. TRAVIS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR PHILLIPS STATE THAT THERE WAS NOT A NEED FOR AN EXECUTIVE
SESSION.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN DRAUGHN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALDERMAN HINTON
SECONDED THE MOTION.

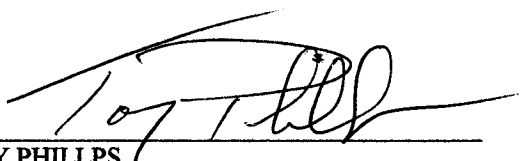
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THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

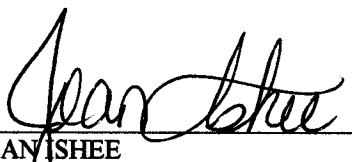
THEREBEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, WAS RECESSED UNTIL 3:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 23,
2001.



TONY PHILLIPS
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



JEAN SHEE
INTERIM CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"

Dear _____,

Did you know this year approximately 2000 women in Mississippi will be diagnosed with breast cancer?

Several area organizations, which include Forrest General, Wesley Medical Center, Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative, Deep South Network for Cancer Control, Hattiesburg Clinic, American Cancer Society, and the Information & Quality Healthcare for MS, have joined together to promote breast cancer awareness during the month of October.

The Task Force has adopted the theme of "Paint the Town Pink"!

Our goal is to make Forrest and Lamar counties more aware and more knowledgeable of breast cancer issues. In an effort to raise awareness, we are asking area businesses and organizations to decorate the outside and/or the inside of their businesses with pink. It is our hope that the pink decorations will raise people's curiosity and cause them to question why the pink, thus bringing about an awareness of breast cancer.

Enclosed you will find a list of several ideas to get you started. These are merely suggestions. We are sure that you can come up with a lot more. Please be as creative and original as you would like. The more eye-catching the decorations, the more people will want to know about them. You will also find a statement of support in this packet. We are asking that you fill this out and send it back to us. This will enable us to know who will be participating. We have also included a contact list of the Task Force members; if you have any questions, please feel free to call one of them.

We invite your organization to join in the crusade against breast cancer, by spreading the word in our community about prevention and early detection. In order to make this event successful, we are hopeful that Forrest and Lamar's businesses and organizations will help us "PAINT THE TOWN PINK"!

Sincerely,

The Breast Cancer Task Force

Proclamation

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