

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS BEGUN AND HELD A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM OF SAID CITY.

THOSE PRESENT	MAYOR HAL MARX
CITY ATTORNEY	THOMAS W TYNER
ALDERMEN	DAVID CLAYTON TONY DUCKER WILLIE HINTON JAMES RUNNELS STEVE STRINGER
OTHERS	EL/GAIL PORTER TOMMYE CORLEY ANNE CLARKE BEN PIPER AND MANY OTHERS

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

THE INVOCATION WAS OFFERED BY TOM TYNER.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR PRESENTED THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS.

- GENERAL BUSINESS
11. REQUEST TO SET A HEARING DATE OF 9/29/09 @ 6:00 p.m. FOR 410 BRYANT ST.
 12. REQUEST TO PAY APPLICATION #2 TO ADVANCE BUILDING PENDING CERTIFICATION OF BILL RODGERS.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOREGOING AMENDMENTS. ALDERMAN DUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR PRESENTED THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 18, 2009 FOR FILING. ALDERMAN RUNNELS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE WAS NONE.

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

THERUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO RENEW THE CITY EMPLOYEES' DENTAL COVERAGE WITH GUARDIAN AT A RATE OF \$22.84 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE CITY EMPLOYEES' DENTAL COVERAGE WITH GUARDIAN AT A RATE OF \$22.84 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO RENEW THE CITY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE AT A RATE OF \$364.61 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO THE CITY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE AT A RATE OF \$364.61 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEAN ISHEE IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPT.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT JEAN ISHEE'S RESIGNATION. ALDERMAN RUNNELS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO APPROVE LANDRY & LEWIS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR COST TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO CIVIC CENTER COMMON AREAS ALONG WITH THE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE LANDRY & LEWIS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR COST TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO CIVIC CENTER COMMON AREAS ALONG WITH THE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION ON BUILDING PERMIT #4708 AND 4707 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN HOLLOW RUN SUBDIVISION.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE EXTENSION ON BUILDING PERMIT #4708 AND 4707 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN HOLLOW RUN SUBDIVISION. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
WILLIE HINTON
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

TONY DUCKER
JAMES RUNNELS

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO APPROVE CLAIMS DOCKET #109881-110325 FOR THE CITY OF PETAL GENERAL FUND AND WATER & SEWER FUNDS

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO PAY CLAIMS #109881-1110325 OF THE CITY OF PETAL GENERAL FUND AND THE CITY OF PETAL WATER AND SEWER CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009. ALDERMAN DUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009 FOR FILING. ALDERMAN DUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO SUSPEND SECTION 7.55.22 SUBSECTIONS 1 & 2 OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE WITHOUT THE ASSOCIATED FEES FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND SECTION 7.55.22 SUBSECTIONS 1 & 2 OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE WITHOUT THE ASSOCIATED FEES FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 2009. ALDERMAN STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO SET A PROPERTY CLEANUP HEARING DATE FOR 410 BRYANT ST.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO SET A HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR PROPERTY CLEANUP AT 410 BRYANT ST. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER

WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO PAY APPLICATION #2 TO ADVANCED BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,753.90 FOR WORK DONE ON THE CONCESSION STAND/PRESSBOX.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLAYTON MADE A MOTION TO PAY APPLICATION #2 TO ADVANCE BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,753.90 UPON CERTIFICATION OF BILL RODGERS. ALDERMAN RUNNELS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER HIRING WENDY LAMPTON AS PAYROLL CLERK.

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO HIRE A PAYROLL CLERK.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT WENDY LAMPTON BE HIRED AS PAYROLL CLERK AT A RATE OF \$13.46 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDER. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER HIRING ANDREW DAVIS AS PART TIME POLICE OFFICER.

ORDER

WHEREAS THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL DEEM IT NECESSARY TO HIRE A PART TIME POLICE OFFICER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT ANDREW DAVIS BE HIRED AS PART TIME POLICE OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$9.66 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE 9/02/09.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN HINTON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDER. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER APPOINTING BRIAN TOWNSEND AS FIRE CHIEF.

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF PETAL DEEM IT NECESSARY
TO APPOINT A FIRE CHIEF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT BRIAN TOWNSEND
BE APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF AT A SALARY OF
\$45,000 ANNUALLY EFFECTIVE SEPT. 23, 2009.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLAYTON MADE A MOTION ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDER. ALDERMAN RUNNELS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER HIRING TRUMAINE HARDGES AS FIREFIGHTER.

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF PETAL DEEM IT NECESSARY TO HIRE
A FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT TRUMAINE HARDGES
BE HIRED AS PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER AT
A RATE OF \$8.71 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE SEPT. 6, 2009.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDER. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT "A"

ORDINANCE 2009-120

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX PRESENTED A REQUEST TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION PARTNERING WITH THE U. S. CENSUS BUREAU.

EXHIBIT "B"
PROCLAMATION

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

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO CLEAR THE ROOM IN ORDER TO DECIDE IF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS NEEDED. ALDERMAN CLAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR MARX REOPENED THE MEETING.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS. ALDERMAN HINTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALDERMAN DUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON
TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALDERMAN RUNNELS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE"

DAVID CLAYTON

TONY DUCKER
WILLIE HINTON
JAMES RUNNELS
STEVE STRINGER

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY"

NONE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF PETAL WAS ADJOURNED, THIS THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.


MAYOR HAL MARX

SEAL

ATTEST:


MELISSA MARTIN, CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING TO ESTABLISH
AN ADVISORY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE
AUTHORITY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen believe that it is in the best interest of the City of Petal for there to be a body of appointed citizens to devote their time and efforts on behalf of the City of Petal and to the park and recreation amenities offered to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen consider that the representation for the City of Petal can best be expressed by a diversified group that fully represents whenever possible all the wards in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to have sufficient oversight to ensure the harmonious and efficient operation for all of the functions and employees of the City of Petal; now

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Definitions:

(a) Advisory Parks and Recreation Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission) is an advisory body that is created by the powers vested in the Board of Aldermen as the governing authority of the City of Petal that oversees and advises the Board of Aldermen as to the budget revenues and expenditures, operations, programs, and short and long term planning for the park and recreation activities and facilities for the city.

(b) Governing authority is the Board of Aldermen for the City of Petal, Mississippi.

(c) The City is the City of Petal, Mississippi.

Section II. Purpose

To provide for an oversight and advisory body that will efficiently and effectively manage and guide the development of the park and recreation amenities that are offered to the citizens and residents of the City of Petal in cooperation and in conjunction with the other departments and functions of the City of Petal.

Section III. Appointments

Appointments of the Commission members shall be made by the Board of Aldermen and shall be whenever possible representative of each of the four (4) wards within the City. Each alderman shall nominate one (1) member each for approval by the Board of Aldermen. In addition, the Mayor shall nominate one member for the approval of the Board of Aldermen to serve as Chairperson of the Commission. The Chairperson will vote only in the event of a tie vote by the other members. Any member appointed must be a

of Aldermen such improvements and such maintenance as may be necessary for the safety and use of the facilities and grounds for the residents and guests of the City of Petal. They are also authorized to recommend to the Board of Aldermen revenue producing events and programs involving the recreational grounds and facilities of the City, and to participate in the planning, organization, and operation of such events and programs as authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

Nothing in this ordinance should be construed to grant the Commissioners power or authority to direct any action of the Director of the City Recreation Department, or its employees.

Section VIII. Reports

The Commission shall report annually, or periodically upon request of either the Board of Aldermen or the Commission, to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City all their doings, and shall make an annual recommendation as to the programs and park functions for the coming year. They may make any recommendations which they may have for the further development of such parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities.

Section IX. Compensation

Members of the Park Commission shall serve without compensation.

Section X. Severability

(a) Severability. Should any section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, this act shall not affect the validity of any other section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance.

All provisions of this ordinance shall be considered separate provisions, and completely severable from all other portions.

(b) Conflict. In any case where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the City of Petal, Mississippi, existing on the effective date of the ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall take precedence.

(c) Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

(d) Publicity. The City Clerk is instructed to publish this ordinance one time in the Hattiesburg American and the Petal News newspapers, and to obtain proof of publication thereof. The City Clerk is also instructed to publish this ordinance on the City of Petal website.

Section XI. Adoption and Certification

The above and forgoing Ordinance, having been reduced to writing, the same was introduced and read and a vote was taken thereon, first section by section, and then on the Ordinance as a whole, with the following results:

current resident and qualified elector of the City at the appointment and during incumbency. To be appointed to the Commission, a person must have been a resident of the City for one (1) year prior to appointment.

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In the event an Alderman fails to successfully nominate and have appointed a new Commission member within sixty (60) days after a vacancy occurs, then the Board of Aldermen shall nominate qualified applicants and appoint a member to the Commission within thirty (30) days.

Section IV. Terms

The terms of office of the new commissioners, authorized to be elected hereunder shall be: Ward 1 Commissioner, one (1) for one (1) year, with expiration of term on September 30, 2010; Ward 2 Commissioner, one (1) for one (1) year, with expiration of term on September 30, 2010; Ward 3 Commissioner, one (1) for one (1) year, with expiration of term on September 30, 2010; Ward 4 Commissioner, one (1) for two (2) years with expiration of term on September 30, 2011; At-Large Commissioner, one (1) for two (2) years with expiration of term on September 30, 2011; Chairperson, one (1) for two (2) years with expiration of term on September 30, 2011; and thereafter the term of each Commissioner shall be for two years.

Section V. Removal of Members

Any member of the Commission who is absent from four (4) of the regular meetings of the Commission in any year (July 1-June 30), for any reason other than illness, shall automatically vacate his/her seat on the Commission. The governing authority shall have the power to remove any member of the Commission for inefficiency or incompetency, or for any other cause.

Section VI. Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled within sixty (60) days from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy.

Section VII. Powers and Duties

The Commissioners shall have the authority to adopt bylaws for the holding and conducting of their meetings. All meetings shall be noticed on the City's website and open to the public, and shall not be scheduled to occur at the same time as any regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen or Planning Commission meeting.

The Commissioners are authorized to make such recommendations to the Board of Aldermen regarding such other regulations as they may deem necessary for the safe, economic, and efficient management of such parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities, programs, and events, and for the providing of wholesome and healthful recreation to all citizens of the City of Petal. The commissioners are authorized to recommend such positions and expenditures as may be necessary to maintain the said parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities, programs, and events efficiently, and effectively. They are authorized to recommend to the Board

Those present and voting on the passage, adoption, and approval of Section I through Section XI of the foregoing Ordinance:

David Clayton Voted: Aye
Tony Ducker Voted: Aye
Willie Hinton Voted: Aye
James Runnels Voted: Aye
Steve Stringer Voted: Aye

Those present and voting on the passage, adoption, and approval of the foregoing Ordinance as a whole:

David Clayton Voted: Aye
Tony Ducker Voted: Aye
Willie Hinton Voted: Aye
James Runnels Voted: Aye
Steve Stringer Voted: Aye

WHEREUPON the foregoing Ordinance be and the same is hereby passed, adopted, and approved on this the 1 day of Sept, A.D., 2009 at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

Hal Marx
Hal Marx, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Melissa Martin
Melissa Martin, City Clerk



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

2010 Census Partner Proclamation

WHEREAS an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

WHEREAS more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

WHEREAS census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

WHEREAS the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

Now, therefore, we PROCLAIM that City of Petal
is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in Petal to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this 2 day of September in the year 2009

Hal Marx
Signature

Mayor
Title

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