

Minutes of December 22, 2009
Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Be it remembered that a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun and held at 4:30 o'clock p.m., Tuesday the 22nd day of December, 2009, and the same being the time, date and place fixed by order of the Mayor in accordance with the Laws of the State of Mississippi and ordinance of the City of Long Beach for holding said special meeting.

There were present and in attendance on said board and at the special meeting the following named persons: Mayor William Skellie, Jr., Aldermen Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr., Gary J. Ponthieux, Ronnie Hammons, Jr., Carolyn J. Anderson, City Clerk Rebecca E. Schruff, and James C. Simpson, Jr.

Alderman Bernie Parker, Kaye H. Couvillon and Mark Lishen were absent the special meeting.

There being a quorum present sufficient to transact the business of this special meeting, the following proceedings were had and done.

Alderman Carrubba made motion seconded by Alderman Anderson and unanimously carried to spread the Order and Notice of Special Meeting upon the minutes of this meeting in words and figures as follows:

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr. - At-Large
Gary J. Ponthieux - Ward 1
Bernie Parker - Ward 2
Kaye H. Couvillon - Ward 3
Ronnie Hammons, Jr. - Ward 4
Mark E. Lishen - Ward 5
Carolyn J. Anderson - Ward 6



WILLIAM SKELLIE, JR.
MAYOR

CITY CLERK
TAX COLLECTOR
Rebecca E. Schruff

CITY ATTORNEY
James C. Simpson, Jr.

CITY OF LONG BEACH
COUNTY OF HARRISON
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI:

GREETINGS:

THIS IS TO COMMAND YOU TO NOTIFY Mayor William Skellie, Jr., Aldermen Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr., Gary J. Ponthieux, Bernie Parker, Kaye H. Couvillon, Ronnie Hammons, Jr., Mark E. Lishen, Carolyn J. Anderson, City Clerk Rebecca E. Schruff and City Attorney James C. Simpson, Jr., all of the City of Long Beach, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen has been called and ordered to be held on Tuesday, December 22nd, 2009, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. at the Long Beach School District Central Office, 19148 Commission Road, Long Beach, Mississippi, for the purpose of transacting important business of the City of Long Beach, as follows;

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

And you are to have this Notice of Special Meeting then and there with the endorsement of its service on the above named officers and persons who could be found personally at least three (3) hours before the time and date fixed for the special meeting aforesaid.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day
of December, 2009.

William Skellie, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca E. Schruff, City Clerk

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CITY OF LONG BEACH
 COUNTY OF HARRISON
 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

I HAVE THIS DAY PERSONALLY SERVED THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS THAT COULD BE FOUND WITH NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AT LEAST THREE (3) HOURS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME FIXED FOR HOLDING SAID MEETING.

NAME	DATE	TIME
<i>Richard E. Seely</i>	12-22-09	12:35pm
<i>Ronald E. Harrison Jr.</i>	12-22-09	12:49 PM
<i>Kaye H. Couvillon by Richard E. Seely</i>	12-22-09	1:06 pm
<i>Leonard Caputo by Richard E. Seely</i>	12-22-09	1:17 pm
<i>William J. Lishen</i>	12-22-09	1:18 pm
<i>[Signature]</i>	12-22-09	1:42 pm
<i>Carly [Signature]</i>	12-22-09	1:55

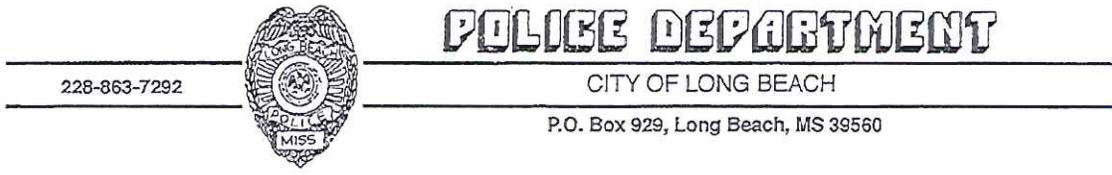
[Signature]
 WAYNE MCDOWELL, CHIEF OF POLICE

BY: *[Signature]*
 POLICE OFFICER

The Clerk further reported that Alderman Mark Lishen and City Attorney James C. Simpson were notified verbally and by e-mail and responded that they could not attend; Alderman Kaye H. Couvillon was notified via telephone, however, was out of town and unable to attend, stating that she could attend via telephone if necessary; and voice mail messages were left for Alderman Bernie Parker at home and work, in addition to e-mail communications and attempts by Police Officer Kenneth Lassabe for personal service, to no avail.

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There came on for consideration a letter from Police Chief Wayne McDowell, as follows:



Date: December 22, 2009
To: Thomas Blackburn
SUBJECT: TERMINATION

Effective Tuesday, December 22, 2009 you are relieved of your employment with the Long Beach Police Department due to your actions during your tour of duty on December 21, 2009 (violating Department Policy #2.10, section 5, subsection B, part 10e "Conduct Unbecoming").

You are to return all Police Department equipment and property to Sgt. Plavidal as soon as possible, before your final pay check will be released.



Wayne McDowell
Chief of Police

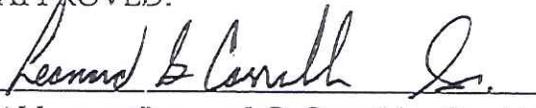
Cc: Mayor William Skellie, Jr.
Civil Service Commission
Ms. Becky Schruff for Board of Alderman
Ms. Stacey Dahl - Payroll Clerk
Assistant Chief Bass
Commander Seal
Sgt. Plavidal
Personal File

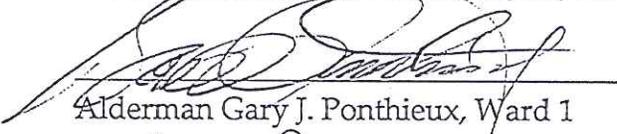
Chief McDowell answered questions and provided additional information. After considerable discussion, Alderman Ponthieux made motion seconded by Alderman Anderson and unanimously carried to sustain the action of Chief McDowell, authorizing the termination Police Officer Thomas Blackburn effective immediately, all as set forth above.

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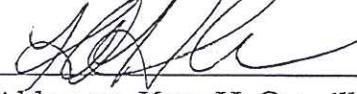
There being no further business allowed under the Order and Notice of Special Meeting, Alderman Carrubba made motion seconded by Alderman Anderson and unanimously carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting in due course.

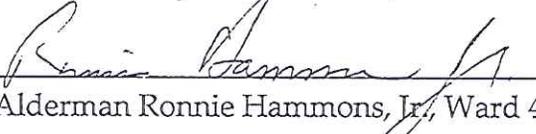
APPROVED:


Alderman Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr., At-Large

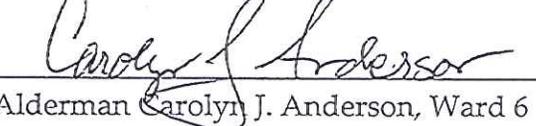

Alderman Gary J. Ponthieux, Ward 1

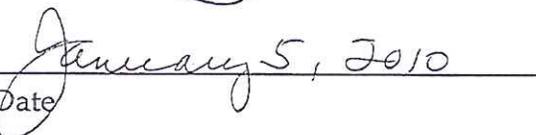

Alderman Bernie Parker, Ward 2


Alderman Kaye H. Couvillon, Ward 3


Alderman Ronnie Hammons, Jr., Ward 4

Alderman Mark E. Lisher, Ward 5


Alderman Carolyn J. Anderson, Ward 6


Date

ATTEST:


Rebecca E. Schuff, City Clerk