

**SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011, AT 11:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a special call meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., as per the following notice:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Councilmen of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of said City to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011, in City Hall for the purpose of discussion of Legislative Redistricting.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Joe Abston
Joe Abston, Councilman Ward 3

/s/ Frank Corder
Frank Corder, Councilman Ward 4

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, a police officer of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, certify that I personally delivered a duplicate of the notice on the reverse side hereof at the time and date indicated to each member of the City Council.

TO: Councilman Joe Abston
1306 Gallery
Pascagoula, MS 39581

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Councilman Frank Corder
2403 King Avenue
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Councilman Jim Milstead
610 11th Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Mayor Robbie Maxwell
3709 Quinn Drive
Pascagoula, MS 39581

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Councilman Robert Stallworth, Sr.
4207 N. Market Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Councilman Harold Tillman, Jr.
5208 Bay Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

TO: Councilman George Wolverton, Sr.
3721 Warwick St.
Pascagoula, MS 39581

Delivered at _____ on the 8th day of March, 2011

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Abston called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Abston
Councilman Frank Corder
Councilman Harold Tillman, Jr.
Councilman George L. Wolverton, Sr.

Acting City Manager/City Attorney Eddie Williams
Asst. City Clerk Brenda J. Reed

Mayor Robert H. Maxwell was absent.
Councilman Jim Milstead was absent.
Councilman Robert Stallworth, Sr. was absent
City Clerk/Comptroller Robert J. Parker was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Abston welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was recited before the commencing of business.

Eddie Williams, City Attorney, and Councilman Corder discussed the proposed Resolution regarding the legislative redistricting with the Council. Several members in the audience also made comments. The proposed Resolution is spread on the minutes as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
TO REJECT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE JOINT
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE PLANS**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2011, the Mississippi House of Representatives passed a Joint Resolution to Reapportion the House of Representatives (J.R. 1), which provides in part that the citizens of Pascagoula will be divided among three legislative districts by voting precincts (or portions thereof) as follows:

House District 110: Arlington, Chicot A, Fair, Pinecrest part;

House District 111: American Legion, Arlington A, Chicot, Eastlawn, Fair A, Fair B, Girl Scout, Girl Scout A, Nazarene, Pinecrest part, Pinecrest A, Presbyterian, Presbyterian A, Presbyterian B, Sacred Heart;

House District 112: North Pascagoula; and

WHEREAS, under these proposed House Districts the representation of the citizens in Pascagoula will be diluted and marginalized with Pascagoula residents comprising only 26.5% of House District 110 and 3% of House District 112; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Mississippi Senate reapportionment plan will divide the citizens of Pascagoula among two Senate districts by voting precincts (or portions thereof) as follows:

Senate District 51: Arlington, Arlington A, Chicot, Chicot A, Fair, Girl Scout, Girl Scout A, North Pascagoula, Pinecrest, Pinecrest A

Senate District 52: American Legion, Eastlawn, Fair A, Fair B, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Presbyterian A, Presbyterian B, Sacred Heart; and

WHEREAS, under these proposed Senate Districts the representation of the citizens in Pascagoula will be diluted and marginalized with Pascagoula residents comprising only 22.5% of Senate District 51 and 15% of Senate District 52; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi believes that there is a commonality of interests among the citizens of the City which favors representation of such citizens by a single Representative and a single Senator; and

WHEREAS, the City Council fears that the reapportionment proposed in both chambers of the legislature would effectively dilute the voting strength of a large segment of the City's population by causing such citizens to be drawn into a district comprised almost entirely of citizens outside of the City of Pascagoula; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has serious concerns that the proposed reapportionment will lead to a significant amount of voter confusion as a result of the proposed division of House and Senate voting precincts, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi finds and determines that the proposed reapportionment, particularly the new district lines drawn through the City of Pascagoula in House Districts 110 and 112 and Senate Districts 51 and 52, is not in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Pascagoula:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi that the City of Pascagoula strongly encourages the Mississippi State Legislature to reject the House of Representatives and Senate Joint Reapportionment Committee plans as presented, or any other plans that would have the same effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Haley Barbour, Lt. Governor Phil Bryant, House Speaker Billy McCoy, Senate Reapportionment Chair Terry Burton, House Reapportionment Chair Tommy Reynolds, and the entire Jackson County delegation.

The above Resolution was introduced by Councilman Corder, seconded for adoption by Councilman Tillman, and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "ABSENT". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Milstead "ABSENT", Corder "AYE", Tillman "AYE", Stallworth "ABSENT", and Wolverton "AYE". The Mayor Pro Tem Abston then declared the Resolution adopted on the 10th day of March, 2011.

Councilman Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Corder and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "ABSENT". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "ABSENT", Stallworth "ABSENT", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Abston - Mayor Pro Tem

Frank Corder, Councilman – Ward 4

Harold Tillman, Jr. – Councilman at Large

George Wolverton, Sr.-Councilman-Ward 2

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Reed, Asst. City Clerk