CITY COUNCILMAN MYRON LOWERY'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR 2008

JANUARY

Received overview of appointment process.

Amended Code of Ordinances to establish a Senior Property Tax Freeze.

Reviewed and voted on appointments for city directors.

Appropriated funds to renovate Douglass, Lester, Gooch, Pierotti and Willow pools.

Accepted funds from Shelby County for personnel re: Metropolitan Planning Org.

Accepted \$2,720,488 from TN Dept. of Labor WIA Title One Adult and Admin Services.

Accepted \$1,853,664 from TN Dept. of Labor WIA Title One Dislocated Worker Grant.

Approved the sale of the former Whitehaven Library property.

Received \$200,000 from Bartlett for books and materials for the Bartlett Branch Library.

Received \$40,000 from TN for Hollywood, Frayser, Randolph, Raleigh Branch Libraries.

Airport Authority 2007 Annual Report presented.

City of Memphis 2008 Legislative Package presented.

Accepted \$6,500 from TN Enhancement Program for patient simulator for Fire Services.

Updated on the exam process for Police Majors.

Discussed the elimination of the college requirement for police officers.

Appropriated \$300,000 for energy saving monitors and controls in City facilities.

Adopted ordinance prohibiting minors soliciting from rights of way.

Discussed traffic light at Third and Holmes.

Updated on the old police headquarters building.

Ericson Pyramid proposal presented

FEBRUARY

Added Lt. Ed Vidulich to the list of unsolved homicides available for reward program.

Amended the timing for permits on structures on a city street, sidewalk or right of way.

Appropriated \$526,000 to repair damaged pumper and aerial truck for Fire Services.

Received overview of park operations by Parks Division.

Amended Rules of Procedure making Community Enhancement a standing committee.

Approved resolution supporting the Operation Safe Community legislative agenda.

Approved resolution encouraging good faith negotiations during upcoming labor talks.

Accepted \$592,143 from Bureau of Justice Assistance for 2007 Justice Assistance Grant.

Accepted \$184,900 from TN Dept. of Military for the Buffer Zone Protection Program.

Approved lease to Riverside Park Marina to operate marina on McKellar Lake.

Amended operating budget to reflect expenditure shifts and reprioritization.

Authorized issuance and sale of commercial paper of the City of Memphis.

Authorized issuance of bonds of the City of Memphis to finance public works projects.

Received Operating Budget second quarter update.

Granted AOL Time Warner an extension of its franchise through 12/16/08.

Appropriated \$100,000 to upgrade police precincts to allow radio frequency fueling.

Accepted \$3 million from TN for improvements for the expansion of Nucor Steel facility.

Requested Administration to submit Request For Qualifications from developers desiring to develop The Pyramid and Mud Island sites.

Accepted \$42,660 for court advocacy and support to victims of sexual/domestic violence.

Amended zoning ord. that loss of license/permit for 365 days ends nonconforming use.

Proposed settlement of MLGW class action lawsuit presented.

Bass Pro Agreement presented.

Commended Mr. Stevie Moore of F.F.U.N. (Freedom From Unnecessary Negatives) Honored the Craigmont Middle School Basketball Team 07-08, 2008 State Champions.

MARCH

Amended the living wage rate for Memphis part-time/temporary employees to \$12/hr.

Reinstated the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

Appropriated \$522,708 to purchase defibrillators/monitors for Fire Services.

Discussed recruitment of police officers.

Conveyed 2 WWII vehicles to the Mid-South Military Museum.

Accepted funds from Dept of Economic & Community Development for Nucor Steel.

Appropriated funds to address demolition efforts related to aquatic facilities.

Appropriated \$352,000 for Liberty Bowl maintenance.

Appropriated \$174,000 in construction for tennis improvements.

Depot Redevelopment & Health, Education & Facilities 2007 Audits presented.

Memphis Zoo, Museums, Memphis Housing Authority 2007 Audits presented.

Accepted funds from TN Labor Workforce Dev. for WIA Incumbent Workers Services.

Authorized Airport Authority to issue bonds to refund outstanding bonds.

Amended Code of Ordinances to add an annual adjustment to the living wage.

Extended the moratorium on all applications for billboards until September 30, 2008.

Extended moratorium on applications for adult-oriented businesses and dance permits.

Tabled ordinance regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Discussed MLGW's credit policies.

Created a negotiating team to review offers relative to the future use of the Pyramid.

Established Joint Memphis and Shelby County Public Safety Commission.

Discussed resolution to combat root causes of crime.

Discussed offering benefits to City of Memphis part-time/temporary employees.

Memphis Fast Forward Quarterly Report presented.

Convention and Visitors Bureau 2007 Audit presented.

Riverfront Development Corporation and Center City Commission 2007 Audit presented.

City of Memphis 2007 Annual Report and Audit presented.

Updated on the intersection of Third Street and Holmes Road.

Communication system which allows anonymous reporting by students presented.

Discussed Memphis City Schools' accountability plan, budget concerns & recommendations.

Discussed school safety and Memphis Police versus school police force.

Designated March as American Red Cross month.

Honored Snowden Middle School Girls Basketball Team, 2008 West TN State Champs.

APRIL

Accepted TDOT funds for traffic signal system to help relieve traffic congestion.

Appropriated funds for the purchase of traffic signals and clean-up.

Appropriated \$434,975 to purchase one pumper for the Division of Fire Services.

Accepted \$1,034,280 to reducing violent crime in areas identified through Blue CRUSH.

Accepted \$1,137,600 from TN for in-service training 1,896 commissioned officers.

Discussed recruitment of additional police officers.

Accepted \$17,642,491 federal funds to FY09 Housing and Community Dev. budget.

Accepted \$309,924 from HUD for Shelter Plus care grant to continue rental assistance.

Authorized issuance, sale and delivery of bonds for financing and retiring bond notes.

Discussed the implementation of Phase 3 of Emergency Medical Services.

Discussed grant awarded to the Memphis Regional Design Center.

Honored Judith Drescher for dedicated service to the Public Library System.

Updated on the activities of the Pyramid Re-Use Committee.

Discussed the hiring and promotion process for Fire and Police Divisions.

Discussed police residency, root causes of crime and neighborhood watch programs.

Memphis Zoo and the Botanic Gardens Annual Reports presented.

Discussed upgrades to the Liberty Bowl.

Appropriated \$194,915 for a construction contract to install handicap ramps.

Appropriated \$516,258 for the widening of the street at New Frayser Boulevard.

Received \$678,000 TDEC funds for RR tracks to support new Riviana Foods facility.

Memphis & Shelby County Port Commission 2007 Audit presented.

Industrial Development Board quarterly update presented.

Approved initiative by MLGW to help low-income customers use less energy and water.

Discussed alternative schools, discipline and graduation rates for city schools.

Commemorated April 4th, Anniversary of the Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Discussed Memphis City Schools' budget and accountability.

Congratulated University of Memphis Tigers Men's Basketball Team on a legendary year.

Thanked Kingsbury High School's Peace Jam Committee for efforts to promote peace.

May

Discussed pension for AFSCME employees.

Allocated funds to enhance emergency preparedness and response personnel.

Accepted \$350,000 from Office of Justice for Internet Crimes Against Children Initiative.

Appropriated \$23,600 for repairs associated with Lichterman Water Remediation project.

Accepted state funds for enhancements for various community centers.

Appropriated \$58,000 for various upgrades and renovations to City Hall.

Accepted \$340,000 for operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Established the MLGW Division in lieu of tax payment to the City FY09.

Approved the FY09 Budget for the Center City Commission.

Memphis City Schools 2007 Audit presented.

Updated on the audit of Beale Street Development Corporation / Performa Management.

Extended Uptown-Pinch Moratorium to 8/31/08 or until plans for rezoning are adopted.

Mayor's presentation regarding Memphis City Schools

Appropriated \$882,600 in-service training funds from TN for Fire Services.

Appropriated \$4,684,048 for Organized Crime Unit drug funds for FY09.

Updated on the Fairgrounds.

Appropriated \$96,012 construction funds for Lincoln School Park.

Requested an RFP be issued for naming rights of the Liberty Bowl Stadium.

Appropriated \$756,000.00 for locker room improvements at the Liberty Bowl.

MATA 2007 Audit presented.

Accepted \$120,000 Grant for the Summer Youth Employment Program and EMT training.

Approved resolution awarding contract for the purchase of trucks, vans and sedans.

Discussed MLGW's credit policies, bonding, Networx, gas purchasing and billing.

Approved documents re: Electric System Subordinate Rev Refunding Bonds, Series 2008.

Approved Honorary Street Name Change of Madison Avenue for Thomas Boggs.

Honored Memphis in May International Festival 2008 and Turkey, the country of honor.

June

Approved Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget for the City of Memphis; \$580,762,588.

Approved the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2008; \$240,984,098.

Approved the Memphis City Schools budget for 2008 – 2009 of \$849,787,568.

Reduced the tax rate of the City of Memphis for Fiscal Year 2009 from \$3.43 to \$3.25.

Transferred \$90,000 from Council to Attorney's office to cover Charter Com. legal fees.

Riverfront Development Corp's Riverfront Redevelopment Master Plan presented.

Discussed Memphis City Schools' request for \$1.7 million for Georgian Hills ADA project.

Allocated \$79,875 for convention center main hall cleaning and painting.

Approved resolution supporting the Preserve America Resolution for Victorian Village, Inc.

Discussed review of City-County shared responsibilities and 3rd party mgmt contracts.

Accepted \$50,500 TN and federal funds for books and materials for library services.

Discussed plan for city swimming pools.

Discussed management agreement for SMG for Liberty Bowl Stadium and Fairgrounds.

City Courts Presentation by Judge Sugarmon.

<u>July</u>

Appropriated \$655,667 to purchase one aerial truck for the Division of Fire Services.

Authorized execution and delivery of gas system revenue anticipation notes for MLGW.

Discussed SUP waiver process and forms.

Discussed transfer of hiring process of police officers to the Human Resources Division.

Discussed council approval of deputy directors appointed by the Mayor.

Discussed council approval of all city contracts of \$100,000 and above.

Authorized acquisition of property for improvement of Cedar Creek sewer extension.

Appropriated \$832,769 for a contract to provide service to an unsewered area.

Mid-South Peace and Justice Center Presentation.

Authorized HCD to award \$832,769 for community, business and economic programs.

Approved MLGW salaries for the position of attorney, level III and general counsel.

Dr. Kriner Cash, Memphis City Schools Superintendent introduced to Council.

Accepted \$1,667,402 from TDOT for coordinated traffic signal project.

Accepted \$6,000 from the TN Historical Commission for mentoring program/training.

Accepted \$2,900 from TN Historical Com. for 2008 National Conference.

Walk Tennessee Presentation.

Discussed residency requirements and non-residency payroll fees.

August

Accepted \$383,218 from TN Dept of Labor, WIA Title One Youth Services Grant.

Accepted \$59,340 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Adult Services Grant.

Accepted \$76,242 from TN Dept of Labor for Dislocated Workers Services Grant.

Discussion of criminal background checks and related hiring standards for lifeguards.

Citizens to Preserve Overton Park Presentation.

Appropriated \$2,300,480 for construction at various fire stations throughout the city.

Accepted \$1,000,929 from Homeland Security for readiness funding of TN Task Force One.

Accepted \$300,000 from Office of Justice for Internet Crimes against Children Initiative.

Discussed the red light camera RFP Report.

Study of crime patterns and the HOPE VI Project Presentation.

Appropriated \$1,140,000 for integration of data systems for a common repository of data.

Appropriated \$375,000 for treasury system upgrade to replace the obsolete system.

Revised MLGW credit policies presented.

Discussed MLGW disconnect and reconnect fees.

Ad Hoc Committee for MCS Parents Assembly Presentation.

Extended moratorium adult-oriented businesses and dance permits until March 1, 2009.

Discussed referendum ordinance for Charter Commission items.

Amended CIP fund for construction of restroom facility in Martin Luther King Park.

Accepted \$50,000 from Shelby Co for Memphis & Shelby Co Music Com. expenditures.

Discussed the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board.

Amended the taxicab fuel surcharge.

Adopted ordinance allowing beer sales to-go by brewpubs.

Discussed preliminary FY2008 financial results.

Discussed agreement between the City of Memphis, Tennessee and Board of Ed of MCS.

JIFF Presentation.

Approved acquisition of easements for road improvements at Malone and Holmes Road.

Appropriated \$24,000 for engineering portion of drainage costs-Kirby Pkwy/Walnut Grove.

Appropriated \$233,495. to study improvements @ E. Presley Blvd from Brooks to Shelby.

Appropriated \$71,000 from TN Dept of Health for Mphs Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Reviewed resolution regarding election of City Council Vice Chairman.

Approved the agreement between the City and the Board of Education of MCS.

Thanked Chairman Scott McCormick for his service as a City Councilman.

Approved resolution commemorating the life of Isaac Hayes.

September

Updated on city employee background checks.

Discussed resolution to add additional resources in the effort to combat crime.

Appropriated \$380,000 to Organized Crime Unit-Interstate Criminal Interdiction Task Force.

Accepted \$625,000 from DA's office for fire fighting turnouts/protective ensembles.

Accepted \$100,000 from DA's office for Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN).

Accepted \$7,000 from TN Dept of Military EMA for hazmat training and exercises.

Appropriated \$2,204,925 for airmask units, three pumpers, defibrillator/monitors for fire services.

Approved resolution discouraging police brutality.

Accepted \$1,142,088 from TDOT for coordinated traffic signal system on Lamar Avenue.

Appropriated \$3,791,089 to replace curbs, gutters, sidewalks, etc. in various locations.

Appropriated \$940,000 for the purchase of equipment used for traffic signals.

Authorized acquisition of property for improvement of Cedar Creek sewer extension.

Reestablished the City Hall Recycling Committee.

Received Mississippi River Greenbelt Park property from Shelby County.

Appropriated \$300,000 to replace obsolete equipment on city workstations/servers.

Approved option agreement for possible lease of property in Pidgeon Industrial Park.

Lighthouse Mission Ministries Presentation.

Discussed resolution on Council receipt of quarterly reports on contracts over \$100,000.

Extended moratorium on billboard construction permits until March 31, 2009.

Aerotropolis/Memphis Fast Forward Presentation.

Appropriated \$2.5 million to continue participation in Operation Safe Community.

Accepted \$473,603 from TN Dept of Labor for adult/dislocated workers grant.

Received report on inventory removed from the Pyramid.

Appropriated funds for Liberty Bowl Stadium Improvements.

Discussed acquisition and renovation of the Hickory Ridge Mall for satellite offices.

Discussed resolution approving release and settlement of claims by Joseph Lee, III.

Discussed bond issue for Memphis City Schools.

Bass Pro Presentation.

Elected Jack Sammons as the interim council member for District 9, Position 1.

Honored the Mid South Food Bank in recognition of Hunger Action Month.

Commended Muhammad A. Ayesh for his heroism in rescuing a citizen from an accident.

October

Discussed issues regarding temporary employees.

Adopted resolution urging police administration to develop a plan to assist officers in distress.

Adopted resolution for Library's fiber-optic network and updating hardware to branches.

Appropriated funds to repair and rehabilitate damaged sanitary sewer pipe.

Appropriated funds to install ADA curb ramps.

Housing and Community Development quarterly update received.

Recommendations for the Ethics Office presented.

MPD Recruitment and Hiring Support Task Force Presentation.

Discussed the Council Rules of Procedure regarding expenditures.

Congratulated Fred Jones on a successful Southern Heritage Classic weekend.

Discussed issues regarding City contractors and consultants.

Appropriated funds in furniture, fixtures and equipment for various fire stations.

Approved completion of plans/taking of bids for Parkways maintenance and renovations.

Appropriated funds for the irrigation system for Crockett Golf Course.

Approved completion of plans/taking of bids for Countrywood Park Improvements.

Approved completion of plans/taking of bids for King Riverside restrooms.

Accepted \$33,333 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Rapid Response Fund.

Accepted \$43,175 from TN Dept of Labor WIA Title One Rapid Response Fund.

Accepted \$1,667 from TN of Labor for WIA Title One Statewide Activities Fund.

Accepted \$1,421 from TN of Labor for WIA Title One Statewide Activities Fund.

Accepted \$2,159 from TN of Labor for WIA Title One Statewide Activities Fund.

Appropriated funds for the repair of a drainage culvert on Central Station property.

Approved MATA resolution requesting local funds for the purchase of 10 replacement buses.

Approved MATA resolution requesting local funds for purchase of 15 paratransit buses.

Approved MATA resolution requesting local funds for the purchase of service vehicles.

Approved MATA resolution re: funds for feasibility study on operation/maintenance facility.

Approved MATA resolution appropriating funds for costs of radio system replacement.

Reinstated the Utility Assistance Program in the amount of \$2 million.

Appropriated \$2.4 million to MCS for funding of Literacy Corp and summer reading.

MPD Recruitment and Hiring Support Task Force Presentation.

Honored the life of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Joyce Sneed.

Met with County Commission regarding Pyramid, 911 Call Center, and Health Department.

November

Welcomed newly elected District 9, Position 1 Councilman Kemp Conrad.

Discussed the Disparity Study.

Discussed issues regarding temporary city employees.

Appropriated \$655,667 to purchase one aerial truck for fire services.

Accepted \$777,698 from Governor's Highway Safety Office-TDOT.

Accepted \$158,847 from Governor's Highway Safety Office-TDOT.

Accepted \$20,000 from Governor's Highway Safety Office-TDOT.

Accepted \$72,418 from DA's office for FY08 Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

Accepted \$692,000 from TN Dept of Military – EMA Agency for Buffer Zone Plans.

Discussed the Police Hiring Task Force recommendations.

Defeated resolution to allow police officers to reside within 20 miles of Shelby County line.

Updated on Charjean Park.

Approved actuarial funding to MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund for 2008 Plan Year.

Approved increasing minimum benefit multiplier to MLGW Retirement and Pension System.

Approved the 2009 MLGW Electric, Gas and Water Operating and Capital Budgets.

Discussed resolution approving release and settlement of claims by Joseph Lee, III.

Amended 2009 budget to appropriate \$2.5M surplus to MLGW for utility assistance program.

Accepted \$40,000 federal funds in Div of Engineering for transportation planning activities.

Appropriated \$500,000 to City Hall improvements for security upgrades.

Appropriated \$28,424.00 from TN Dept of Labor for WIA Title One Rapid Response Fund.

Approved lease (rental of \$40,000 for first 5 years) with T E Products Pipeline Co.

Adopted 2003 edition of the International Code Council Residential Building Code.

Accepted \$42,500 from TN Historical Commission for required survey.

Approved lease (rental of \$40,000 for first 5 years) with Valero MKS Logistics, LLC.

Approved Honorary street name change from Auction Avenue to A.W. Willis Avenue.

Fairgrounds Redevelopment Plan Presentation.

Created the Memphis and Shelby County Public Safety Commission.

Transferred \$1M relating to RFP, negotiations, contracts and transitions for outsourcing IT.

Appropriated \$1,240,623 for ADA handicap curb ramps group 37, 38 and 39.

Authorized sale of property at Hale and Tillman, Tchulahoma and 698 Looney.

Authorized sale of property at 935, 955, 965, 963, 953, 947 and 943 Leath.

Updated on the First Tee project.

Discussed of FY2009 1st quarter operating budget forecast.

Waived taxes for Arkwings Foundation, a 501(c)(3)charity at 2690-2692 Woodlawn Terrace.

Discussed University Neighborhoods Dev. Corp. request for Neighborhood Overlay District.

Housing Foreclosure Plan Presentation.

Approved Harold Collins to serve as city council vice chairman for 2009.

Approved Myron Lowery to serve as city council chairman for 2009.

Discussed the Police Hiring Task Force recommendations.

Appropriated \$310,000 for the purchase of 10 replacement buses for MATA.

Appropriated \$465,000 for the purchase of 15 paratransit buses for MATA.

Appropriated \$56,500 for the purchase of service vehicles for MATA.

Appropriated \$95,000 for construction costs for MATA at the South Intermodal Terminal.

Presented the 2008 Humanitarian Award to Coach Larry Finch.

December

Discussed with Sheriff Luttrell having Shelby County Deputies patrol in Memphis.

Discussed CrimeStoppers.

Approved the completion of plans, specifications and bids for police academy renovations.

Approved the completion of plans, specifications and bids for Crump Station.

Appropriated \$39,775 for convention center overhaul to refurbish 7 critical HVAC pumps.

Approved lease agreement (\$136.15 per acre) with DeLine Farms Partnership.

Appropriated \$900,000 for Oracle Human Resource Management System Position Control.

Appropriated \$1,500,000 for the traffic violation system.

Appropriated \$250,000 in construction funds for zoo major maintenance.

Defeated resolution approving release and settlement of claims by Joseph Lee, III.

Discussed recommendation from Financial Agreements Ad hoc Committee.

Discussed the City of Memphis 2009 legislative package.

Discussed a buyout proposal to reduce personnel expenditures.

Discussed resolution implementing police recruitment strategies.

Discussed police hiring and returned this process to city's HR department.

Waived repayment from Library Foundation in lieu of direct payments made to vendors.

Amended Living Wage Ordinance to change the reporting requirements for small businesses.

Discussed ordinance to provide for minimum energy efficiency in rental property.

Approved amendment to MLGW retirement and pension system to incorporate HEART Act.

Discussed ban of plastic shopping bags at parades, festivals and other public assemblies.

Approved Honorary Street Name Change of Olive Street for Rev. Van Ford, Jr.

Appropriated \$2.4M to MCS to assist with Literacy Corp & Summer Reading Clinic.

Received report on Homeland Security meeting.

Discussed the sale of property recommended by the Division of HCD.

Shelby Residential & Vocational Services (SRVS) Presentation.

Requested Human Resources and Police Services to provide incentives for police recruitment.