

**Fwd: FW: Special Meeting - Monday, May 9, 2016**

From: Melvin Priester

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Date: Sun, May 8, 2016 at 8:52 PM

Subject: Re: FW: Special Meeting - Monday, May 9, 2016

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Mr. Mayor,

I look forward to discussing both items on the agenda as scheduled, both the city budget and the public works contract matters, during the meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m.

-Mel

On Fri, May 6, 2016 at 7:37 PM, Tony T. Yarber <[tyarber@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:tyarber@city.jackson.ms.us)> wrote:

Mr. President, am I to understand that this budget information will take precedent over the original purpose for my request of this meeting? If so, I'll respectfully withdraw my meeting request and ask for a budget meeting at a separate time in order to give Finance an opportunity to refocus. You did make a request, but you also have requested a very keen focus on a work product that is reflective of the Enterprise Fund, as you noted on your Facebook post. Should we continue with your already set schedule for budget updates?

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)On Fri, May 6, 2016 at 12:41 PM -0700, "Melvin Priester.Jr." <[mpriester@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:mpriester@city.jackson.ms.us)> wrote:

Mr. Mayor:

In light of the uncertain financial condition of the City, there can be no meaningful discussion on upcoming contracts without first receiving a clear report on the status of the City's finances from you. We are halfway through FY16 and still have no audit for FY15 and we have not received any information about our current fund balance or general fund revenue. If you can provide a written report with the budget information that council members have repeatedly requested before Monday's meeting, that should expedite our discussion of all matters during the special meeting on May 9, 2016.

Melvin Priester, Jr., Ward 2

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**From:** Tony T. Yarber  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2016 5:28 PM  
**To:** Melvin Priester.Jr.  
**Cc:** Kristi Moore; Gus McCoy; Tamarra G.Butler; Jackie Anderson Woods; Michelle Battee-Day  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Special Meeting - Monday, May 9, 2016

Great day Mr. President,

We will be glad to address the additional items (questions) to the agenda, but I requested the Special meeting with the purpose of briefing the Council on specific projects. It appears as though this meeting is going in the direction of a budget meeting. I'll request that the meeting's original called purpose isn't lost as the meeting's priority. Thank you.

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On Thu, May 5, 2016 at 1:56 PM -0700, "Tamarra G.Butler" <[tbutler@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:tbutler@city.jackson.ms.us)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Below are the additional questions for Monday's Council briefing.

Thank you

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**From:** Tamara Jackson  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2016 3:50 PM  
**To:** Tamarra G.Butler  
**Cc:** Gus McCoy; Charles Tillman; Jean Liston  
**Subject:** Special Meeting - Monday, May 9, 2016

Good afternoon,

In preparation for the meeting Monday, Councilman Tillman would like a response to the following requests:

- Please confirm that the following persons will be in attendance Monday: Robbie Jones, Rick Hill and Michael Thomas.
- What role does each of the above referenced persons play in the budget process?
- The Council adopted a balance budget, but at some point something went wrong. When did the city first notice something was wrong with the budget?
- How is the City using the Internal Audit Division in this process?

Thank you for facilitating these requests.

Best regards,

**Tamara R. Jackson**

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