



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

September 4, 2025

AGENDA

10:00 AM

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. DISCUSSION: COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS**
- 2. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. (MALEMBEKA, HORHN)**

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**RESOLUTION BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND
ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-
2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the governing authorities of each municipality of the State of Mississippi shall, not later than September 15th of each year, prepare a complete budget of the municipal revenues, expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal year, and shall prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenues collected during the current year in said municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the statement of revenue and expenses shall show every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the budget and statement of revenue and expenses shall be published at least one (1) time during September in a newspaper published in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing authority of each municipality shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the public hearing shall be held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours and the advance notice shall include an announcement published or posted in the same manner as required for the final adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, on August 19th and 26th, 2025, a notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for the City of Jackson, MS, was advertised in The Clarion Ledger. Additionally, on August 21, 2025, another notice for the same hearing was also published in The Clarion Ledger; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearing was advertised for and held on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, as mandated by Section 21-35-9 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the proposed budget sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the proposed budget also sets out the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the

fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of official intent. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby declares its official intent to approve and adopt the Municipal Budget, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A," that sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

Section 2. Incidental action. The Mayor is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution. The City of Jackson shall not authorize any expenditure of money, and the city clerk shall not issue any warrant for the same, except for bonds, notes, debts, and interest, after October 1, unless and until this budget is finally approved, and such approval is entered upon the Jackson City Council minutes.

Economists: Trump policies slow growth

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump's aggressive economic policies will likely significantly slow U.S. growth and push up inflation but stop short of causing a recession or "stagflation" — the dire scenarios that forecasters envisioned before he took office, a report says.

"The totality of the policies does not push the economy to the brink of recession, but it significantly diminishes growth" during Trump's four-year term, said economist Justin Begley of Moody's Analytics.

He added, "It's not yet stagflation, but it's edging that way."

Stagflation is an economy characterized by high inflation, slow or stagnant growth, and high unemployment — an unusual and toxic cocktail. Typically, a sluggish economy leads to low inflation, allowing the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates to stimulate more borrowing and activity.

The Fed, however, faces a dilemma because lowering rates to bolster a softening labor market could further drive up inflation. Consumer price increases generally have eased substantially after a pandemic-related spike but recently edged higher, in part because of Trump's sweeping import levies.

His policies are imposing countervailing forces on the economy. Tax cuts and increased spending on border security and defense are set to juice growth. But those positive catalysts are expected to be more than offset by the tariffs, a historic immigration crackdown, layoffs of hundreds of thousands of federal workers, and big cuts to social services programs such as Medicaid and food stamps, Begley said.

Midyear recession forecast revised

During Trump's presidential race against former Vice President Kamala Harris last year, Moody's, among other research firms, predicted Trump's economic blueprint would spark a recession by mid-2025. Moody's has updated its forecast in part because the contours of his plan recently have become more clearly defined, Begley said.

"We have a better view where things are going," he said.

For example, high double-digit tariffs are in place for steel and aluminum, foreign cars and Chinese imports. And the White House has reached deals with trading partners such as Japan, South Korea, Vietnam and the United Kingdom that set tariffs at 10% to 20%.

Trump's deportations and constraints on Southern border crossings are well underway. And his huge budget bill, which he signed into law July 4, expanded his 2017 tax cuts, beefed up military and border security outlays, and slashed some entitlement spending.

Reversing post-pandemic gains

All told, Moody's projects Trump's policies will reduce economic growth by an average 0.4 percentage points annually — nearly half a point — during his term.



President Donald Trump speaks next to Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on July 24 in Washington. The Fed faces a dilemma because lowering rates to bolster the labor market could further drive up inflation. KENT NISHIMURA/REUTERS

That would leave the economy expanding an average 1.7% annually over the four years, with growth bottoming out at 1.4% next year and peaking at 2.2% in 2028.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 1.2% the first half of 2025. It's projected to grow at slightly less than a 1% pace in the second half, according to economists surveyed by Wolters Kluwer Blue Chip Economic Indicators.

By contrast, the economy averaged 2.3% growth the decade after the Great Recession of 2007-2009 and 3.5% during former President Joe Biden's term. The latter, however, included unusually strong gains as the nation emerged from the pandemic recession. In 2024, Biden's last year in office, the economy grew a healthy 2.8%.

Growth had been expected to downshift no matter who won the 2024 election as a post-COVID-19 surge in consumer demand petered out, Americans depleted government pandemic aid and other government stimulus measures faded.

But by the end of Trump's term in 2029, the economy will be 1.3% smaller than if his policies had not been enacted, Begley wrote in a report. Also, the unemployment rate is expected to peak at 4.7% in 2027 before falling to 4.4% by the time Trump leaves office. Without his policies, unemployment would broadly hold steady at about 4% and there would be about 885,000 additional jobs, Moody's said.

Trump's policies similarly are poised to push up inflation by an average of nearly half a percentage point a year. That would leave annual inflation averaging

2.6% during Trump's term and peaking at 3.1% in 2026, based on the Commerce Department's personal consumption expenditures price index. Inflation then would decline and nearly reach the Fed's 2% goal in 2028, the last year of his term.

Absent the president's policies, inflation would achieve the Fed's target next year, Begley's analysis shows.

Effects of tariffs, deportations

Tariffs, by far, represent both the biggest drag on growth and the largest contributor to inflation, Begley said. Companies are expected to pass most of the costs of the duties to consumers, driving up prices. And that's expected to sap their buying power and reduce consumption, which makes up 70% of economic activity.

Without the tariffs, the net effects of Trump's policies on growth would be slightly positive, Begley said. The benefits of tax cuts and increased defense and border spending would outweigh the toll taken by the immigration crackdown, federal layoffs and cutbacks to Medicaid and food stamps, he said.

Another big hit comes from the deportations. Like the tariffs, the immigration crackdown is projected to both curtail growth and boost inflation. A reduced supply of workers in industries such as construction, agriculture and hospitality is expected to drive up wages and prices. And a smaller population of immigrants means less consumer spending.

Reeves backs deployment of National Guard to D.C.

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Gov. Tate Reeves has approved the deployment of hundreds of Mississippi National Guard members to Washington, D.C., in support of the President Donald J. Trump administration's federal crackdown on crime and homelessness — which was met with an outbreak of protests.

Reeves issued a statement on Monday, Aug. 18, stating approximately 200 members of the Mississippi National Guard will be deployed "to support President Trump's effort to return law and order to our nation's capital."

"Crime is out of control there, and it's clear something must be done to combat it," Reeves said. "Americans deserve a safe capital city that we can all be proud of. I know the brave men and women of our Na-

tional Guard will do an excellent job enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement."

According to USA Today, other governors who have announced deployments include West Virginia, South Carolina and Ohio. West Virginia Gov. Patrick Morrisey deployed 300 to 400 National Guard troops to D.C., South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster responded to a Pentagon request by announcing that 200 of his state's National Guard troops would be sent and Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said he would send 150 military police members.

The deployments come as protesters resisted the presence of federal law enforcement and National Guard troops in Washington following Trump's executive order. The order mobilized 800 District of Columbia National Guard members and placed the city's Metropolitan Police Department under the control of the Justice Department, part of the administration's

crackdown on crime and homelessness.

According to USA Today's reporting, the White House has pointed to several examples of violent crime in Washington this year, including the May 21 fatal shooting of two Israeli embassy staffers outside a downtown museum (the suspect is from Chicago) as well as the recent assault on Coristine.

USA Today reports that nevertheless, Washington's crime rate is down this year compared to 2024. Violent crimes are 26% lower than last year. Washington's homicides are down 12%, according to statistics compiled by the Metropolitan Police Department.

Regarding the homeless population, Trump told reporters on Aug. 17 that his administration would be getting "rid of the people from underpasses and public spaces from all over the city."

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One dead, two injured after shooting at club, police say

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Jackson police are investigating the department's 37th homicide of 2025, which left one man dead and two women injured at a club on Martin Luther King Drive.

Jackson Police Chief Joseph Wade held a live streamed press conference on Saturday, Aug. 16, stating officers responded to reports of multiple people being shot around 2 a.m. at Club Metro in the 2700 block of Martin Luther King Drive.

Wade said two women sustained non-life-threatening injuries and are expected to recover. A male victim later identified as Demeo Milton, 48, died from his injuries, Wade said.

According to Wade, one of the female victims was shot while in a vehicle with the deceased, who was also being shot. The other female victim was not an "intended target." All victims were transported by private vehicle to the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

No suspect name has been released, as of this publication. Wade said he is soliciting help from the public in solving the case.

"You're fed up and so am I. You're fed up and so am I," Wade repeated, directing his comments to the public. "I'm fed up with people losing their life. I'm fed up with people getting injured. I'm fed up with people just sitting back pointing the finger at the problem. Let's do

something about the problem, together. We've got to address these issues together. ... The community has to work with law enforcement. Help us. Help us bring this coward or cowards to justice."

Wade said Saturday's shooting "may be retaliation" for a mass shooting on Aug. 11 at the Parlour Room near State Street and Meadowbrook Road. Capitol Police are investigating the Parlour Room shooting that left eight people wounded.

"Again, a very sad situation. It continues our cycle of violence with young men in our community who do not know how to mitigate any type of conflict without having to resort to an assault rifle or a handgun," Wade said.

At the time of the incident, Wade said police attempted to locate the owner of the club who left the scene prior to police arriving on scene. The Clarion Ledger reached out to police on Monday, Aug. 18, to ask if authorities have located the owner but did not receive a response before this publication.

Wade further described the condition of the building as "horrible," adding the establishment did not look "fit to have anything going on." Wade said he is pushing for more establishments to have "adequate" security, lighting and surveillance video that could help police solve crimes.

"I would like to see more accountability for owners and managers of these types of establishments," Wade said. "I would like to see more of a willingness to work with law enforcement instead of leaving the location

after multiple people (have) been shot at your location."

Anyone with information relating to the case can contact Crime Stoppers at (601) 355-8477 or JPD at (601) 960-1234.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON

The City of Jackson will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2025-2026 on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 215 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson is now operating projected total budget revenue of \$307,415,874 (24.8 percent) or \$78,245,241 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$291,494,777. Of that amount, (26.5 percent) or \$77,137,510, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2025-2026. Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2025-2026 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Yolanda Clay-Moore selected to join The Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy

Mississippi Link Newswire

Yolanda Clay-Moore, Marketing Director for the Mississippi Mass Choir and Director of External Affairs, Partnerships & Alliances for Visit Jackson, has been officially selected as a member of the Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy (SAGMA). This prestigious honor recognizes her ongoing contributions to gospel music and her commitment to preserving and promoting the genre's legacy.

The Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy is composed of industry professionals, artists, producers, and key influencers who shape the direction of gospel music and honor excellence through the annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards. Membership is by invitation only and reflects a high level of achievement, credibility, and dedication to the gospel music industry.

In her role with the Mississippi Mass Choir, Clay-Moore has been instrumental in elevating the choir's national profile, developing impactful marketing campaigns, and coordinating media relations for milestone events. The Mississippi Mass Choir, a Grammy-nominated and multi-Stellar Award-winning ensemble, continues to inspire audiences worldwide with its timeless gospel sound.



Her leadership in the tourism and hospitality industry with Visit Jackson has also expanded her influence, allowing her to create meaningful connections between gospel music, cultural heritage, and destination promotion.

"It is truly an honor to be welcomed into the Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy," said Clay-Moore. "Gospel music has always been a cornerstone of my personal and professional life. This opportunity allows me to contribute to an industry that not only uplifts and inspires but also preserves a vital part of our cultural



The Stellar Awards Gospel Music Academy

history. I am grateful to be part of such an esteemed group of music professionals."

As a SAGMA member, Clay-Moore had the privilege to participate in voting for the 2025 Stellar Gospel Music Awards taped August 16, in Nashville. She will also have a hand in shaping the Academy's initiatives, and engaging with fellow members in advancing the mission of gospel music worldwide.

Yolanda Clay-Moore is an accomplished public relations and marketing professional with over two decades of experience in tour-

ism, media relations, and event promotion. She serves as Marketing Director for the Grammy-nominated and multi-Stellar Award-winning Mississippi Mass Choir and Director of External Affairs, Partnerships & Alliances for Visit Jackson, Mississippi. Her work bridges cultural storytelling, destination marketing, and faith-based music promotion. Yolanda is married to professional bassist Cornelius "CC" Moore, and together they have a blended family with nine children.

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This **RESOLUTION BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026** is legally sufficient for placement in NOVUS Agenda.

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