

**Good Afternoon and Happy Election Day Memphis!**



After nearly two years of campaigns, months of registration efforts, and weeks of early voting by nearly 100M Americans, the moment has arrived: **Election Day 2020** is upon us!

Although this year has been full of highs and lows, one constant remains: *Our* Democracy. To be clear, *you* are a vital component of *our* democracy. Without *your* participation, we would not have a system of representative governance capable of ensuring continuity, order, and peace among citizens of differing backgrounds, beliefs, and ideals. However, for *our* democracy to be maintained, regular activity by way of the vote is required.

So, as I have encouraged you all in the past, and will do again today, cast your ballot now if you have not done so.

**Polling locations across Memphis and Shelby County close at 7:00 p.m. tonight. [See the list of Election Day polling locations, here.](#)**

Finally, whatever the result, let us remember that we are one nation built upon the cornerstone of unity. As we move forward, let us do so together for the purpose of ensuring a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

With that in mind, today your Memphis City Council met to discuss measures focused on moving Memphis forward. If you were not able to virtually participate in the meeting via live-stream on the Council website, via YouTube, or via 88.5 FM (WQOX), a full review is provided, [here](#).

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### **Funding to Improve the FedEx Forum:**

From the Memphis Tigers, to the Memphis Grizzlies, the City of Memphis has a special connection to the world of sports and entertainment. Opened nearly twenty years ago, the FedEx Forum has been the centerpiece of NBA playoff runs and NCAA tournament drives, bringing Memphians together in the process. To that end, the Council is supportive of the venue within our community. As such, today we approved a resolution appropriating \$2,863,363.56 of assigned fund balance for the purpose of meeting contractually obligated Capital Expenditures for improvements to the FedEx Forum.

### **Maintaining our Public Works Infrastructure:**

The Council also has an eye toward maintaining our public works infrastructure, namely our sewers. Therefore, today we approved a resolution accepting \$15,000,000 from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. The monetary amount will be used for a City-wide sewer collection system assessment and rehabilitation program.

Additionally, a second and third resolution were approved transferring and appropriating a total of \$1,696,706 in construction funds to rehabilitate a flood control pump station on North Second Street, near Marble Avenue.

Taken together, these actions work toward the upkeep of infrastructure used to keep the City of Memphis clean and healthy.

### **Supporting our Public Libraries:**

The Council values the role of the Division of Library Services as a resource within Memphis neighborhoods. Today, we approved a resolution to accept, allocate, and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$9,035 from the State of Tennessee, Office of the Secretary of State, Tennessee State Library and Archives. The monetary amount will be used for technology equipment to deliver outreach programming at Memphis Public Libraries across all Memphis City Council districts.

**Upcoming Decisions:**

Save the date. On Tuesday, November 17 the Council will discuss the MLGW budget, with a possible vote that same day.

***Looking Forward:***

As we move ahead, I am and will always be honored to serve you each day as part of a thirteen-councilmember team working to transform our great city into a place of opportunity for all. Stay tuned for future Council updates as we keep you informed regarding the activities taking place here at City Hall.

With earnest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrice J. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrice Jordan Robinson  
Chairwoman, Memphis City Council  
District 3