

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, a HTE software upgrade to SunGard Public Sector, Inc. ONESolution software, to provide maintenance and enhancements for and new releases of the Baseline Component System and Custom Modification, at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred, Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$219,911.60) for a term period beginning on the execution date of the upgrade and ending one (1) year thereafter.

Council Member Yarber moved adoption; **Council Member Barrett-Simon** seconded.

Yeas – Barrett-Simon, Bluntson, Cooper-Stokes, Lumumba, Whitwell, and Yarber.
Nays – None.
Absent - Tillman.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION DECLARING THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT GRANTED THE PROTECTIONS OR RIGHTS OF PERSONS.

WHEREAS, our system of government is a representative democracy through which the people govern; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution and the State of Mississippi Constitution, all sovereignty resides with the people, such that they hold all inherent political power, and such the government derives its power from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, the term “corporation” is not mentioned in the United States Constitution nor the Mississippi Constitution, because rights were reserved for natural people; and

WHEREAS, although corporations were initially created as artificial entities chartered by state governments to serve the public interest, they have now gained personhood status, free speech and other protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment as a result of judicial interpretations; and

WHEREAS, with “corporate personhood” and First Amendment rights, corporations dominate the political process, thereby interfering with citizens’ control over government by lobbying legislative and regulatory bodies, by spending vast amounts of money to influence elections, and by wielding great influence over government and the media.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson City Council supports an amendment to the United States Constitution and the Mississippi Constitution that would declare that corporations are not granted the protections or rights of persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson City Council directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to our state and federal government representatives, including Governor Phil Bryant, Senator John Horn, Senator Hillman Frazier, United States Senator Thad Cochran and United States Representative Bennie Thompson.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; **Council Member Yarber** seconded.

Yeas – Bluntson, Cooper-Stokes, and Lumumba.
Nays – Whitwell.
Abstain – Barrett-Simon and Yarber.
Absent - Tillman.
