

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MOBILE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 60-372 SETTING SCOPE AND TOPICS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS MADE BY MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF PAUL PRINE AND NAMING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION**

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**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2024, the Mobile City Council passed Resolution 60-372 authorizing an investigation into public allegations made by former Mobile Police Department Chief Paul Prine (“Chief Prine”); and

**WHEREAS**, that resolution appointed the Council Committee of the Whole to direct said investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council Committee of the Whole met on May 7, 2024 to discuss topics including the scope and specific topics for any third-party outside Special Counsel to investigate; and

**WHEREAS**, time being of the essence, the Council Committee of the Whole has solicited and reviewed proposals for outside third-party attorneys licensed in the State of Alabama to conduct said investigation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. There will be four basic factual areas for a third-party retained Special Counsel to investigate and report back to the City Council on:
  - (a) the circumstances regarding the engagement of 321z Insights by the City of Mobile, the City of Mobile Police Department, and/or the Gulf Coast Technology Center (“GCTC”) to conduct a review of the “EchoStop” program, including how and why the contract for same was solicited and presented to the Council and any internal or “peer” review as to same done by or at the request of GCTC;
  - (b) issues related to the “chain of command” at GCTC (also often referred to as MPD Cyber) and allegations that the Chief of Police was improperly cut out of or else unable to use GCTC resources;

- (c) the circumstances surrounding the alleged breakdown of relations between the City Administration and Chief Prine on or about November 2023 and leading up to and including discussions between the City Administration and Chief Prine on or about April 2024 regarding his proposed retirement or resignation; and
- (d) any allegations made by Chief Prine that written grievances filed or submitted by him were not properly addressed or investigated.

2. In investigating any and all of these factual areas, the Special Counsel shall only investigate those matters which, if true, would constitute illegal, unethical, or out-of-policy behavior. In doing so, the Special Counsel should in every instance, in accord with best investigatory practices, identify anyone who: (a) committed an alleged violation; (b) precisely what the violation allegedly was; (c) precisely what law, regulation, procedure, standard or practice, or City policy was allegedly violated; and (d) precisely when and where any such alleged violation occurred.

3. The Special Counsel's factual scope and remit is limited to the matters contained above in paragraphs one and two. Should the Special Counsel in the course of conducting its investigation uncover additional allegations or issues that do not fit within the scope of the investigation as described herein, the Special Counsel is not to pursue or report to the Council on any such allegations. The Special Counsel however, consistent with its legal and ethical duties, shall separately report any such allegations or issues to the proper investigatory authorities, State or Federal, in the event said allegations or issues would constitute illegal or unethical behavior.

4. The total budget for the investigation described herein shall be one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

5. The investigation and written report of the Special Counsel shall be completed and submitted to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the Special Counsel being named. If for any reason at any time within that forty-five (45) day period either the budget or timeline for the investigation and report turns out to be inadequate in the opinion of the Special Counsel, he shall inform the Council Committee of the Whole immediately so that the Council may consider same and take additional action if warranted.

**ADOPTED:**

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**City Clerk**