

A portrait of JB Smiley, a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and yellow striped tie. He is smiling and standing in front of a blue-tinted city skyline background.

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JB SMILEY JR.

A native Memphian, with five siblings, born to a social worker and a Bronze Star army soldier, JB Smiley, Jr. knows the value of hard work and a healthy, supportive community. After JB's collegiate and semi-professional basketball career, he pursued a legal education, and later, a political career. But his life in serving the most vulnerable started from a young age.



JB's first experience with teamwork and leadership was as a Cub Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Never afraid of getting his hands dirty, JB has done everything from working as a landfill cleaner to washing dishes. As his father taught him to "never forget the bridge that brought you over," JB decided to stay in the region to attend college and then law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. While in law school, JB served as a member of the Law Review, Moot Court Board, and as Vice President of the Black Law Students Association. JB successfully passed Arkansas and the Tennessee Bar exams, while writing his first book, *Born With It: Unleashing Your Greatness*.

“One step toward a goal is better than any moment of complacency.”

In 2017, in Memphis, JB started his law practice, Smiley & Associates, PLLC. The following year, JB was named to Memphis Flyer's Top 20, Under 30 class. During that same year, JB was appointed policy advisor to the Shelby County Clerk and served in such capacity until his election to the Memphis City Council in October 2019. On September 08, 2021 he announced his run for Governor of Tennessee. He was less than a thousand votes shy from becoming the Democratic Nominee. Smiley continues to serve to ensure a better Tennessee. As a council member, JB is currently Chair Emeritus of the Memphis City Council and serves as Chair of the Public Works, Solid Waste & General Services Committee, Vice Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, and the council liaison for the Urban Art Commission and the Memphis & Shelby County Film and Television Commission. In his spare time, JB likes to play basketball, work out, binge watch Netflix shows, keep his dogs, Mighty Mouse & Jax, and his nephew, Bryson Maxwell Smiley, smiling!

MEDIA

POLITICS

As an elected official, Smiley leads robust discussions about the political process.



LEADERSHIP

A successful author and community leader, Smiley is often called upon to speak to diverse audiences about leadership particularly as it relates to emerging leadership.

EQUALITY

Smiley's focus has been on police brutality, criminal justice and blight in predominantly Black neighborhoods.





SMILEY INITIATIVES

WITH MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL 2025

January-March 2025

- Committee Chair: Public Works, Solid Waste, and General Services Committee
 - Committee Vice Chair: Public Services, Arts and Youth Initiatives Committee
 - Boards/Commissions: Downtown Memphis Commission
 - Sponsor: An Ordinance to Name the Ed Rice Community Center Pool for Osie Lewis, Jr.
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution honoring Dr. David and Mrs. Yvonne Acey as recipients of the 2024 Humanitarian Award
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution honoring Melrose High School for their stellar season and participation in the Tennessee Class 4A Football State Championship
 - Requested in Public Works Committee: Greater Memphis Chamber Update on Shelby Farms Parkway Project
 - Co-sponsor: Ordinance to amend Title 10, Chapter 20 — Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions — to add provisions relative to the regulation of deadly weapons and extreme protection orders
 - Requested in Public Services Committee: Presentation from Mr. Trey Carter, founder of The New Start Foundation
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution to honor Cordova High School teacher Mr. Adrian Maclin for his recognition by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum as the 2025 Music Educator Award recipient
 - Sponsor: Ordinance (5933) Establishing an Elective Parking Permit Program (pending for 4/8)
 - Resolution Presentation: Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
 - Speaking engagement: Central High School, talking to students about civic engagement/voter registration event
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April 2025-December 2025

- Resolution to amend the FY25 Council Community Grant allocations
 - Presentation: Resolution recognizing Dr. William E. Arnold, Jr. for his contributions to criminal reform and reentry initiatives.
 - Speaker: St. Mary's School civics field trip to City Hall
 - Co-sponsor: Joint ordinance of the City of Memphis and County of Shelby, Tennessee, establishing the
 - Memphis Shelby County Building Home Program pursuant to the Tennessee Homestead Act within Chapter 281 of the Public Acts of 1985
 - Resolution presentation to NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeanette Epps at East High School
 - Co-sponsor: Ordinance establishing downtown parking garage revitalization and safety program
 - Event: Community Conversations event at Food Truck Thursday in Court Square
 - Met with Memphis in May delegation from South Korea
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing and congratulating Central High
 - School's Jazz Band for taking first place at the Essentially Ellington International High School Jazz Band Competition
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing May 18, 2025, as Evolve Pilates Day
 - Graduation speaker at Tennessee State Penitentiary Women's Residential Center Graduation Ceremony
 - Requested in Public Works Committee: Safeways Presentation
 - Osie Lewis, Jr. Aquatic Center Sign Unveiling at Ed Rice Community Center
 - Resolution/student certificates delivered to school: Medical District High School inaugural graduating class
 - Sponsor: Resolution to allocate funding for Neighborhood Associations for Anti-Blight & Beautification Efforts
 - Sponsored by entire Memphis City Council: Resolution to establish the Memphis City Council Community Grant Program for FY26
 - Sponsor: Resolution approving an honorary street name for Bishop Jerry Wayne Taylor
 - Co-sponsor: Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
 - Resolution presentation: Brewster Theological Clinic and School of Religion's Commencement Services and 100 th Anniversary
 - Resolution presentation: Oakville MB Church's 154th Church Anniversary
 - Resolution presentation: The Healing Center's 34 th Church Anniversary
 - Chaplain of the Day at Memphis City Council meetings for August 2025: Rev. Dr. Robert H. Washington, Sr. and Pastor Jalen Washington
 - Resolution presentation: Pastor Dr. Walter Henry at St. James AME Church
 - Resolution for New Salem Rise and Shine Women's Conference
 - Resolution for Pastor Fannie E. Kelley
 - Speaking engagement: Parent Training Leadership Institute at Juvenile Court
 - Resolution presentation: Berean MB Church "Blessed & Back" Celebration
 - Ride-Along with Solid Waste Division
 - Sponsored by the Transportation Committee: Resolution approving Transportation Trustee Agreement and Trustees
 - Co-sponsor: A resolution to urge Governor Bill Lee to reject President Donald Trump's current proposal to send National Guard Troops or the Tennessee State Guard to Memphis
 - National Guard resolution press conference
 - Interviews with The Epoch Times, The Atlantic, Reuters, Roland Martin regarding National Guard
 - Resolution presentation and sign unveiling at Holy City COGIC for Bishop Jerry Wayne Taylor
 - Requested in Public Works Committee: Pedestrian Lighting and Safety Proposal Presentation by Safeways
 - Attended Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC
 - Sponsor: Resolution to amend the City Council Community Grant Program for FY26
 - Sponsor: Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing principals in honor of National Principals Month
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Resolution presentation: Helen Smith birthday celebration
 - Lead sponsor with Carlisle, sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution to establish and fund the Memphis Emergency Meal Provision and Housing Interim Services Forgivable Loan Fund (MEMPHIS Fund) and to provide immediate local relief in response to the 2025 Federal Government shutdown
 - Resolution presentation: Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Walker retirement celebration at St. Jude MB Church
 - Speaker: Knowledge Quest student awards ceremony
 - Resolution presentation: Mt. Pisgah CME Church 145 th church anniversary
 - Speaker: Memphis Tabernacle 7 th anniversary and Thanksgiving Outreach
 - Resolution presentation: Canaan the House of Glory 5 th pastoral and church anniversary
 - Sponsor: A Referendum Ordinance to amend Article 34, Section 250 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Memphis, relative to the classification of officers and positions, exemptions from article: to amend the classification of employees of the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library to allow civil service status
 - FY26 Council Community Grant Program allocations
 - Presentation: Resolution recognizing Deputy Chief Joe Oakley for his retirement from the Memphis Police Department after 36 years of service
 - Co-sponsor for presentation: Resolution recognizing and honoring the graduating class of Memphis Academy of Civil Engagement (MACE)
 - Voted in support of Fire 2% raise
 - Events: Meet Me After 5 Series with Councilwoman Jana Swarengen-Washington (The Rockin Chair, Groovy Gratitude, The Four Way, Ashtar Garden)
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SMILEY INITIATIVES

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2024

2024

- Sworn in to second term on January 1, 2024
- Chairman of the Memphis City Council — January-December 2024
- Committee Chair: Executive Session
- Committee Vice Chair: Budget and Audit Committee
- Boards/Commissions: Downtown Memphis Commission
- Started Video Chairman's Recap
- Sponsor: Ordinance 5896 to establish Memphis City Council Meeting Dates for 2024
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing Lieutenant Clarence D. Hawkins for his retirement from the Memphis Police Department after over 38 years of service
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. 5893 (Referendum Ordinance on Mayor, Council and Appointed Salaries)
- Sponsor: Resolution approving an Honorary Street Name Change on East Shelby Drive from Lamar Avenue to Mendenhall Road for Bishop Clinton Charles Bryant
- Sponsor: Resolution to amend the Memphis City Council Rules of Procedure
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion of Ordinance 5895 (health benefits for elected officials)
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to establish the Memphis City Council Community Grant Program for FY25
- Sponsor: An Ordinance (5897) to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Memphis pertaining to contracts and salaries of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division to decrease the limits of contracts and salaries or compensation for employees or others requiring City Council approval to \$100,000 and \$90,000, respectively
- Requested in MLGW Committee: Discussion of Ordinance 5897 related to Council contract and salary approval limits
- Requested in Economic Development Committee: Presentation on the Center for Economic Opportunity
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Ordinance (5900) to permanently rename South Hollywood Street between Union Avenue and Southern Avenue for Glenn Rogers, Sr.
- Requested in Parks & Environment Committee: Discussion of proposal to evaluate the needs of Mud Island Amphitheater
- Co-sponsor: Resolution in opposition to TN House Bill 2002 and TN Senate Bill 2517 eliminating two Judicial Courts in Shelby County, Tennessee due to safety risks and concerns for the swift administration of justice
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution designating April 12, 2024 as Blue & Green Day Mid-South in the City of Memphis
- Co-sponsor: Resolution opposing TN House Bill 1183 and TN Senate Bill 0503 to establish vouchers in the State of Tennessee
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion regarding a strategic and philanthropic body to address Public Safety
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution opposing TN House Bill 1202 and TN Senate Bill 1325 authorizing faculty or staff members to carry concealed weapons on school grounds
- Sponsor: Resolution to amend the American Rescue Plan Allocation (ARPA)

2024 (Continued)

- Co-sponsor: A resolution in support of the After School Act to strengthen after-school programs aimed to reduce crime among at-risk youth
 - Sponsor: Resolution approving an Honorary Street Name of New Allen Road between Bluff Wood Drive and Raleigh Millington Road for Reverend Carl E. Shields
 - Co-sponsor: Resolution to amend the Council Rules of Procedure
 - Requested in Executive Session: Economic Update from Greater Memphis Chamber
 - Sponsor: An Ordinance (5913) to Amend and Restate Referendum Ordinance 5862 that proposed an amendment to the Charter of the City of Memphis to modify the existing requirements for qualifications for Mayor and the City Council Members of the City of Memphis
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing and honoring Robert Knecht for his years of service with the City of Memphis
 - Requested in Executive Session: Memphis City Council Grant Program Update
 - Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution recognizing and honoring Mr. Marcus Ross and Mr. Diamond Holder as Good Samaritans
 - Sponsor: Resolution recognizing September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month
 - Co-sponsor: Resolution approving an Honorary Street Name Change on Airways Boulevard from Saratoga Avenue to Supreme Avenue from Premrose "8-Ball" Smith and Park Avenue from Lamar Avenue to Airways Boulevard for Marlon Jermaine "MJG" Goodwin
 - Sponsor: Resolution recognizing the contributions of community organizations and celebrating National Good Neighbor Day
 - Sponsor: Resolution to amend the Memphis City Council Community Grant Program for FY25
 - Sponsor: Ordinance (5921) to establish Memphis City Council Dates for 2025
 - Co-sponsor: A resolution to allocate and appropriate \$350,000 to community partners
 - Requested in Executive Session: Discussion of Ordinance 5921 related to 2025 Meeting Dates
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SMILEY INITIATIVES

JANUARY - JUNE 2023

January 2023

- Resolution in support of efforts to reduce Ethylene Oxide emissions in the City of Memphis. District 6, Super District 8. Sponsored by Councilmembers Ford, Warren, Canale, Colvett, Easter-Thomas, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Robinson, Smiley and Swearengen-Washington.
- Resolution approving an Honorary Street Name Change of Chelsea Avenue from Harrison Street to N. Hollywood Street for Dr. Gloria Pryor-Lewis. District 7, Super District 8. Sponsored by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas and Smiley.
- RESOLUTION honoring Raumesh Akbari for her election as the Senate Minority Leader of the Tennessee General Assembly. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Carlisle, Canale, Jones, and Smiley.
- RESOLUTION to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of A&R Bar-B-Que. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Swearengen-Washington, Canale, Carlisle, Easter-Thomas, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Robinson, Smiley, and Warren.

February 2023

- RESOLUTION of the Memphis City Council in Support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Logan, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Robinson, Smiley, Swearengen-Washington, and Warren.
- ORDINANCE to establish a procedure for the Memphis Police Department to conduct an annual independent review of the Police Training Academy and all training techniques, up for F I R S T reading. Ordinance No. 5848 is sponsored by Councilmembers Carlisle, Canale, and Smiley.
- ORDINANCE to establish a Public Safety Reporting Protocol in regard to the disposition by the Memphis Police Department of Recommendations by the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) to the Memphis Police Department regarding CLERB's disposition of complaints involving police misconduct, the use of deadly force by police officers and deaths and injuries of persons occurring while in police custody, up for F I R S T reading. Ordinance No. 5851 is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Canale, and Carlisle.
- ORDINANCE to establish an Independent Review Process of Memphis Police Department Incidents involving the use of Excessive, Unnecessary and, or Deadly Force by Police Officers and Deaths or Serious Injuries of Persons Occurring while in Police Custody, up for FIRST reading. Ordinance No. 5852 is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Carlisle, and Logan.
- ORDINANCE to Amend the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances Relating to Public Safety for the City of Memphis Law Enforcement to Collect and Regularly Report Regarding Traffic Stops, Arrests, Use of Force, and Complaints, up for first reading. Ordinance No. 5853 is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley and Carlisle.
- Public Safety Data Transparency Ordinance. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley and Carlisle.
- ORDINANCE renaming South Second Street between Beale Street and G.E. Patterson Johnson Avenue as Representative Barbara Cooper Street, up for second reading. Ordinance Chairman, No. 5846 is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- RESOLUTION to reallocate and appropriate \$2,000,000.00 to the Works, Inc to assist in the completion of the Peach Tree Senior Development. District 7, Super District 8. This Resolution is sponsored by Canale, Carlisle, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Smiley, Swearengen-Washington, and Warren.
- Resolution to allocate and appropriate \$35,000.00 for supplies and professional services related to Memphis Parks' Teen Fest 2023. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution to amend the FY23 Council Grant Allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution approving an Honorary Street Name Change of Park Avenue from Pendleton Street to Haynes Street for Kennedy "King" McKinney. District 4, Super District 8. Sponsored by Councilmembers Canale and Smiley.

March 2023

- Discussion on MPD and MFD policy and procedure updates. Requested by Councilman Smiley and Councilwoman Logan.
- ORDINANCE amending Article VII, Chapter 36, Section 36-130 of the City of Memphis, Code of Ordinance to Establish Rules and Regulations relating to the Operation and Regulation of Short-Term Rentals in Memphis. Ordinance No. 5856 is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- Update on Speed Humps. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- Update on Solid Waste & Recycling schedules. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- REFERENDUM ORDINANCE Amending the Charter of the City of Memphis to Modify the Existing Qualifications for Mayor and the City Council Members of the City of Memphis. Ordinance No. 5862 is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Carlisle, Canale, Colvett, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Robinson and Warren.
- ORDINANCE to rename White Station Library as the Officer Geoffrey Redd Library. Ordinance No. 5860 is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.

April 2023

- Presentation from Memphis Brand Initiative. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION designating April 14, 2023 as Blue & Green Day Mid-South in the City of Memphis. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- RESOLUTION congratulating the Overton High School Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 2023 TSSAA Class 4A State Championship. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilwoman Easter-Thomas and Councilmembers Canale, Carlisle, Colvett, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Morgan, Robinson, Smiley, Swearingen-Washington, and Warren.
- Resolution to amend the FY23 Council Grant Allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION to accept the recommendations of the Blight and Illegal Dumping Task Force. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilwoman Logan, Canale, Easter-Thomas, Johnson, Jones, Smiley, Swearingen-Washington, and Warren.
- Community Conversations event on Public Safety Ordinances at Lester Community Center

May 2023 - June 2023

- Added as a co-sponsor on Ordinance to amend Code of Ordinances regarding storage and hauling of tires, with Councilmembers Logan, Swearingen-Washington, Carlisle, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, and Warren
 - Ordinance to change the City Court Clerk from an elected to an appointed position, with Councilmen Carlisle and Canale
 - Flip My Life presentation. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
 - Co-sponsor of referendum ordinance to amend city of Memphis charter to provide provisions for the regulation of deadly weapons, with Councilman Warren
 - Resolution to reallocate ARPA funds to various community projects, with Councilman Jones
 - Resolution to amend FY24 budget for the City of Memphis Legislative division (restructure)
 - TV appearances to promote Teen Fest at the Memphis Botanic Gardens
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SMILEY INITIATIVES

JULY - DECEMBER 2023

July-December 2023

- Vice Chair of the Memphis City Council — January-December 2023
- Committee Chair: Public Works, Solid Waste, and General Services Committee
- Committee Vice Chair: Planning & Zoning Committee
- Boards/Commissions: Film/TV Commission, Urban Art Commission
- Co-sponsor: Tire Business and Tire Hauler Regulation Ordinance 5875
- Co-sponsor: Referendum Ordinance 5877 on Regulation of Deadly Weapons
- Co-sponsor: Ordinance 5881 Relative to the Reasonable and Necessary Facilities and other Capital Assets for the Memphis City Council to Conduct its Meeting Obligations and other Legislative Responsibilities Vested in the Council by the City's Charter
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution approving an honorary street name change on Lt. George W. Lee Avenue between B.B. King Blvd. and S 2nd Street for FedEx Corporation
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to request ongoing assistance from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in Downtown Memphis safety efforts
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to allocate and appropriate \$150,000 to the Greater Memphis Chamber for its work in partnership with Sound Diplomacy
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to amend the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to allocate \$2,211,232 to the City of Memphis Administration for the creation of a pilot program
- Requested in Public Works Committee: Sewer Ordinance: Property Owners Presentation
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of WDIA Radio Station
- Co-sponsor: Referendum ordinance 5884 relative to city municipal elections
- Co-sponsor: Resolution recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolution celebrating the Church of God in Christ's 115th Holy Convocation by declaring November 7th COGIC Day in the City of Memphis
- Requested item in Budget Committee: Presentation from Memphis Ambassadors Program
- Requested item in Public Works Committee: Discussion on the tire recycling program
- Requested item in Public Safety Committee: Presentation on MPD vehicle pursuit policy
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion regarding Memphis in May 2024 Festivities at Tom Lee Park
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion regarding the authority to authorize street closures
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to amend the Memphis City Council Rules of Procedure
- Co-sponsor: Resolution to allocate \$150,000 to the Driver's License Reinstatement and Diversion Amnesty Program
- Sponsor: Resolution regarding addition of board seats on University of Memphis Auxiliary Services Foundation contingent on transfer of Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium to the University of Memphis (withdrawn)
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion regarding the Memphis City Council Rules of Procedure
- Requested in Executive Session: Discussion regarding Liberty Bowl transfer
- Sponsor: Resolution to require City Administration to seek Council approval prior to non-emergency street closures that last more than 24 hours in the City of Memphis and are not covered by existing ordinances
- Sponsored by the entire Memphis City Council: Resolutions thanking retiring Councilmembers for their service to the City of Memphis (Cheyenne Johnson, Patrice J. Robinson, Frank Colvett, Jr., Worth Morgan, and Martavius D. Jones)

SMILEY INITIATIVES 2022

January 2022

- ORDINANCE renaming Fourth Street between Union Avenue and E.H. Crump Boulevard as Ida B. Wells-Barnett Street, up for second Ordinance No. 5816 is sponsored by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas, Canale, Carlisle, Colvett, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan Morgan, Robinson, Swearingen, Smiley, and Warren.
- RESOLUTION to accept Vote 70, Inc. donation of the Equality Trailblazers Monument. District 6, Super District 8. This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Robinson, Warren, Carlisle, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan and Smiley.

February 2022

- RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on 60 years of pioneering research and treatment. All Council Districts. This resolution is sponsored by all Councilmembers.
- ORDINANCE adding a method of payment provision and defining commercial property to Chapter 41, City Code of Ordinances, Wreckers, and Towing Operators. Ordinance No. 5818 is sponsored by Councilman Jones and Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 0029/House Bill 0105 of the 113th Session of the General Assembly. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilwoman Easter-Thomas, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution in support of House Bill 2812 of the 113th General Assembly. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley and Councilwoman Easter-Thomas.
- Presentation on the Office of Emergency Management's current protocols and processes for city emergencies. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas, Logan and Smiley.
- A resolution to amend Section A of the Council Rules of Procedure. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Robinson, Canale, and Carlisle.

March 2022

- RESOLUTION approving an Honorary Street Name Change of Stafford Avenue between College Street and Fountain Court for James Alexander. District 6, Super District 8. This resolution is sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- Presentation by Jigsaw. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- Wrap-up presentation on Office of Emergency Management's current protocols and processes for city emergencies. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas, Logan, and Smiley.
- Resolution in support of President Biden's historic nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas, Smiley, and Swearingen.

April 2022

- Resolution to amend the Memphis City Council FY22 grant allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley. Resolution to Allocate Funding for the Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION honoring Nakia and Queen Coleman for partnering with the City of Memphis in bringing awareness to autism and the I Am Included program. All Council Districts. This resolution is sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION commemorating Africa In April Cultural Awareness Festival on 35 years of history and culture. All Council Districts. This resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- RESOLUTION designating April 22, 2022 as Blue & Green Day Mid-South in the City of Memphis. This resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.

May 2022

- Resolution requesting the Tennessee Valley Authority complete a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to address site-specific impacts of transporting and permanently disposing of coal ash in the City of Memphis. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmen Warren and Smiley.
- ORDINANCE to establish funding dedicated to Transit and Mobility. Ordinance No. 5830 is sponsored by Councilmembers Ford, Carlisle, Robinson, Canale, Colvett, Easter-Thomas, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Morgan, Smiley, Swearingen, and Warren.

June 2022

- Resolution requesting that a 4% salary increase for IBEW be included in the FY23 and FY24 City of Memphis Operating Budget. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution requesting that the Memphis Police Department decline a police escort of former President Donald Trump to an event in Southaven, Mississippi. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmen Smiley and Jones.

July 2022

- Resolution for Economic Development Initiative – One Beale Convention Center Commitment District 6, Super District 8. Sponsored by Councilmembers Ford, Sr., Robinson, Morgan, Smiley, Jr., Johnson, Canale and Warren.
- Update on Solid Waste bulk pickup. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution introducing the Reproductive Autonomy Is Necessary (RAIN) Act. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- ORDINANCE to revise and change certain Council districts as a result of deannexation of areas in the city and population changes reflected in the 2020 Federal Census, so that all such districts will remain as equal as practicable and all such districts will comply with the injunction decree issued the United States District Judge Jerome Turner pertaining to Voting Rights Act remedies. Ordinance No. 5833 is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Ford, Colvett, and Canale

August 2022

- Resolution requesting the Division of Planning & Development study opportunities for incentivizing removal of nonconforming off-premise advertising signs and propose zoning amendments to create a program addressing and encouraging removal of said signs. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- Discussion on Solid Waste Bulk pickup. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilman Smiley.
- Resolution to amend the Council FY23 grant allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION commemorating National Black Business Month in Memphis, Tennessee. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.

September 2022

- RESOLUTION celebrating Stan Bell and his retirement from Memphis Shelby County Schools. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Melissa Collins for her recognition as 2022-2023 Tennessee Teacher of the Year and 2022 Tennessee History Teacher of the Year. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.

October 2022

- Resolution to amend the Council FY23 grant allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.
- RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Bishop William Young. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- Resolution to allocate and appropriate \$500,000.00 to Clayborn Temple. District 6, Super District 8. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Ford, Carlisle, Colvett, Johnson, Jones, Robinson, Smiley, and Warren.
- Presentation from City Leadership. All Council Districts. Requested by Councilman Smiley.

November 2022

- RESOLUTION thanking Councilwoman Teri Dockery for her service to the City of Memphis. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- RESOLUTION celebrating the life and legacy of Representative Barbara Cooper. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
- RESOLUTION to allow the Urban Art Commission to accept a sculpture from the Cherokee Heights Civic Club to be added to the City's public art inventory. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Canale, Dockery, Ford, Johnson, Logan, and Smiley.
- Resolution to amend the FY23 Council grant allocations. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilman Smiley.

December 2022

- Resolution to reallocate and appropriate \$23,000 in ARPA funds to the Methodist LeBonheur Community Outreach program. All Council Districts. Sponsored by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas and Smiley.
 - RESOLUTION honoring Doug McGowen for his extraordinary service and contributions to the City of Memphis. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Warren, Canale, Carlisle, Colvett, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, Logan, Morgan, Robinson, Smiley and Swearengen-Washington.
 - JOINT RESOLUTION in support of the More for Memphis Initiative. All Council Districts. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Easter-Thomas, Canale, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Robinson, Smiley and Warren.
 - RESOLUTION honoring the accomplishments of Ladia Yates and L.Y.E. Academy. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Smiley, Canale, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, Jones, Logan, Robinson, Swearengen-Washington, and Warren.
 - RESOLUTION honoring Ms. Ruth Banks and her contributions to the City of Memphis. This Resolution is sponsored by the Memphis City Council.
 - RESOLUTION honoring Beverly Robertson on her tremendous accomplishments and impact as CEO of the Greater Memphis Chamber. This Resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Logan, Canale, Carlisle, Colvett, Easter-Thomas, Ford, Johnson, Robinson, Smiley, Swearengen-Washington, and Warren.
 - Super District 8 Community meetings in Whitehaven, South Memphis, Hickory Hill, North Memphis
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SMILEY INITIATIVES 2021

January 2021

- Warm Wishes Coat Giveaway with Lil Baby
- Resolution recognizing and honoring Grammy-nominated artist Dominique “Lil Baby” Jones for his contributions to the City of Memphis and pledging to address “The Bigger Picture” by donating to those in need
- Resolution requesting the Division of Police Services to investigate whether any City of Memphis employees participated in the United States Capitol Riot in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021
- Resolution requesting the City’s Mayor and/or Council Chairman to join request to the Biden/Harris Administration by the Mayors of 22 of the largest cities in the United States for the adoption of a national vaccination distribution plan for cities

February 2021

- Resolution requesting \$2,000 per year for MLGW to provide voter registration information to residential account holders
- Resolution requesting the HR department increase screening protocols for all public safety officials
- Celebrating Black History Student Speech Competition
- Water distribution events following boil water advisory

March 2021

- Resolution requesting that the City of Memphis be exempt from Senate Bill 29/House Bill 105 of the 112th Session of the General Assembly (Brian Kelsey’s bill prohibiting a local government from having residency requirements as a condition of employment for a first responder)
- Resolution asking the City of Memphis to adopt the Black Church Mobile Vaccine Program
- Honorary Street Name Change for Rev Dr. Uliasea Little, Jr.
- Building Your Professional Toolkit event at Benjamin Hooks Library – resume review and headshots

April 2021

- Resolution creating the Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement
- Resolution acknowledging need for beautification and blight remediation

June 2021

- Introduced Resolution to create and appropriate \$200K to Neighborhood Revitalization Program with Councilman Canale; renamed “A Cleaner Bluff City Initiative” and designed to help elderly with code enforcement citations and quarterly neighborhood clean ups around illegal dumping “hot spots” in the various districts
- City of Memphis job fair with Councilman Jones
- Substitute ordinance No. 5790 (Eviction set-out) introduced

July 2021

- Introduction of Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement presentation

September 2021

- Request of \$4M for Gaston Community Center
- Resolution establishing a Metropolitan Government Charter Commission, Eastern- authorizing the Mayor to appoint members; establishing a vetting process; requesting the County Commission adopt a similar resolution; amending the FY22 Operating Budget; appropriating funds. All Council Districts. This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Carlisle and Smiley.

October 2021

- Honorary Street Name Change for Dr. Tonya Lyons

December 2021

- Honorary Street Name Change for Young Dolph
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SMILEY INITIATIVES 2020

March 2020

- Memphis City Council resolution urging the legislative body and Tennessee governor to pass legislation to allow the City of Memphis to receive its total share of the state's sales tax revenues

May 2020

- Resolution to suspend City of Memphis EMS Services costs charged to citizens for COVID-19 related ambulatory transports and services

June 2020

- Resolution expressing sorrow on the death of Mr. George Floyd and condemns the act of betrayal of public trust that resulted in the loss of your loved one
- Resolution to increase transparency of complaint process and encourage supplemental reporting for the Memphis Police Department and Memphis Fire Department
- Resolution of the Memphis City Council requesting that Memphis City Council and Shelby County Sheriff adopt "8 Can't Wait" use of force reduction policies
- Resolution requesting that Mayor Strickland form a community task force to assist in the selection of a new Memphis Police Department Director
- Resolution approving funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 to Southbrook Properties for the development of Southbrook Town Centre from FY20 budget
- Resolution requesting the Administration to hold all contracts with Flight Memphis, LLC in abeyance pending an internal review regarding allegations of discriminatory practices
- Resolution requesting Mayor Strickland to establish June 19th as Juneteenth within the City of Memphis recognizing the liberation and emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States of America

August 2020

- Resolution approving a ground lease for 590 Washington, also known as the former Washington Ave Vehicle Inspection Station, Parcel ID #023003 00042 Memphis TN 38103
- Resolution in opposition to Operation Legend
- Motion to suspend the rules to override the Mayor's veto regarding Referendum Ordinance #5756 relating to the residency of police/fire, which passed on 8/4/2020
- Resolution encouraging the United State Congress to include and financially support public transit in future coronavirus relief legislation

September 2020

- Resolution seeking state action to replace local police with state officers patrolling and protecting drivers traveling along Tennessee interstates
- Resolution approving an honorary street name change of McEwen Place between Willoughby St. and South Wellington St. for Reverend Joseph H. McGhee, Jr.

October 2020

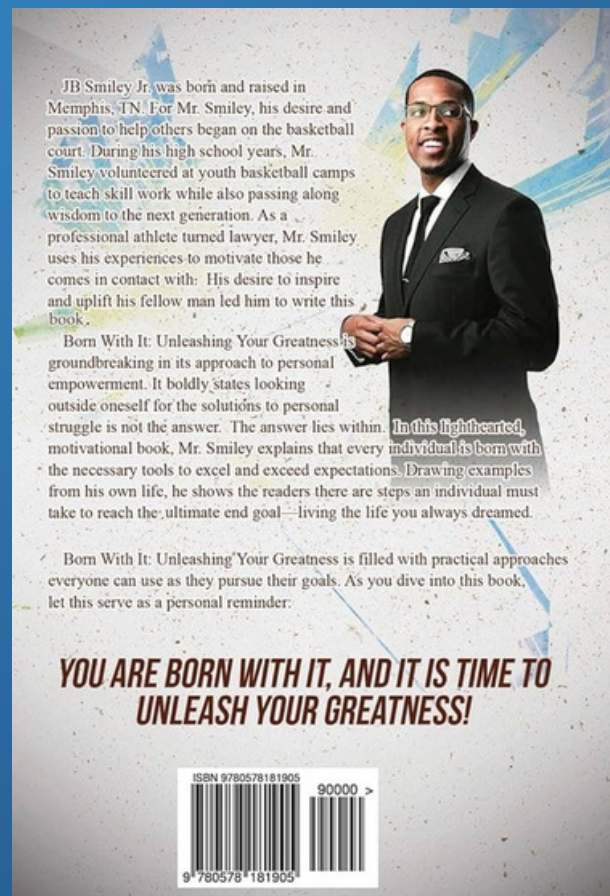
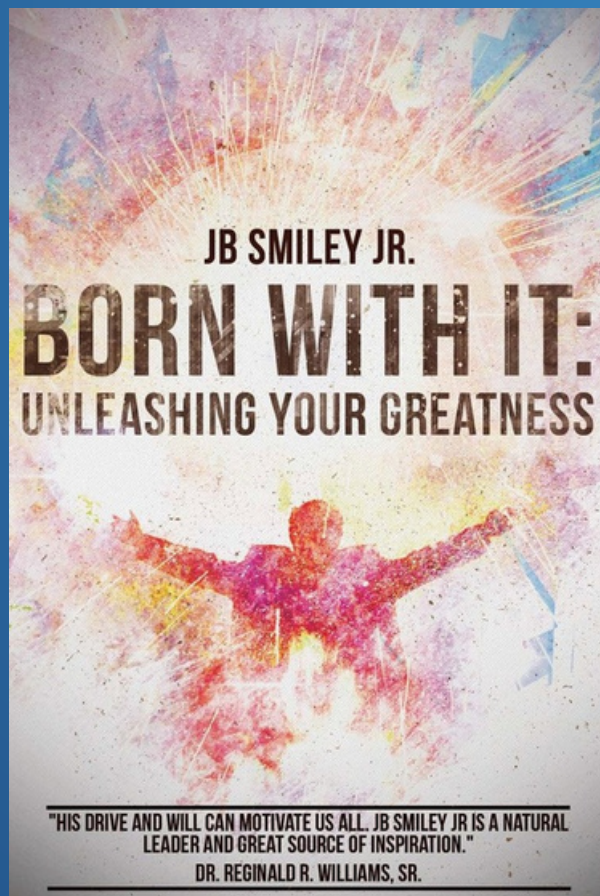
- Resolution requesting that Memphis Light Gas & Water create a voter education program to provide voter registration information to residential account holders
- Resolution urging MATA to temporarily waive all transit fares on November 3, 2020
- Resolution encouraging all registered voters in the City of Memphis and Shelby County to vote in the 2020 General Election

December 2020

- Resolution amending Council Rules of Procedure (regarding decorum)
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