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NAME: DeWayne A. Jones, Sr.

1. Please describe your background and your qualifications for this position? What experiences caused you to run for this office. What unique qualities would you bring to this position and what differentiates you from other candidates in your race?

As a business owner and operator - I have experience the down fall and the up rise of a inside business. I have been at the brink of bankruptcy and at the high of how well a business can do in which my attitude and personality didn't change because of the high's and low's of my business. I think in any business one's attitude has a lot to do with how far one can go in any given business. If I didn't have the right attitude, I think I would still be down and out for the count and think not that I could rebound back from a bad business investment. But I did and I thank God for that type of attitude. - What would I bring to this position?

"Attitude" - And being "humble" knowing that with others city's associate we are working together for the cause of Memphis.

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2. What is your vision for the City - how would you use this office to achieve the vision?

What is your vision for the city?
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one word — "Prosperity" and that's for every citizen of Memphis. That's if every citizen elected city officials working closely together like a family — then and only then will the citizens will believe we are a family no matter what we we are as citizens.

How would one running for office use this office to achieve the vision?

By working as a representative of Memphis with the other area of the city such as the city schools - city councils and court systems and other administrations of the city to achieve oneness. When we as city's official achieve the oneness then crime will be curbed schools would have less dropout and so forth and so on.

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3. How do you plan on insuring that there is diversity (including race, age, gender and socio-economic) represented in the development of public policy and government?

In a marriage, there are many obstacles that will come to try to overthrow the bonds of matrimony. It is the little things that destroy the vine. What am I'm saying. We have allowed in city government little vine to destroy the main artery of city government. What makes us one? is "diversity" no one group of people have all the answers or better yet all the questions. So race regardless whether rich or poor will be a factor in my campaign. To make it simple - I like looking at a rainbow, it's much prettier. It time for all race to work together as citizens and a family - this is what goes to bring more finance, bond rating and other amenity to the city of Memphis.

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4. What are the three greatest issues facing the City of Memphis today and during the future?

Three greatest issues:

- Schools
- Jobs
- Crime

In turn, if we elected officials that will work together - we can get our bond rating back to the level it should be - in turn, schools would be better - Jobs will come instead of passing us by to other surrounding state, in which crime will be curved to a minimum. We got to be concerned with all the people of Memphis. WE CANNOT AFFORD to leave no one behind.

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5. What role should the City of Memphis government play in promoting the economic development for the community? What specific initiatives or actions would you promote and/or support?

No doubt
The City of Memphis government should be the
First to Lead in promoting economic development
for the community. Without the city of Memphis
government, there is no economic development.

Without city's government playing a role in promoting
economic development — no real income rate
of jobs would come this way — no real
improvement of stores and businesses would
go further — every thing would either slow down
or come to a halt. To make it simple, the
city of Memphis government is the water that
prime the pump, no water then the pump will not
work.

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What specific initiatives or actions would I promote or support.

As a city leader, showing concern for our citizens is first and foremost. Being concerned for our health and welfare of our citizens is upmost.

These initiatives and/or actions are already in place, it just need to be implemented.

school system - needs to be A+ rating school system

Distribution network - needs to be A+ rating
Distribution network to bring high paying jobs this way by marketing Memphis.

court system - needs to be A+ rating in preparing inmates to go back to work in turn making them citizens - and not a holding place for animals,

work on every level of city government to promote healthy relationships in city government
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6. How would you strengthen and support existing neighborhoods that are within the urban core and what barriers to community redevelopment do you see in these area today? How do you propose to address the current blight in many of these areas?

The neighborhoods that are in Memphis are the blood vessel of the city of Memphis. Every neighborhood is a very important entity within the city limit. How would we strengthen and support existing neighborhoods within the urban core — we as a administration would work with the neighborhood association to get to know what is needed by the people, because we don't want to do anything against the people of that particular neighborhood. Each neighborhood is different in its own right. — what barriers that is seen to community redevelopment? —> more communities involvement is needed and the beautification of each neighborhood is needed — special attention is needed to "beautify" each neighborhood. Get rid of abandoned houses and lots by selling them to local neighborhood business, etc.

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How do you propose to address the current blight.

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As mayor, we would work with city council's and city commission along with that local neighborhood associations to began the healing process of the neighborhood.

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7. What do regard as the greatest obstacle or barrier to growth in the City today ?

city's officials not working together.

It is not crime

It is not schools

It is not MLGW

It is not jobs

It is city's official not working together.

Attitude has to change in order to promote growth in Memphis.

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- 8. Discuss the current administrative structure and do you have a vision for altering this structure? How would you strengthen a culture of accountability and outcome based on performance standards for Divisions of City Government?

Some time it is hard to discuss or breakdown something till one get in the driver's seat to see how things been run in the past, which in turn determine the future. But to be simple, the way to look at vision of Memphis is to look at the past administrative and learn from it, the ups and downs - how the past council people, the past city official worked and was it profitable - did it the structure bring the city together, or did the city's official ignore it and the city government existed.

How would I strengthen a culture of accountability and outcome based on performance standards for divisions of City government. — By putting people in position who are not money hungry — but citizen's hungry — people who are concern with people no matter their income status.

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And just like any business, if there is no profit of margin then no raise for nobody ~~and~~ the mayor until we come together for the people of Memphis and operate in the black not in the red. We cannot feel good about anything until we all are feeling good about Memphis together.

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9. What would your vision be for the organizational structure of your administration and what procedures would you use to make appointments?

Simple - my vision is in using grassroot people of Memphis, and the procedure I would use is to talk and listen to the people of different ethnic groups and district in Memphis. Both young and old Both rich and poor - Both black and white
"We all are in the same boat"

Appointments would be made under the same procedures.

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- 10. Give us your thoughts on the Charter Commission. What are the main issues that should be taken into consideration by this group and what items in the City Charter should be considered for change? Please comment specifically on your ideas around consolidation and/or a metropolitan government?

My thoughts on Charter Commission, it is an information tool for the city of Memphis, - you can never get too much information - The main issues are governmental and/or proprietary powers which includes City Codes and charter. It is very hard to talk about changes that should be considered without sitting down and look at what is being change and/or has change because of governmental laws. I will say one thing, that the recent outburst of strip joint places should be consider and that all those places be put in one area of the city. [Last question - the consolidation of a metropolitan government is something to take a look at. Without first looking at all areas and weighing all options, it is very difficult to comment and be very truthful. so I will hold this for a later date.

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- 11. What is the role of this office? What do you think about the relationship between the City Mayor/City Council and other legislative bodies, Shelby County, Memphis City Schools, MLGW, Chamber, Center City Commission, etc.?

with role of this office - to represent the citizens of Memphis,
 1. Integrity 2. responsibilities 3. Availability 4. accountability

The relationship between the City Mayor/City Council and other legislative bodies and all other groups listed should and will be a family, like a human body.

The eyes are no important than the toes and fingers
 All parts of the body is equally important. All branches of the city of Memphis government should work together for the betterment of Memphis
 All the citizens of Memphis, "Simple as that"

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12. How would you as a Mayor effectively reduce the crime rate in the City of Memphis? What current strategies would you continue to support and what changes would you proposed?

How as mayor I would effectively reduce the crime rate in the city of Memphis? — By working directly with the police chief using strategies in curbing and reducing crime. By working with the city council to put in measurements and preventive strategies to prevent crimes from happening by using alternative schools for our trouble teen and young people and alternative strategies for the adult in our community. And above all to bring more jobs and training that will curb the appetite of would be criminals. (No change needs to be made, just take it to another level. For the 2nd question.)

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13. In light of recent events, would you be willing to submit to a background check and allow the results to be published?

yes! "Most definitely"

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14. Discuss the recently passed ethics ordinance/policy at the State and local levels? Is this sufficient and if not, what changes would you recommend?

After reviewing the ethics ordinance/policy at the state and local level - one thing I do like about ^{the} Ethics law that it's a protection for each citizen, it seems that on the local level the ethics policy is still in fine tuning, but when I look at the Tennessee Ethics Commission that covers Employees as well as the citizens, it makes me feel that as a citizen, trust and honor is being put back in the political realm. That's most important, [2nd question: Is this sufficient and if not, what change would you recommend, I think at this time it is sufficient, but at this time it is very hard to say anything permanent, especially when laws are changing everyday.