

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2025 - MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2025. Mayor Cox presided. Aldermen Tillis, Stennis, Wade, Hinton, Pfeiffer, Blackman, and Messenger were present. City Attorney David Harris, Jr., City Clerk/Finance Director Christine Millard, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Deputy Police Chief Matthew Morvant, Fire Chief A.J. Fitch, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Planning Director Amanda Crose, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Executive Administrator & Public Affairs Officer Laurri Garcia were also present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Blackman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer, and unanimously carried to accept the amended agenda.

CERTIFICATES

- a. Recognition of employment years of service: 10 years - Police Sergeant Christopher Bryan, 5 years - Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso

Police Sergeant Christopher Bryan and Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso were present to receive certificates of recognition in appreciation of their years of dedicated service to the City of Ocean Springs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **WITHDRAWN** - Zayed Realty LLC – Bienville Blvd – PIDN: 60127590.050 – Requesting a zoning change from C-H Regional Commercial to M-1 Manufacturing & Warehousing; PC recommends approval
- b. Crosspoint Capital LLC – Groveland Rd – PIDN: 60123040.000 – Requesting Sketch Plat approval of a 33-lot subdivision (Groveland Subdivision); PC recommends approval

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

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The Planning Director explained that the property is located at the southwest corner of Deana Road and Groveland Road and is zoned R-3. She noted that all lots meet the required minimum square footage. The next step will be the submission of the Preliminary Plat, at which time the required 20% parks/open space will be addressed.

Alderman Hinton inquired about drainage concerns. Nick Gant, engineer with BMA, responded that the development team has incorporated feedback from the Planning Commission meeting and is refining the plans accordingly. He stated that the required open space will be utilized for retention/detention in accordance with the stormwater ordinance, and that drainage will be directed inward toward the development rather than onto the surrounding roads.

No public comments were received.

A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer, and unanimously carried to approve the Sketch Plat for Groveland Subdivision (PIDN: 60123040.000) submitted by Crosspoint Capital, LLC.

- c. Re-Adoption of the 2024 Resolution dated June 4, 2024, placing a temporary moratorium (1 year) on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits for multifamily dwellings

A motion was made by Alderman Hinton, seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

Alderman Blackman stated that the Planning Director prepared a packet of definitions related to multifamily development, and that this public hearing is the next step in the process of readopting the moratorium on multifamily dwellings.

The City Attorney noted that the purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to voice their concerns.

Public Comments:

Haley Hill requested a clear definition of “multifamily” and recommended that the moratorium be extended to include townhomes.

The Planning Director reviewed the current definitions for multifamily, apartment, and townhome as outlined in the Unified Development Code (UDC). She also reviewed, and included in the packet provided to the Board, a summary of the zoning districts with their corresponding density and number of dwelling units per acre.

A motion was made by Alderman Hinton, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

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Alderman Blackman requested that the Mayor work with the Public Works Department and the Project Manager to identify areas within the City that are at or nearing infrastructure capacity.

d. Demolition — 126 & 128 Earle Taylor Lane

A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Tillis, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Building Official explained that the duplexes located at 126 Earle Taylor Lane and 128 Earle Taylor Lane were damaged by fire. The City has posted condemnation notices on the properties, mailed letters and notices to the property owners, posted public notices at City Hall, and published notice four times in the Sun Herald. One owner has responded; however, the other owner has not been reached. All procedural requirements to move forward with demolition have been completed.

No public comments were received.

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the demolition of the structures located at 126 Earle Taylor Lane and 128 Earle Taylor Lane.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Moore (Agenda Item 4-b): Asked about the sidewalk plan for Groveland Road and when drainage issues on Groveland Road will be addressed prior to the development.

Haley Hill (Agenda Item 4-c): Requested a copy of the packet provided to the Board of Aldermen containing the multifamily definitions.

OLD BUSINESS

a. UDC Committee Appointments and Proposal from Neel-Schaffer for Planning Consultant Services

A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to appoint members to the UDC Review Committee as follows: Ward 1, William Betterton; Ward 2, Julia Illanne; Ward 3, Shawn Sennessey; Ward 4, Ben Smith; Ward 5, Michael Davis; Ward 6, Libby Miller; and At-Large, Dennis Warren. Alderman Pfeiffer requested to define the deliverables and scope of work for the planning consultant services proposal from Neel-Schaffer. Andy Douglas from Neel-Schaffer said the proposal can be clarified with deliverables and other items requested.

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A motion was made by Alderman Stennis, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from Neel-Schaffer, Inc. to provide professional consulting services to support the committee's work.

b. Tree Committee

Alderman Hinton stated that at the first meeting held in July, it was discussed to form a new Tree Canopy Commission to assist with the mitigation and preservation of protected trees. He noted that the City has applied for GOMESA funds to support contracting with an arborist and for the maintenance of public trees. The Grants Administrator explained that the GOMESA application includes funding to contract with an arborist to review public trees, provide tools and materials, and assist the Building Department with tree removal applications over a two-year period. Alderman Pfeiffer requested a work session and presented a draft of the bylaws for the proposed committee.

c. ADDED: Adopt Resolution to Vacate Unnamed Alley

A motion was made by Alderman Stennis and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt the Resolution (RES 2025-026) to Vacate Unnamed Alley running north from Bienville Blvd. adjacent to PIDN 60119054.000, 60119056.000, 60119058.000, 60119046.000, 60119042.000, 60119048.000 and 60119050.000. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Tillis, Alderman Stennis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Pfeiffer,
Alderman Blackman, Alderman Messenger, Alderman Hinton
Nay: None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except for items 7-f, 7-g, 7-i, 7-j, and 7-k pulled by Alderman Pfeiffer.

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize and waive all associated costs for Young Life to use the Ocean Springs Parks and Recreation building on Monday, October 13, October 27, November 10, November 17, and December 1, 2025, from 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.; to advertise the resources of the city
- b. Approve a \$150 donation to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth for Christ by refunding \$150 of the rental fee paid for use of the Ocean Springs Civic Center on October 16, 2025; to advertise city resources
- c. Approve the Run, Walk, Bike Permit Application for Rotary Club of Ocean Springs 17th Annual 5K RACE on October 18, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., using the Front Beach/OS Bridge Route, no cost to the City, the applicant pays the

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associated event cost

- d. Approve the City of Ocean Springs and Jackson-George Regional Library Permit Application for Trick or Treat on the Track on October 18, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Freedom Field, City over-time costs could be incurred
- e. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Witches Ride of Ocean Springs on October 25, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., (to accommodate setup and tear down) with October 26, 2025 as a rain date; the parade will start/end at Freedom Field - Parade N on Pershing - W. on Government - E. on Porter and back to Freedom Field; Street closures, waive fees for barricades and port-o-lets, and the applicant pays personnel costs associated with the event
- f. Authorize the 16th Annual John R. Blossman Humanitarian Award & Charity Banquet sponsorship of \$1,000 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on Thursday, November 13, 2025

Alderman Pfeiffer asked about the event. A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the 16th Annual John R. Blossman Humanitarian Award & Charity Banquet sponsorship of \$1,000 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

- g. **ADDED:** Authorize the Mayor to execute the authorization letter for beer/wine to be sold/served at the Ocean Springs Cemetery Tour event on October 15, 2025

Alderman Pfeiffer distributed a memo recommending that the letter to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board be revised to state that the City "acknowledges no objection" rather than "authorizes" the event. The City Attorney noted that he had not received the memo or the proposed revised letter prior to the meeting for review. The letter included in the agenda packet has been used previously for other events held on City property to authorize the sale and service of alcohol on City property.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Messenger to authorize the Mayor to execute the authorization letter permitting beer and wine to be sold and served at the Ocean Springs Cemetery Tour event on October 15, 2025. The motion carried with Aldermen Tillis, Stennis, Wade, Blackman, Messenger, and Hinton voting aye, and Alderman Pfeiffer voting nay.

City Clerk:

- h. Accept the September 2025 Aged Receivables Report
- i. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting September 2, 2025

Alderman Pfeiffer noted several typographical errors in the minutes, including the name of the individual leading the Pledge, a department head title, and the misspelling of a last name. A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Stennis, and unanimously carried to approve the corrected minutes of September 2, 2025.

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- j. **ADDED:** Approve Minutes: Special Call Minutes September 10, 2025

Alderman Pfeiffer requested a clarification to the minutes to indicate that the final motion was made outside of executive session. A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the amended minutes of September 10, 2025.

- k. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting September 16, 2025

Alderman Pfeiffer requested an amendment to the section discussing the Legal Services RFP, clarifying that the Mayor stated matters related to conflicts of interest and outside litigation would be addressed during the contract portion. A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Stennis, and unanimously carried to approve the amended minutes of September 16, 2025.

The Mayor remarked that these changes could have been provided prior to the meeting to allow them to be addressed more efficiently and requested that such corrections be submitted before the meeting in the future.

- l. Ratify electronic payment of \$24.99 to Amazon Capital Services to avoid late payment
- m. Ratify check to MSU - Center for Government and Community Development for \$400.00 for purchase of printed Municipal Government Books
- n. Ratify electronic payment to Hancock Whitney Bank for \$7,469.89 for city credit card charges through 8/27/25; Statement not received in time for previous docket before payment due date

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- o. Authorize removing Police Lieutenant John Kirkland and Sergeant Charles "Trey" Smith from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- p. Authorize removing Patrolmen Jonathan Davis, Adam Carter and Saban Trujillo from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- q. Authorize extension of the probationary period for employee #2829 by one year, to January 2, 2027
- r. Authorize employment of Sirrae Williams, Planning Office Administrator, effective October 27, 2025; \$17.00 hourly rate; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- s. Accept resignation of Street Laborer Jessie Galloway, effective September 30, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

- t. Accept HPC Minutes for meeting on August 14, 2025

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- u. Accept New HPC Officers
- v. Approve a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for an 8' x 12' prefabricated storage shed at the rear of the property at 710 Porter Ave. PIDN: 60137618.000; HPC recommends approval
- w. Approve a request for a COA for modifications of a porch added to the north side of the addition, a gable added to the west side of the porch addition, modified paint color selection, replacement of 2nd floor windows to match the 1st floor windows, replacement of the roof using Brava Cedar Shake shingles, 2' – 3' retaining wall (Unilock:Pisa:Sierra), and Rip Rap to the north side of the house at 1103 Calhoun Ave PIDN: 60137342.000; HPC recommends approval
- x. Approve a request for a COA to remove the shrubs along the front property line, install a brick retaining wall approximately 27" tall, add approximately 18–20 ft of old covered brick on the driveway to meet side walkway, and add brick to the walkway leading from the house to the street located at 908 Calhoun Ave; HPC recommends approval

Grants Administration:

- y. Authorize Closeout Package – Construction – Washington Avenue Utility Improvements / Front Beach Drive to Lafontaine Avenue – Tidelands and GOMESA Funding – Award to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC
- z. Authorization to Execute REVISED Memorandum of Agreement – FY25 MDAH Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program: OS Community Center Stabilization

Building Department:

- aa. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through October 1, 2025
- bb. Accept Code Enforcement Report through October 7, 2025

Parks & Recreation Department:

- cc. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Valued at Less Than \$1,000.00 — Scrap Metal
(RES 2025-027)

Public Works:

- dd. Accept the donation of ICN00388 Sterling LT-9500 and ICN013470 King Trailer from the Jackson County Board of Supervisors — Jackson County Road Department

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate

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and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims, finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and to spread the summary on the minutes.

b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to accept the monthly budget report.

c. Public Works: Request for Tourism 2% Funds to Cover Street Sweeper Shortfall

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution (RES 2025-028) authorizing the allocation of \$66,831.26 from the Tourism 2% Fund to cover the shortfall in the purchase of a Second Street Sweeper.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Eamon Mohiuddin, Shea Dobson, Bill Moore, Rebecca Alston, Glen Miller, Haley Hill, Sylvia Bosco, and Chic Cody addressed the Mayor and the Board.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

During the Mayor's and Aldermen's Forum, discussion was held among the Mayor, members of the Board, and the City Attorney regarding the City Attorney's professional services agreement, the letter requesting an Attorney General's opinion, and other related matters. The discussion was extensive and at times contentious, with multiple members providing remarks and clarifications.

Alderman Stennis made the following motion:

I move that this Board invoke the 30-day termination clause in the City Attorney's current professional services agreement, revert the position to interim status, and continue the RFP process to hire a permanent City Attorney within 90 days.

Alderman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. City Attorney Harris advised that in order for him to discuss matters that occurred in executive session, the Board would need to waive attorney-client privilege.

Alderman Hinton then made a motion to waive attorney-client privilege to allow open discussion. Alderman Tillis seconded the motion. The motion to waive attorney-client privilege was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the original motion made by Alderman

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Stennis and seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer. The motion failed, with Aldermen Pfeiffer and Stennis voting aye, and Aldermen Tillis, Wade, Blackman, Messenger, and Hinton voting nay.

Subsequently, after further discussion regarding a letter sent to the Attorney General, Alderman Wade made the following motion:

I move that the City Attorney and the City Clerk send a letter to the Attorney General stating (1) that the September 7th letter from Alderman Pfeiffer was not a request for an opinion authorized by this Board, (2) that Alderman Pfeiffer misrepresented that the letter was a request for an opinion from this Board, and (3) that the Attorney General discard the letter request and its attachments. I further move that Alderman Pfeiffer be required to turn over the letter, all attachments, and any information sent to the Attorney General's Office to the City Clerk as required by the Public Records Act.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Messenger.

The motion carried, with Aldermen Tillis, Stennis, Wade, Blackman, Messenger, and Hinton voting aye, and Alderman Pfeiffer voting nay.

Due to the length and nature of the discussion during the Mayor's and Aldermen's Forum, including debate regarding the City Attorney's contract, the letter requesting an Attorney General's opinion, and other related matters, a verbatim transcript has been prepared and maintained as part of the official record. The transcript is incorporated by reference into these minutes and is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

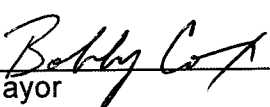
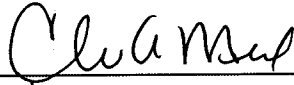
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on October 21, 2025

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to recess.

The meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvRxLBmK3k0> / starts at 1:07:40

Alderman Tillis discussed replacement of signage on Ocean Springs Road.

Alderman Stennis: I'd just like to thank the city for sending four of us aldermen to Hattiesburg last week for some training, and we got a lot out of it, and so I have a little bit I'd like to read to you because I'm scared, I won't get it all in, but,

Recently, four aldermen attended multiple training in Hattiesburg along with the city clerk and public information officer.

At that training, we were advised that several legal claims previously made by our interim city [attorney] David Harris are not consistent with Mississippi law.

For example, we were told by our attorney that we could face a \$10,000 fine or be removed from office merely for discussing matters from executive session. At training we were told that's not true.

This is deeply concerning because it reflects a pattern of legal advice that misrepresents the law and affects both our decision-making and our rights as elected officials to speak freely with residents and press. We know that it's not prudent to go and talk about personnel, to talk about contracts, to talk about land deals, but we don't need to be threatened.

Regarding the September 2nd vote, David Harris told this board that the city attorney interim appointment would be automatically expire as a matter of law within days due to a 90-day limitation under *Mississippi Code §21-15-41*.

We were told this would leave the city without an attorney and that state law required we immediately enter into a required one-year contract. When Alderman Blackman asked if a month-to-month was allowed, our attorney said no, it had to be filled for one year.

After reviewing the statute myself, I now know that's incorrect.

§21-15-41 applies to required positions like city clerk, police chief, or judge. The city attorneys are not a required position. It's governed by *§21-15-25*, which says the board *may* annually appoint an attorney — not shall.

The statute also says we can employ counsel should the occasion require. This gives us flexibility to use shorter or project-based terms if we choose.

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The contract passed on September 2nd was also backdated to September 1 before the board voted and it runs through the 29th, 2026, which does exceed one year. That undermines the argument that a one-year term is legally required and it violates normal procedures. Where contracts begin after board approval, a one-year term is optional, not mandatory and we could have, and still can, use a shorter month-to-month arrangement, if we choose.

Additionally, this same attorney previously inserted a false vote into the July 1 executive session minutes, claimed the board unanimously voted to approve to allow Mr. Wilkinson to continue to represent cases he was previously assigned to by the city. That never happened. And the board later voted unanimously to strike it from the record; however, on August 5th, Mr. Harris instructed the board to vote in executive session on whether to allow Wilkinson to continue on this case. The motion passed 5-2 with Stennis and Pfeiffer voting nay. This action has led to an ethics complaint against the board as to the legality of taking a vote to retain counsel in executive session instead of an open meeting. We have now had to hire a law firm to defend this complaint.

Finally, this board deserves legal counsel we can trust. At a special call meeting on September 10th, [20]25, in executive session, David Harris threatened the board, he told the board untrue things had been said about him in public, he's not standing for it. When David was asked by the alderman if the topic was appropriate for executive session, he said he didn't care if it was or if his comments got out in the ether. He said that if we wanted to pick a fight with him to do it and that he was 'damn good at fighting.' A city attorney serves at the pleasure of both the board of aldermen and the mayor. We should be able to rely on him or her without having to seek outside assistance to determine if the legal advice is sound. We should not be in the position of having to verify whether if our attorney's advice is grounded by law.

For all of these reasons, I move that this board invoke the 30-day termination clause in the city attorney's current professional services agreement, revert the position to interim status, and continue the RFP process to hire a permanent city attorney within 90 days.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I'll second that motion.

Mayor Cox: Well, a lot of those statements you just made are determined on how the questions were asked, and

Alderwoman Stennis: Tell me which one. I want to know which one.

Mayor Cox: and everybody has a different recollection of some of the events that you are addressing,

Alderwoman Pfeiffer: I don't

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Alderwoman Stennis: Tell me which ones though because you can't say "a lot."

Mayor Cox: I can't remember everything you said there but it's pointing out a lot of stuff that's just not there but you have a motion and a second and now we're in discussion so if anyone else has any input go right ahead.

Alderman Hinton: On everything stated and everything, I think it would be fair that David Harris rebuttal some of the comments and accusations that have been made before him, if he so to choose, on the allegation of the last meeting about 'picking a fight' and all this kind of stuff. I'd like to hear him give the grounds of the reason why that was provoked, if Mr. David would so please.

City Attorney Harris: We have a motion on the table. I know this is in discussion but in order to have a discussion in an open meeting, it's going to require you as a board to vote that you waive the attorney-client privilege of discussions so that I can speak in an open meeting about discussions we had in executive session that were attorney-client privileged discussions. I'll be glad to have that discussion if you do that.

Alderman Hinton: Alright, so for a clear understanding, you can have two motions on the table at a time as long as they do not conflict with each other. So I make a motion that we waive the attorney-client privilege.

Alderman Tillis: Second

Mayor Cox: Got a motion by Alderman Hinton, second by Alderman Tillis. All in favor? (Aye) Any opposed? (Nothing) [Motion passes] OK, Mr. David

City Attorney Harris: Alright, so, I think your first complaint, Alderman Stennis, was about what you believe you learned at this training session you went to on Thursday regarding the possibility of having a fine for disclosing information out of executive session. That discussion was specifically about litigation strategy regarding a pending matter against the city by a plaintiff Mr. Rosenberg. Now, when we had that discussion, I cited to you two statutes...well, let me lead off so the public understands this. I do not represent any aldermen on this board. The Supreme Court has said in the case of *Edward vs Weeks*, 633 southern 2nd 10-35 1994, "the municipal attorney is not a department head exercising one portion of the administrative functions of the municipality. He represents and advises the whole municipality, not one or more members of the board of aldermen. He is not a member of any board or commission. He exercises no vote or authority other than the advice and representation he's employed to render on behalf of the municipality. So that discussion that we had that you say there is not a \$10,000 fine, was specifically about disclosure of attorney-client privilege and private information from executive session to a person seeking pecuniary or monetary benefit from the city through a lawsuit. So let me read to you what section of Mississippi Code 25-4-105 states regarding conflicts of interest by elected officials,

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subsection 5 of 25-4-105 states “no person may intentionally use or disclose information gained in the course of or by reason of his official position or employment as a public servant in any way that could result in pecuniary benefit for himself, any relative, or any other person, if the information has not been communicated to the public and is not public information.

Alderman Stennis: How are we going to gain from that punitively?

City Attorney Harris: Disclosing information to a litigant against the city exposes the city to pecuniary loss, later. It says “could.” So I just admonished you, or the board, from disclosing information regarding litigation strategy to the actual person seeking money from the city.

Alright, and so the statute that provides the fine for that is 25-4-109, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission for Mississippi. And subsection 1 of that statute says, “upon a finding of clear and convincing evidence that a public servant or other person has violated any provisions of this article, which I just read, the commission may censure the elected public official or impose a civil fine of not more than \$10,000 or both. The commission may further recommend to the Circuit Court of Hinds County that the official may be removed from office.” So that was the information that I provided to this board regarding your communications out of executive session to a litigant seeking money from this city.

I can't control what you say outside of executive session, and there's no prohibition for what you say outside of executive session. But there is a consequence if it leads to something the ethics commission finds is a violation. So that was the advice that I was giving you. All I do is give advice. I don't, we don't control anybody on this board. The city attorney surely doesn't. All I can do is give you advice about what can happen. And if you don't like that advice, I'm sorry.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Alright, Mr. Harris...

City Attorney Harris: I'm not finished yet.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure.

City Attorney Harris: I'm not done.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure. You keep going.

City Attorney Harris: Let's move on to your other concern regarding the termination of the interim appointment.

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Alderman Pfeiffer: As a matter of fact, I think I'm going to stop you there.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Pfeiffer: I will, yes, I will, because...

Mayor Cox: Alderman Pfeiffer, you have not been recognized.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure, but I'm going to argue 25-4-105, while he's on it. He's misinterpreting the law.

Mayor Cox: Let him finish.

City Attorney Harris: So, on the interim appointment statute which is 25-...21-15-21. I've heard nobody cite the second part of that statute, which is subsection 2, which states, "it's the intent of the legislature that the provisions of this section shall apply to all appointees serving in a hold-over or interim capacity, on July 1, 2018, when the statute went into effect. Of such appointees, the limitation period for serving in a holdover or interim capacity shall be no longer than 90 days from July 1, 2018. The charter of the City of Ocean Springs does not set forth the process in which you appoint a city attorney, and under the Home Rule, which is 21-1-3, all positions in the city are by appointment. So I was appointed as the interim attorney on the 17th of June. Reading the clear intent of the legislature, that appointment can be no longer than 90 days. So that was the advice that I gave the board. There was no other person that I knew or was made aware of who was prepared or asked to serve as the city attorney starting the 18th of September.

So taking that I proposed the same contract I had as the interim attorney which the memo stated in the minutes was to coincide with the budgetary schedule of the city which goes to October 1st. Yes, it was 13 months long and the statute says you may annually appoint. And you set...

Alderman Stennis: May.

City Attorney Harris: Yes, you may annually appoint, because if the charter of the city under Tisdale vs the City Council of Aberdeen 856 southern 2nd 3-23 at 3/27 2003, the Supreme Court states that if the charter is silent as to how you accept a city attorney, then 21-15-25 applies. So that was the advice of the board, and I told this board, if y'all want to shop around, if you want to do RFPs, please do. You're duty bound to do that. Because I was called and took this position when the city was in a lurch. And I've enjoyed working for the city and would like to continue. But I'm not going to have mistruths said about me and me not be able to respond. That's true. And if you want to talk about the comment I made about wanting to fight...

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Alderman Stennis: Um-hm, That's not something we should have to hear in executive session.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Ever. From an attorney that your, you work for us.

City Attorney Harris: I work for the city.

Alderman Pfeiffer: We employ you.

City Attorney Harris: I work for the city, Alderman Pfeiffer.

Alderman Pfeiffer: We approve your contract.

City Attorney Harris: You can disapprove it, you can vote to approve it, you can do whatever you want to. But I work for the city and...

Alderman Pfeiffer: That's what I'm trying to do

City Attorney Harris: but I work for the city and I will argue with you if I believe you're wrong and you're putting the city in a bad position.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I think you broke our trust that night by, by what you said to us.

City Attorney Harris: Well, if you want to talk about breaking trust,

Alderman Pfeiffer: Yeah, we can. Let's do. I'm going to pick up now if you're...

Mayor Cox: Alderman Pfeiffer, hold on a second.

Alderman Pfeiffer: No, really.

Mayor Cox: Ms. Stennis has the...this is her

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure. And he's said something and I've asked to respond.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Stennis: I've got a question. You have a captive audience in that executive committee, and you were asked specifically was this executive material and that violated open meeting law. It should have come out here to talk about, and under *Harding vs the City of Bay St Louis*, an independent contractor is not an employee of

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the city. You're contracted. Discussion of his job performance must be discussed in an open meeting and cannot be entertained in executive session.

City Attorney Harris: That was not a discussion of job performance.

Alderman Stennis: Well, this is.

City Attorney Harris: OK, well you're having it.

Alderman Stennis: But you have a, but it was not executive meeting material. You can't take us in there with a captive audience and give us a tongue-lashing and expect us to stay in there. That won't happen again.

City Attorney Harris: I didn't take you in there to give you, we were talking about other actions...

Alderman Stennis: No, it was at the end of all the actions, is what it was.

City Attorney Harris: Well, look, I'm just doing the best I can. And, you know, there's some people on this board, that are undermining the position of the city as I see it.

Alderman Pfeiffer: OK, hold on there, Mr. Harris. Now I'm going to speak. I'm going to tell you what you did with 25-4-105. It does contain a \$10,000 fine clause but that only relates to penalties on Mississippi Code 25-4-109, which is if someone benefits from a personal or financial gain. What you're doing now, is why we're in this situation. You don't think we know the law, but we do. You continually misrepresent your clients, this board, and your own personal benefit, for your own personal benefit so this law may very well apply to you.

City Attorney Harris: Well, Alderman Pfeiffer, I can tell you that the opinion that I received from Tom Hood at the Executive...as the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, was exactly why I cited those statutes to you. If you want to call him, please do. He would be happy to take your phone call.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure.

Mayor Cox: Ok, are you finished addressing?

City Attorney Harris: Unless anyone else has any questions for me.

Mayor Cox: OK.

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Alderman Pfeiffer: I just think. I have something. You already struck false executive session actions from the record and we heard in training things that contradicted prior legal claims. So waiting on any advisory letter is not going to fix that or undo the facts. And, I think that, we don't need to wait any longer to move forward with enacting this 30-day clause.

Mayor Cox: We have a motion and a second on the table. All in favor. (Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Stennis: Aye, All others: Nay)

Mayor Cox: Nays have it. OK, Alderman Wade.

Alderman Wade: I have something I need to discuss.

I've learned for the first time on August...on September 24, 2025, that Alderman Pfeiffer submitted a request for an opinion from the Attorney General's office, dated September 7, 2025. I learned of this letter when Mr. Brian Rosenberg published an article on his blog. It is important to state Mr. Rosenberg is suing the City of Ocean Springs in Federal court seeking money from the city. I have multiple problems with this letter. 1. I never saw the letter before it was published on a blog. I have checked with the City Clerk and the city does not have a complete copy of this letter, or information attached to it by Alderman Pfeiffer that was sent to the Attorney General. This letter and the information it contains are public records and must be kept by the city. 2. This letter was printed on city letterhead and it states in the first sentence that it was sent on behalf of the City of Ocean Springs Board of Aldermen. This board can only act after a motion and majority vote of the board and the action is recorded in the minutes of this board. We never made a motion or voted to authorize Alderman Pfeiffer to send any letter to the Attorney General. Alderman Pfeiffer's letter to the Attorney General is untrue, false, and she is not speaking on behalf of this board. And she does not speak for me. Communication is not happening between Alderman Pfeiffer and this board. You, Alderman Pfeiffer, sent a letter and made it look like it was an official letter from this board, on city letterhead, when you did not have any authority to do so. You did not tell the board that you sent a letter even when the issue came up in the last board meeting about the mayor sending a similar request. You sat there silently knowing what you had done. You didn't give the city a full copy of the letter but you gave it to Mr. Rosenberg, who, again, let me state, is suing the city. For him to make comments about it without anybody else knowing what the letter says or the information attached. Your actions, Ms. Pfeiffer, are dishonest, back-handed, sneaky, and just wrong. You did not have any authority to speak on behalf of this board. You misrepresented that to the Attorney General's office.

I move that the City Attorney and the Clerk send a letter to the Attorney General stating, 1. that on September 7th, the letter from Alderman Pfeiffer is a request for an opinion that was not authorized by this board, 2. Alderman Pfeiffer misrepresented it that letter that was a requested from an opinion from this board, and 3. I ask that the Attorney General to disregard this letter and request and the information attached. I also move that Alderman Pfeiffer be required to turn over the letter and all its attachments and

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information sent to the Attorney General's office to the City Clerk as required by Public Records Request.

Alderman Messenger: I second Kevin's motion.

Mayor Cox: We have a motion by Alderman Wade, second by Alderman Messenger.

Alderman Messenger: I was also unaware of the letter. I was not made privy to that and I don't appreciate my name associated with something that I was not consulted on.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I didn't put your name on it.

Alderman Messenger: "On behalf of the board" implies all of us.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I said I was submitting...

Alderman Wade: You said "on behalf of the board." You had no authority.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Excuse me, don't yell at me, Kevin. And, secondly, I don't have to ask your permission to send for an AG opinion.

Alderman Wade: First of all, I didn't yell. I just spoke into the mic.

Alderman Pfeiffer: No, I think you did. And I did talk to some of the aldermen about it as far as it being sent in.

[talking over each other]

Mayor Cox: [banging gavel] One at a time, one at a time.

Alderman Pfeiffer: What is the problem? Are you afraid of the answers that may come out of the questions I asked?

Alderman Hinton: No, the problem that we have.

Alderman Pfeiffer: We might have light shone on something that we're sitting here fighting?

Alderman Messenger: Your deflecting, Your request is representing the entire board and wasn't consulted with us.

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Alderman Pfeiffer: The heck I am.

Alderman Wade: We need to work together as a board.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I think it's apparent why I sent it that we're having struggles with our city attorney, and I needed these things answered because we're not getting good representation.

Alderman Hinton: On the letter..

Alderman Pfeiffer: And we're getting somebody that is misinterpreting the law.

Alderman Hinton: On the letter, you could have signed it with your name.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I did.

Alderman Hinton: No, you did not. On the posted letter, it said "on behalf of the board of aldermen."

Alderman Pfeiffer: I am submitting this.

Alderman Hinton: OK, but on the letter it said "on behalf of the board of aldermen." I am speaking right now in this board as a whole. We can agree to disagree, but collectively we need to communicate with one another.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Pfeiffer: I completely agree with that, and I think our communication has hit rock bottom.

Alderman Hinton: Yes, it has hit rock bottom but when we have a letter sent on a city letterhead to a...

Alderman Pfeiffer: I am an alderman with my name on that city letterhead.

Alderman Hinton: but that letterhead is supposed to reside with the city clerk's office at any given point in time.

Alderman Pfeiffer: The mayor's AG opinion went out without us knowing

Mayor Cox: Let Matthew finish speaking before you...

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Alderman Pfeiffer: Absolutely not because I think I just had a lot of things thrown my way and I'm going to say...

Alderman Hinton: You can rebuttal everything that Alderman Wade has to say but I'm going to rebuttal what I have to say right now, because as the city as a whole, we can agree to disagree but we should have open communication.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Agree.

Alderman Hinton: Anything that is sent on a letterhead that has my name at the top or any alderman's name at the top, we all should be aware of it!

Alderman Pfeiffer: I completely agree.

Alderman Hinton: That letter should be given to the City Clerk for a public's request that anybody in our community or anybody, in general. It aggravates me. I sit back. I don't like this.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Matt, there's stuff sent out every day from city hall that none of us are aware of that have our name on that letterhead. This is no different.

Alderman Pfeiffer: But the City Clerk has that.

Alderman Messenger: You're not taking responsibility for what you did.

Alderman Pfeiffer: What are you talking about? I didn't do anything.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Hinton: Deflection is.....If you would like to rebuttal, If you would like to rebuttal Mr. Wade,

Alderman Pfeiffer: I have no problem providing a copy. If I had, I wouldn't have provided one to the media.

[laughter]

Mayor Cox: The media got it first, that's for sure.

Alderman Wade: The media got it before the aldermen got it.

Alderman Pfeiffer: ...that happens a lot at this table

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Alderman Wade: yeah because you bring it to them

Alderman Pfeiffer: And so do other people.

Alderman Tillis: Shannon, I'd like to weigh in on it also.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Absolutely.

Alderman Tillis: I didn't really appreciate being not able to see the letter that was sent on behalf of the aldermen, and you know, catch it on Facebook. I mean that's just not right. We should have known about it.

Alderman Pfeiffer: You'll know when you get the answer. That is the reason that I sent it. It was never anything that was told we have to run it by everyone because if that's the case again it goes out like that at City Hall every day with different documents in the same manner.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Tillis: I mean it's not...I mean if you put something on behalf of the aldermen...I mean if you don't see this, it's obvious the majority of the board right now feels this way. Just accept your mistake and

Alderman Pfeiffer: What is the problem? Again, I ask, that they'll answer it?

Alderman Hinton: They not going to answer it. I made a phone call because it came from an alderman that addressed the entire board. The board did not vote on this.

[talking over each other] Alderman Pfeiffer: ...the entire board. I was asking for clarification.

Alderman Hinton: The board did not vote. And that addressed the entire board. The board did not vote. The board did not make a motion and vote on this letter to be sent.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Nor does that ever say it has to be.

Mayor Cox: The first sentence is what threw it all.

Alderman Hinton: The first sentence of that letter...

Alderman Wade: On behalf of this whole board...

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Alderman Pfeiffer: I am asking these questions for clarification.

Alderman Wade: You don't have authority to send a letter on behalf of Ocean Springs.

Alderman Pfeiffer: I absolutely do.

[talking over each other]

Alderman Hinton: Look, we can argue, we can agree to disagree.

Alderman Pfeiffer: the AG and they require it be on letterhead that my name is on.

Alderman Wade: So you took a City of Ocean Springs letterhead...

Alderman Pfeiffer: They do it every day. I did it at this meeting tonight.

Alderman Hinton: Like I said

Alderman Pfeiffer: My name is on the letterhead, Kevin.

Mayor Cox: Alright, we can move on.

Alderman Wade: We have a motion and a second.

Mayor Cox: We have a motion on the floor.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Repeat your motion.

Mayor Cox: Second by Alderman Messenger.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Can we get it repeated?

Mayor Cox: And

Alderman Pfeiffer: May we get the motion repeated?

Mayor Cox: Read the motion.

Alderman Wade: I move that the City Attorney and the City Clerk send a letter to the Attorney General stating 1. that September 7th a letter from Alderman Pfeiffer was not a request for an opinion authorized by this board, 2. the Alderman Pfeiffer misrepresented

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that the letter was a request for an opinion from this board, and 3. I ask that the Attorney General to discard the letter request and the information attached. I also move that Alderman Pfeiffer be required to turn over the letter and all its attachments, and the information sent to the Attorney General's office to the City Clerk as required by the Public Records Act.

Mayor Cox: OK, we've got a motion and a second. All in favor.

Aldermen Tillis, Stennis, Wade, Blackman, Messenger, Hinton: Aye.

Mayor Cox: Any opposed?

Alderman Pfeiffer: Nay.

Mayor Cox: Moving on. Alderman Pfeiffer.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Sure. Um, let's see what do I have here. So I've got a draft, pass that down, Memo of Agreement that we need to consider putting in place for the chamber of commerce that has been brought to our attention that does not currently exist. From somebody that's on the Finance Committee for the city, we have fiduciary responsibility to track tax payer funds so I recognize this as something we've been lacking and that we need to formalize. I've attached a draft for review so that we can begin the process.

Mayor Cox: There is one already in the clerk's office and the attorney is reviewing that also before it comes to the board so there is one already drafted.

Alderman Pfeiffer: Well here's a second one.

Mayor Cox: We can put that in with it and he can review it and...

Alderman Pfeiffer: Allan, I wanted to thank you for getting the sand swept on East Beach in that area that was having some problems. And lastly, with all the minute corrections I've made, they're not coming in in a timely manner. You haven't them popping up on the agenda within hours of the meeting, and we shouldn't have them going beyond 30 days, which they have been, and that needs to, uh, be improved. We gotta get them out.

Mayor Cox: Alright, Alderman Blackman.

Alderman Blackman: First, I'd like to congratulate our new deputy police chief, Matt Morvant sitting over there.

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[clapping]

Once again, we had three very, very good applicants. It was a tough decision and I know we waited a little bit but we congratulate you and look forward to what you're going to do in that position. I think that's it, that's all I got.

Mayor Cox: Ms. Messenger.

Alderman Messenger: I'd just like to thank the Trentwood residents for allowing me to attend their annual meeting. It was most enjoyable and quite a bit of insight. I look forward to working for them, and it was an honor. Also, I'm looking forward to the Trick or Treat at the Track, so, Stephen, I hope you have that dunking booth set up as I understand that me and Mr. Mayor are signed up and I hope the other aldermen will sign up.

Stephen Glorioso acknowledged Alderman Messenger was the first volunteer, followed by discussion of volunteering

Alderman Blackman: Matt, if you don't mind I have one more thing before you go. Allan, I just want to thank you guys for all you do. Kevin Wade and I were out with you guys on that water main break until well after midnight. And just standing there watching you guys, it made me want to jump down in the hole myself. Like, seeing you guys in action, I really appreciate what you guys do. Job well done that night.

Alderman Wade: Great job.

Alderman Stennis: The city looks good too.

Mayor Cox: Ya'll got it ready for cruising'. Top notch and looking great. Matt,

Alderman Hinton: Interesting night. I'd like to thank the city staff and everybody that came out tonight and I look forward to Cruisin' the Coast that's going to start off on Thursday. So our town is going to be filled with a lot of cruisers so let's keep an eye out. By the way, I think you've got a half-day at City Hall coming up so y'all going to enjoy that day. Allan, [laughter], thank you for going around and patching those areas that need to be done on the street. Let's keep that good work up, And Planning Department, thank y'all and both to the Police Department and Fire Department, thank y'all, you both have done good work. Thank y'all.

Mayor Cox: And I don't have anything. Looking forward to the full week of Cruisin the Coast. Cynthia, do you have anything to add before we close?

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Cynthia Sutton from Chamber of Commerce commented about Cruisin' the Coast event and the festival season, followed by discussion.

Alderman Blackman: I make a motion to recess.

Alderman Wade: Second.

Mayor Cox: We have a motion to recess. Motion by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Wade. All in favor. [All aye]. Any opposed? [Nothing heard]



**REGULAR MEETING - AMENDED AGENDA
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CERTIFICATES

- a. Recognition of employment years of service: 10 years - Police Sergeant Christopher Bryan, 5 years - Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **WITHDRAWN** - Zayed Realty LLC – Bienville Blvd – PIDN: 60127590.050 – Requesting a zoning change from C-H Regional Commercial to M-1 Manufacturing & Warehousing; PC recommends approval
- b. Crosspoint Capital LLC – Groveland Rd – PIDN: 60123040.000 – Requesting Sketch Plat approval of a 33-lot subdivision (Groveland Subdivision); PC recommends approval
- c. Re-Adoption of the 2024 Resolution dated June 4, 2024, placing a temporary moratorium (1 year) on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits for multifamily dwellings
- d. Demolition — 126 & 128 Earle Taylor Lane

5. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT *** The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 5 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, **ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda.** The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. **Please identify yourself and the agenda item.** If no agenda item is stated, you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. UDC Committee Appointments and Proposal from Neel-Schaffer for Planning Consultant Services
- b. Tree Committee
- c. **ADDED:** Adopt Resolution to Vacate Unnamed Alley

7. CONSENT AGENDA ** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will*

not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize and waive all associated costs for YoungLife to use the Ocean Springs Parks and Recreation building on Monday, October 13, October 27, November 10, November 17, and December 1, 2025, from 6:45 PM-8:45 PM; to advertise the resources of the city
- b. Approve a \$150 donation to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth for Christ by refunding \$150 of the rental fee paid for use of the Ocean Springs Civic Center on October 16, 2025; to advertise city resources
- c. Approve the Run, Walk, Bike Permit Application for Rotary Club of Ocean Springs 17th Annual 5K RACE on October 18, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., using the Front Beach/OS Bridge Route, no cost to the City, the applicant pays the associated event cost
- d. Approve the City of Ocean Springs and Jackson-George Regional Library Permit Application for Trick or Treat on the Track on October 18, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Freedom Field, City over-time costs could be incurred
- e. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Witches Ride of Ocean Springs on October 25, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., (to accommodate setup and tear down) with October 26, 2025 as a rain date; the parade will start/end at Freedom Field - Parade N on Pershing - W. on Government - E. on Porter and back to Freedom Field; Street closures, waive fees for barricades and port-o-lets, and the applicant pays personnel costs associated with the event
- f. Authorize the 16th Annual John R. Blossman Humanitarian Award & Charity Banquet sponsorship of \$1,000 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on Thursday, November 13, 2025
- g. **ADDED:** Authorize the Mayor to execute the authorization letter for beer/wine to be sold/served at the Ocean Springs Cemetery Tour event on October 15, 2025

City Clerk:

- h. Accept the September 2025 Aged Receivables Report
- i. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting September 2, 2025
- j. **ADDED:** Approve Minutes: Special Call Minutes September 10, 2025
- k. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting September 16, 2025
- l. Ratify electronic payment of \$24.99 to Amazon Capital Services to avoid late payment
- m. Ratify check to MSU - Center for Government and Community Development for \$400.00 for purchase of printed Municipal Government Books

- n. Ratify electronic payment to Hancock Whitney Bank for \$7,469.89 for city credit card charges through 8/27/25; Statement not received in time for previous docket before payment due date

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- o. Authorize removing Police Lieutenant John Kirkland and Sergeant Charles "Trey" Smith from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- p. Authorize removing Patrolmen Jonathan Davis, Adam Carter and Saban Trujillo from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- q. Authorize extension of the probationary period for employee #2829 by one year, to January 2, 2027
- r. Authorize employment of Sirrae Williams, Planning Office Administrator, effective October 27, 2025; \$17.00 hourly rate; one year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- s. Accept resignation of Street Laborer Jessie Galloway, effective September 30, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

- t. Accept HPC Minutes for meeting on August 14, 2025
- u. Accept New HPC Officers
- v. Approve a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for an 8' x 12' prefabricated storage shed at the rear of the property at 710 Porter Ave. PIDN: 60137618.000; HPC recommends approval
- w. Approve a request for a COA for modifications of a porch added to the north side of the addition, a gable added to the west side of the porch addition, modified paint color selection, replacement of 2nd floor windows to match the 1st floor windows, replacement of the roof using Brava Cedar Shake shingles, 2' – 3' retaining wall (Unilock:Pisa:Sierra), and Rip Rap to the north side of the house at 1103 Calhoun Ave PIDN: 60137342.000; HPC recommends approval
- x. Approve a request for a COA to remove the shrubs along the front property line, install a brick retaining wall approximately 27" tall, add approximately 18–20 ft of old covered brick on the driveway to meet side walkway, and add brick to the walkway leading from the house to the street located at 908 Calhoun Ave; HPC recommends approval

Grants Administration:

- y. Authorize Closeout Package – Construction – Washington Avenue Utility Improvements / Front Beach Drive to Lafontaine Avenue – Tideland and GOMESA Funding – Award to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC
- z. Authorization to Execute REVISED Memorandum of Agreement – FY25 MDAH Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program: OS Community Center Stabilization

Building Department:

- aa. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through October 1, 2025
- bb. Accept Code Enforcement Report through October 7, 2025

Parks & Recreation Department:

- cc. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Valued at Less Than \$1,000.00 — Scrap Metal

Public Works:

- dd. Accept the donation of ICN00388 Sterling LT-9500 and ICN013470 King Trailer from the Jackson County Board of Supervisors — Jackson County Road Department

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the Minutes
- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report
- c. Public Works: Request for Tourism 2% Funds to Cover Street Sweeper Shortfall

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT *The public is invited to address the Board, for up to 5 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement to take potential action at a later date if warranted. Priority will be given to Ocean Springs residents and Business Owners. **Please identify yourself before speaking.***

10. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on October 21, 2025