

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs
Special Call Meeting
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Friday, May 5, 2023

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Aldermen Wade and Cox were absent. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, City Planner Wade Morgan, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

1. The object of the meeting will be any matters pertaining to:

2 PUBLIC HEARING

- a. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Request Approval of An Amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi amending the following sections and chapters: Chapter 2, Sections 2.24. through 2.27 to incorporate regulations on Planned Unit Developments

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

The City Planner explained that a Planned Unit Development (PUD) doesn't allow uses against the zoning regulations or dwelling unit density restrictions. He said a PUD does allow variances in lot area, and widths, and allows for a more flexible site design. He said the process would first require that an outline plan must be approved with a Public Hearing at both the Planning Commission and the Board of Aldermen meetings. Then the final plan will set the details and must be approved by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Authement asked if the proposed PUD is similar to the code prior to 2015 which allowed for Sweet Grass and Sea Side East Beach. He replied it is similar with more details and provisions and is easier for all parties to navigate.

Robert Schwartz spoke on behalf of The Sands LLC. in favor of an amendment of the UDC allowing for PUDs.

Julia Illane stated she submitted questions that were not answered. The City Attorney

replied that since she is represented by legal counsel in pending lawsuits against the City, everything would need to be submitted through counsel. She spoke against allowing PUDs in the UDC.

Carlos Barbosa expressed concern about changes in code and how they will affect the historical value within the City.

Mike Illane spoke against an amendment of the UDC allowing for PUDs.

John Godsey spoke against an amendment of the UDC allowing for PUDs.

Ben Cheney spoke against an amendment of the UDC allowing for PUDs.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt an Amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi amending the following sections and chapters: Chapter 2, Sections 2.24. through 2.27 to incorporate regulations on Planned Unit Developments (ORD 2023-05). The motion carried with a vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey

Nay: None

- b. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Request Approval of An Amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi amending the following sections and chapters: Chapter 3, to create the R-6 Residential District

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

The City Planner explained the R-6 Single Family Zoning District will be a new zoning district that allows for smaller lots, as small as 2,000 square feet with 5-foot setbacks. He said there is still a maximum of 6 dwelling units per acre of land, which counters the smaller lots with more green space per acre.

Julia Illane spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

Steve Pitzers spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

Diane Paine spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

Robert Schwartz spoke in favor of the creation of the R-6 District.

Carlos Barbosa spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

John Godsey spoke against non-native palm trees planted in Ocean Springs.

Mike Illane spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

Scott Edwards spoke against the creation of the R-6 District.

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

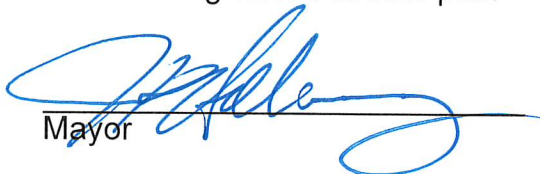
A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Authement to adopt an Amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi amending the following sections and chapters: Chapter 3, to create the R-6 Residential District (ORD-2023-06). The motion carried with a vote as follows:

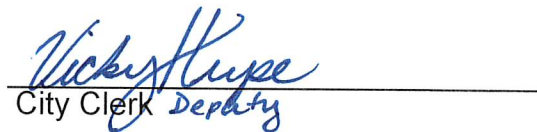
Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey

Nay: None

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 5:29 p.m.


Mayor


City Clerk Deputy

