

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS – Board of Aldermen
Work Session April 15, 2026 – Minutes**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Work Session in the Boardroom at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2026. A public notice stating the place, date, time, and subject matter of the work session was posted within one hour of the meeting being called, both on the City's website and at City Hall, where it was available for examination and inspection by the public.

Mayor Cox presided. Aldermen Tillis, Stennis, Wade, Hinton, Blackman, and Messenger were present. Alderman Pfeiffer was absent. City Attorney David Harris, Jr., City Clerk/Finance Director Christine Millard, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, and Executive Administrator & Public Affairs Officer Laurri Garcia were also present.

The object of the meeting - any matters pertaining to:

1. Work Session – 1515 Government Street Parking Garage
2. This meeting will be a work session only, and no official action will be taken.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of the work session was to review and discuss matters related to the proposed parking garage lease.

The Mayor further stated that discussion would be limited to matters appropriate for open session.

Members of the Board discussed the parking garage lease, including general terms, obligations, and considerations related to the project. Questions were raised regarding the structure of the agreement, associated costs, and long-term impacts.

The City Attorney advised that certain aspects of the lease may involve matters appropriate for executive session and noted that the Board previously discussed these items on April 7, 2026, as appropriate for executive session. Those matters were not discussed in open session.

In response to a question from Alderman Tillis regarding whether the City had received any documents from a state agency directing that the City enter into a lease agreement, the City Attorney read from the Mississippi State Auditor Shad White GCRF March 2026 Report, referencing a case study involving the 1515 Government Street parking garage. The report states that if the City does not enter into a lease agreement with OHOS, the City will be required to repay GCRF funds to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA).

No action was taken.

There being no further business, the work session concluded at approximately 5:10 p.m.


Mayor Cox




City Clerk C. Millard