

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS Board of Aldermen
Special Work Session May 6, 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 May 6, 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, Pfeiffer, and Messenger were present. Alderman Blackman was absent. City Attorney David Harris, Jr., City Clerk/Finance Director Christine Millard, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Steven Dye, Deputy Police Chief Matthew Morvant, Police Captain Brian Kestner, Planning Director Amanda Crose, and Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso were also present. Also present were Ocean Springs School District Police Chief Marshall Riff, Liz Elmore, President of OSPREYS and Ben Smith with BMA Engineering.

This meeting will be a work session only, and no official action will be taken.

Bicycle Safety Plan and E-Bike Work Session

1. Discussion of the 2018 Bicycle Safety Plan and E-bikes

Discussion took place regarding the 2018 Bicycle Safety Plan, e-bike regulations, and overall bicycle and pedestrian safety within the City. Alderman Pfeiffer reviewed draft ordinance concepts utilizing existing City Code provisions and discussed possible restrictions within the downtown entertainment district.

Police Department representatives discussed current state and federal regulations related to e-bikes, including classifications for Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes, and noted that electric scooters, one-wheeled devices, and similar motorized devices currently have limited or no state regulation. Concerns were expressed regarding unsafe operation of e-bikes, electric scooters, minibikes, and similar devices, particularly by juveniles.

Discussion included enforcement challenges, public education, and safety awareness efforts. Police officials emphasized education and parental involvement over enforcement and stated that the Police Department plans to utilize social media and community outreach to educate the public regarding safe and lawful operation of bicycles and motorized devices.

Ocean Springs School District Police Chief Marshall Riff discussed the importance of providing bicycle and e-bike safety education to students early in the school year, particularly at the upper elementary and middle school levels, and discussed coordination with the City and Police Department regarding student safety outreach.

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Liz Elmore, representing OSPREYS, discussed previous bicycle safety programs conducted with local schools and expressed support for continued community education efforts. Discussion also included helmet safety, bicycle signage, shared roadway markings, traffic-calming measures, and additional safety improvements near schools and high-traffic areas.

No official action was taken during the work session.

Bobby Cox
Mayor Cox

Chambers
City Clerk Millard





**Mayor & Board of Aldermen
WORK SESSION MEETING**

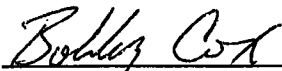
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall Boardroom - 1018 Porter Avenue - Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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