

CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Special Call Meeting June 4, 2026 - Minutes

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 at 10:15 a.m. on June 4, 2026. A public notice stating the place, date, time, and subject matter of the meeting 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 public examination and inspection.

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, Police Chief Steven Dye, Fire Chief A.J. Fitch, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Planning Director Amanda Crose, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, and Executive Administrator & Public Affairs Officer Laurri Garcia were also present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

1. Adoption of 2024 International Building Codes and Related Local Amendments

Building Official Darrell Stringfellow reviewed the proposed adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes and related local amendments. He explained that the City is currently enforcing the 2018 codes and that adoption of the updated codes is necessary to comply with state requirements. Discussion took place regarding the timing of adoption, the review process, proposed local amendments, and the impact of code adoption on grant eligibility and other regulatory programs. Several Aldermen expressed a desire for additional time to review the International Building Code, proposed ordinances, and amendments.

A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer and seconded by Alderman Messenger to defer consideration of the proposed ordinances until the June 16, 2026, Recess Meeting. The motion failed with Aldermen Stennis, Pfeiffer, and Messenger voting aye and Aldermen Tillis, Wade, Blackman, and Hinton voting nay.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-004** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Building Code (IBC)** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman

Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-005** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Existing Building Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

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Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-006** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Wade to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-007** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Plumbing Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Wade to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-008** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Mechanical Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Wade to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-009** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-010** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Wade to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-011** adopting the **2024 Edition of the International Fire Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Hinton to adopt

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Ordinance No. **2026-012** adopting the **2023 Edition of the National Electrical Code** and related local amendments. The motion carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Hinton, Alderman Tillis, Alderman Wade, Alderman Blackman
Nay: Alderman Stennis, Alderman Pfeiffer, Alderman Messenger.

**2 Executive Session: Purchase of Land, Lease of Land, and Litigation Update
— Garriga**

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Tillis, and unanimously carried to go into a closed session to determine the necessity of going into an executive session.

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that a motion was made by Alderman Stennis, seconded by Alderman Hinton, and unanimously carried to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of land and litigation update regarding Garriga v. City of Ocean Springs.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session to discuss the purchase of land and a litigation update regarding Garriga v. City of Ocean Springs.


The City Clerk returned to the meeting to recap an additional motion that initially failed in executive session announced that a motion was made by Alderman Wade and seconded by Alderman Tillis to go into executive session to discuss the lease of land, purchase of land, and litigation update regarding Garriga v. City of Ocean Springs. The motion failed with Aldermen Tillis, Wade, Blackman, and Hinton voting aye and Aldermen Stennis, Pfeiffer, and Messenger voting nay. The motion failed to receive the three-fifths vote required by Mississippi Code Section 25- 41-7 to enter executive session.

A motion was made by Alderman Pfeiffer, seconded by Alderman Stennis, and unanimously carried to come out of executive session.

No action was taken.


A motion was made by Alderman Hinton, seconded by Alderman Pfeiffer, and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 11:11 a.m.



Mayor Cox





City Clerk Millard



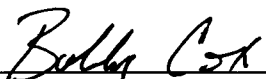
**Mayor & Board of Aldermen
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

Thursday, June 4, 2026 @ 10:15 AM

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

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1. Adoption of 2024 International Building Codes and Related Local Amendments
2. Executive Session: Purchase of Land, Lease of Land, and Litigation Update—
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