

**The Special Call Minutes of the
City of Ocean Springs Mayor & Board of Aldermen
Friday, July 21, 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 at 8:00 a.m. on July 21, 2023, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Patrolman Charles Smith, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

a. Grants Administration and Applications

- a. Authorize to Submit Application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY24 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – Public Works Relocation, Phase 2 - 20% required match**

Alderman Cox asked what building will be demolished in Phase 2. The Mayor responded that the Public Works buildings will be demolished. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize to submit an application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund – FY24 – MS Development Authority – Public Works Relocation, Phase 2 with a 20% match required.

- b. Authorize to Submit Application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY24 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – City Hall Expansion Project - 20% required match**

Alderman Cox said the Aldermen were not given ample notice of these applications and projects. He said moving the City Hall Complex to the Safety Complex/Civic Center area on the east side of town should be explored. The Mayor responded that the attorney working on the Comprehensive Plan has stated that City Hall needs to remain Downtown as the business hub of the City. The Planning & Grant Administrator said that the application that will be submitted will include more detail than the memo she provided; this is the first phase with the intent and scope of the project. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Burgess to authorize to submit an application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY24 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – City Hall Expansion Project with a 20% required match. The motion carried with a vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Blackman

Nay: Alderman Wade, Alderman Cox

- c. Authorize to Submit Application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY24 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – Front Beach Event Center Development - 20% required match

The Mayor said GCRF funds have not been received for this project, but other funding sources have been utilized. He said the 20% required match has already been covered and would not need additional funds. A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize to submit an application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY24 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – Front Beach Event Center Development with a 20% required match.

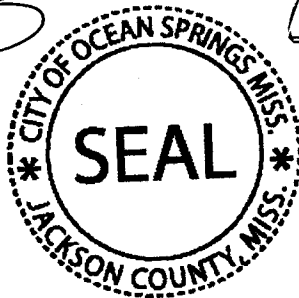
- d. Authorize to Submit Funding Application to MS Department of Marine Resource (MDMR) – GOMESA – FY24: 1) Front Beach Marina & Bulkhead Construction, and 2) Washington Avenue Utility Improvements

The Mayor said that this grant would supplement the Tidelands grant that was received to correct the drainage issues at Washington Avenue and Front Beach. He said it has been determined that there are more issues than drainage and the road will be raised for water, sewer, and drainage replacement. A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to authorize to submit a Funding Application to MS Department of Marine Resource (MDMR) – GOMESA – FY24: 1) Front Beach Marina & Bulkhead Construction, and 2) Washington Avenue Utility Improvements.

Alderman Cox requested a grant committee be formed to vet the grant projects moving forward. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to create a grant committee process that would require the Alderman at Large or alternate, the Alderman of the Ward where the project will take place, and the Mayor to review all future grant projects and applications.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:31 a.m.


Mayor




City Clerk