

**The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs
Mayor & Board of Aldermen
Monday, October 2, 2023**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. on October 2, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Interim Police Chief Ryan Lemaire, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Lадnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Alderman Authement said he owns property within the Urban Renewal Plan and is required by state statute to recuse himself. The City Attorney advised him to leave the meeting.

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

The object of the meeting will be any matters pertaining to: Public Hearing: Urban Renewal Plan

The Mayor made an opening statement and announced there is paperwork at the back of the meeting room for residents within the current Urban Renewal Map to opt out of the plan and their address will be removed. He said the paperwork must be turned in to City Hall by October 31, 2023. The City Attorney explained that the residents who opted out would not be included in the plan and would not be eligible for specific urban renewal grants.

- * The Urban Renewal Plan will not be adopted at this meeting.
- * Those who would like to speak will be asked to sign in before the meeting begins.
- * Property owners within the proposed Urban Renewal Map will be given priority to speak.

* Speakers will be limited to a maximum of 5 (five) minutes each and will not be allowed to add time from another speaker

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

Ten property owners within the Urban Renewal Map spoke: Cynthia Fisher, Ester Payton, Rana Oliver, John on behalf of Joe Dailey, Gloria Manning, Samuel Washington on behalf of Macedonia Baptist Church, Marie Cochran, Lottie Gipson, Steven Gipson, and Jessie Carroll.

Speakers outside of the Urban Renewal Map were: Brenda Lyons, James Lewis, Elizabeth Feder-Hosey, Judith Skiba, John Ford, Leslie Oliver, Ralph Waller, Julia Illane, Steve Tillis, Lori Carter, Bob Smith, Suranjan Sen, Julia O'Neal, Rose Harmon, Becky Desporte, Margo Posten, and Charlie Robertson.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:51 p.m.

		
Mayor	Date	Date