

**The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs
Planning Commission – SPECIAL CALL
January 23, 2024**

1. Call Meeting to Order

A Special Call meeting of the City of Ocean Springs Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Andy Phelan at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Members present were Matthew Hinton, Kevin O'Connell, Marshall Johnson, Michael Davis, Joey Conwill, and Joseph McCormick. Also present were City Planner Wade Morgan, Planning & Grants Coordinator Camille Anderson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, and City Attorney Will Norman and Anthony Liberato.

2. Old Business

- a. Recommendation Regarding Conformance of the Proposed Urban Renewal Plan with the Comprehensive Plan

Discussion between Planning Commission, W. Morgan, and W. Norman. A. Phelan invited the public to speak, 3 minutes per person for a total of 30 minutes. The following people spoke: Ellie Bush Hall, 1217 Sunset; Robert Zelner, 411 Oakwood Dr.; W. Norman advised the Planning Commission not to speak to him as he is a litigant with the City; Julie Illane, 303 Front Beach; Steve Tillis, 3211 Cumberland Rd.; Sarah Godsey, 808 Desoto St.; Haven Hale, 1217 Iberville Dr. A. Phelan asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one did. He closed public comment. Discussion among Planning Commission members. A motion was made by K. O'Connell, seconded by J. McCormick to recommend that the Planning Commission Chairman write a letter to the Aldermen stating that the Urban Renewal Plan conforms with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan in addition to the following written recommendations to update the Urban Renewal Plan before approval: 1. Strengthen the landscaping/recreation areas to 35%. 2. Remove the duplicate in the Plan. 3. Ensure that bids are available for public to view. 4. If Ryan Youth Center is demolished, that it will be rebuilt in the same size and quality as it currently is. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. Adjourn

A motion was made by M. Hinton, seconded by K. O'Connell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.