

RECESS MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Alderman Papania gave the invocation and Alderman Authement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATION

Tom Mohrman with The Nature Conservancy explained the Coast Oyster Shell Recycling Project (Exhibit 3-a). He said the project is funded by the RESTORE Act and The Nature Conservancy is leading the effort to pilot an oyster shell recycling program along the MS Gulf Coast. He said a survey identified 51 restaurants having half-shell oysters on the menu and 26 of those are willing to participate in the recycling project. He said the collection of oysters will begin in Spring 2023, the collected shells will be processed, cured, and integrated into restoration activities by the MS Department of Marine Resources. He said the pilot phase will continue for up to two years.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Building Official said an appeal was received from 139 Watersedge Drive regarding the denial to remove two clusters of trees on the property (Exhibit 5-a). He said he did another site visit. He recommends trimming the tree cluster to the south by up to 20%. The north tree is 12' from the structure, did previously damage the structure, and he agrees it can be removed. A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by

Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to accept the Building Official's recommendation to allow the tree to the north near the structure to be removed and the south tree to be trimmed up to 20%.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Cox to appoint Tristan Armer as Municipal Judge Pro-tempore. The motion carried with a vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Blackman to appoint Bay Lawrence as Municipal Prosecutor Pro-tempore. The motion carried with a vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor said the MS Songwriters helped develop an equipment list for sound equipment for the stage at Fort Maurepas. He said it will be funded by HB1353 and will be stored at Dewey Station and then at the Ryan Youth Center once the library has moved back to their building. A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to authorize the purchase of sound equipment from Sweetwater for the stage at Fort Maurepas Park for a total of \$30,579.15 (Exhibit 6-a).

Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board said a Trademark Policy has been developed to prevent the usage of the City Logo without permission. She said the policy has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the City Logo Trademark Policy (Exhibit 6-b).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except for item 7-n pulled by Alderman Blackman.

- a) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the Gulf Coast Running Club & YMCA - Valentine's Day 5K on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Front Beach/OS Bridge route, the applicant will pay all costs for the event (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the 30th Annual Spring Arts Festival on Saturday & Sunday, March 25 – 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., L&D Parking lot, Washington Ave. from the Railroad crossing to Porter Ave. and Government St. From Washington Ave. to Russell Ave.; there may be overtime costs to the City (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dwayne Dopsie & the Zydeco Hellraisers for Friday at the Fort on April 28, 2023, the 6 musician Zydeco band will play from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for \$2,750.00 (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Authorize to advertise RFP for Grounds Maintenance Services of the Hwy. 90 Median and Shoulders and the Safety Complex (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 3, 2023 (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Accept OSPD monthly report for December 2022 (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Accept OSPD yearly report for 2022 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Accept OSFD monthly report for December 2022 (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Accept OSFD yearly report for 2022 (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-j):
 - a) Authorize the reassignment of Fire Lieutenant Jefferson Broadus to Firefighter, Step 4, \$14.34 hourly rate; effective January 21, 2023; one-year probationary status
 - b) Accept retirement of Street Department Supervisor Lloyd Helveston, effective February 10, 2023; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - c) Accept the resignation of Public Works Assistant Director of Administration & Finance Candice Hooks, effective February 3, 2023; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position once it is re-evaluated and reclassified
- k) Authorize the Mayor to execute the AIA Document Agreement with Allred Stolarski Architect for the Fort Maurepas Stage Cover Project based on 9% of the cost of work (Exhibit 7-k)
- l) Authorize the Mayor to execute the AIA Document Agreement with Allred Stolarski Architect for the Taconi Roof Project based on 6% of the cost of work (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Establish a Selection Committee for Consultant Services for Relocated Public Works Facilities; Design members are Alderman Papania, Project Manager Sarah Harris, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, and Building Official Darrell Stringfellow (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize the Mayor to execute OS Front Beach Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Amendment #2 with Overstreet & Associates for additional construction oversight with an increase of \$10,000.00 (Exhibit -n)
- o) Authorize the Mayor to execute OS Front Beach Infrastructure Maintenance Change Order #2 for the Front Beach Sidewalk Repair Project with Jay Bearden Construction for a No Cost Time Extension (Exhibit 7-o)

- p) Approve the request for a variance from the UDC parking regulations at 2780 Bienville Blvd. PID #60121135.000; the Zoning Adjustment Board recommends approval (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a Gravel Driveway at 1416 Bowen Avenue PID #60137128.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-q)
- r) Accept the Resignation of Tyler Cox from HPC and advertise to fill the vacancy (Exhibit 7-r)
- s) Accept Building Department Report for December 2022 (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Accept Code Enforcement Report through January 11, 2023 (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through January 11, 2023 (Exhibit 7-u)
- v) Transfer Vehicle B2 2007 Ford F150 VIN#FA32201 from the Building Department to the Parks & Rec Department (Exhibit 7-v)
- w) Award Concessions Operation & Sales for Hwy. 57 Sports Complex to P & H Concessions (Exhibit 7-w)

Alderman Blackman requested clarification on why the Finance Committee didn't meet to discuss item 7-n before it was brought to the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Impey to table item 7-n until the Finance Committee reviews it. The motion failed with Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, and Papania voting nay; and Aldermen Blackman and Impey voting aye.

Overstreet Engineering representative James Foster explained the design was changed at no charge but during construction with increased time on the project, the cost did increase. He said they are requesting \$10,000.00 to recover the additional time cost incurred by Overstreet Engineering. The Project Manager said with the amendment the total engineering is under 8% and still under what would normally be charged. A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Authement to approve item 7-n) Authorize the Mayor to execute OS Front Beach Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Amendment #2 with Overstreet & Associates for additional construction oversight with an increase of \$10,000.00 (Exhibit -n). The motion carries with Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, and Papania voting aye; and Aldermen Blackman and Impey voting nay.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims (Exhibit 8-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed on Exhibit 8-b; with the

finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances (Exhibit 8-b).

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the budget amendments (Exhibit 8-c).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess thanked the Maintenance Department and said the fence at John Gill Children's Park looks great.

Alderman Wade requested a new streetlight be placed at the Simon Blvd. and Stuart Ave. intersection.

Alderman Blackman thanked all that participated in the City's Employee Chili Cook-off, for which he was awarded the winner.

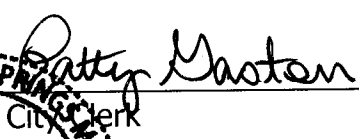
The Mayor requested the Board compile and finalize a list for paving which will begin in June. He said there are funds available for milling and requested roads that require milling be notated. He reminded everyone that Government Street will be closed from MLK JR. Ave. to Magnolia Avenue beginning Wednesday until work is complete. He said that barricades for Mardi Gras will begin to be put out on February 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on February 7, 2023.

The meeting ended at 6:42 p.m.

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