

RECESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 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.

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the addition of Old Business item 5-b School Board Appointment.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item tabled: Adopt Resolution Adopting the Urban Renewal Map (Exhibit 5-a). The Mayor said the edited map is available in the Planning Department.

The Board submitted the School Board voting ballots to the Deputy City Clerk to tally. The results were given to Alderman Impey to make the motion during the Alderman's Forum section. A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Authement to appoint Ronald Chambers to the School Board for a five-year term. 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	Nay
Alderman Impey	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the \$3,450 quote from Jazzy Johnz for the 2023 Spring Arts Festival March 25 – 26, 2023, for a 10-station restroom trailer, an ADA 3-station restroom trailer, service attendant each day, supplies, setup and removal (Exhibit 6-a).

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-l pulled by Alderman Burgess, and item 7-m pulled by the Mayor.

- a) Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Ocean Springs Powder Puff on Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Field, the applicant will pay all costs for the event (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Right of Use Agreement with Hancock Whitney Bank for the use of the Parking Lot at 901 Washington Ave. beginning March 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and ending March 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Ratify a \$4,782.57 check to Mustang Alley Body Works, LLC for repairs to truck #35 (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Ratify a \$416.67 check to Fred "Chic" Cody Jr. for the Special Event Coordinator monthly fee (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023 (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Approve Minutes: Special Called Meeting of February 13, 2023 (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Accept OSPD monthly report for January 2023 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Authorize Officers #203 and 204 to attend out-of-state training in Montgomery, AL March 14 – 15, 2023 for Survive and Thrive Officer Safety Course (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Authorize Officers #1814 and 2396 to attend out-of-state training in Auburn, AL March 20 - 21, 2023 for Vehicle Tactics Training Course (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Accept OSFD monthly report for January 2023 (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-k):
 - a) Accept the resignation of Patrolman Keith Barnes, effective February 8, 2023; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - b) Authorize the transfer of Patrolman Emily Chapman from full-time to part-time Police Officer, \$16.00 hourly rate, effective February 18, 2023
 - c) Authorize the transfer of part-time Patrolman Evan Goudy to full-time Warrants Officer, \$16.00 hourly rate, effective March 4, 2023; six-month probationary status
 - d) Accept the resignation of Firefighter Cody Burch, effective February 13, 2023; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - e) Authorize the employment of Brandon Durbin, Firefighter, Step 1, \$13.12 hourly rate; effective March 5, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

- f) Authorize the employment of Frank Perretta, Firefighter, Step 1, \$13.12 hourly rate; effective March 6, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- g) Authorize the employment of Harry Sartin, Parks Maintenance Laborer, Step 1, \$12.36 hourly rate; effective March 7, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- l) Approve the selection committee's recommendation for MP Design Group for professional services for the design and relocation of the Public Works Department (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Adopt Resolution authorizing the application to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for improvements to Marshall Park; requesting \$100,000 with a \$50,000 City match in coordination with HOSA (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize the Mayor to execute an MOU with Jackson County to provide funding for the City of Ocean Springs' Project – Front Beach Sidewalk Improvements (Exhibit - n)
- o) Approve the request for the Final Plat of the Savannah Estates Subdivision, Phase 1, at the Southwest corner of Riley Road and Old CCC Camp Road PID #60123050.000; the Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Approve the request of a Lot Split at 1520 Government Street and 721 Ward Avenue at the Southwest corner of Government Street and Ward Avenue PID #601300070.000; the Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Approve the request of construction on a historically platted, legal, non-conforming Lot at 1511 Bowen Avenue PID #6013120.000; the Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-q)
- r) Approve the request for a 25% variance to the front, rear, and both side yard setback requirements at 1511 Bowen Avenue PID #60130120.000; the Zoning Adjustment Board recommends approval (Exhibit 7-r)
- s) Accept Building Department Report for January 2023 (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Accept Code Enforcement Report through February 16, 2023 (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through February 14, 2023 (Exhibit 7-u)
- v) Approve the Facility Use Agreement for Ocean Springs Baseball Organization's use of the Highway 57 Sports Complex Baseball Fields 1-5 and Softball Field 3 (shared with SB); all Pine Street Fields; Clay-Boyd Park Large & Small Field when available; Alice Street East & West Fields when available; February 1, 2023, through July 30, 2023; on February 6, 2023 use of Hwy 57 SC all BB Fields 1-5 and SB Fields 1-4; on February 7 & 9, 2023 use of the Hwy 57 SC Main Building Meeting Room (Exhibit 7-v)
- w) Approve the Facility Use Agreement for Ocean Springs Girls Softball use of the Highway 57 Sports Complex February 11, 2023, through July 31, 2023; Monday – Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., all 4 Softball Fields for practice and games (field 3 will be shared with BB) (Exhibit 7-w)

Alderman Burgess asked how the selection committee for item 7-l was determined. The Project Manager responded that the selection committee was approved on a previous

board meeting's agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the selection committee's recommendation for MP Design Group for professional services for the design and relocation of the Public Works Department (Exhibit 7-l).

The Planning & Grants Administrator said the amounts needed to be changed on item 7-m so that the City is offering a 50% match. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing the application to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for improvements to Marshall Park; requesting \$75,000 with a \$75,000 City match in coordination with HOSA (Exhibit 7-m).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the minutes (Exhibit 8-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, 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 with the addition of \$56,788.00 to the Enterprise Sewer fund 401-751-915-000 Machinery & Equipment which was erroneously left off the original spreadsheet (Exhibit 8-c).

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the re-review of Tree Removal priorly approved on 09/21/2010 at 1112 Ames Avenue (Exhibit 8-d).

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to uphold the Building Officials' denial to remove a large Live Oak tree between 3405 & 3407 Nottingham Road (Exhibit 8-e).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize a road closure on Front Beach Drive from Washington Avenue to the Ocean Springs Bridge for the United MSD Foundation's Zebra Run 5K on March 4, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Alderman Wade thanked the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for their work making the Mardi Gras night parade a success.

Alderman Cox thanked all City employees who worked to make the Mardi Gras night parade successful.

Alderman Impey made the Old Business item 5-b motion.

The Mayor said the barricade set up and usage was more successful at the Mardi Gras night parade but adjustments will still be made for future events. He said the Maintenance Department will be taking over 1491 Deana Road once Acadian Ambulance's lease is terminated. He requested authorization to terminate the lease, saying that all parties are aware and in agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the notice of termination of month-to-month tenancy with Acadian Ambulance for 1491 Deana Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

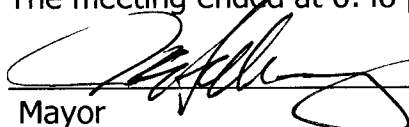
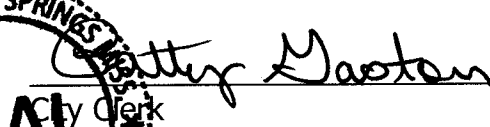
The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that a motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to come out of the executive session where the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to adjust the Fire Department salary scale.

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

The meeting ended at 6:48 p.m.

 3/8/23 
Mayor Date City Clerk Date

