

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 7, 2024 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on May 7, 2024. 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, Police Chief Ryan Lemaire, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Community Development Director Carter Thompson, Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Burgess, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS

- a. Glenn Miller presenting City Hall prints

Artist Glenn Miller donated print 1/200 of Ocean Springs City Hall. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen purchased their own prints.

- b. Mayor's Youth Council Spring Update - Parisay Babar

The outgoing Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) President, Parisay Barbar, gave a final update of the MYC projects.

- c. Proclamation - Commending Fire Chief Derek McCoy for his 27 years of dedication to the Fire Service upon his retirement

The Mayor declared May 10, 2024, as Derek McCoy Day, marking his final day as

Ocean Springs Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Russell Rayborn - The Porter, LLC - REZONING request from RM-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to CMX-1 (Neighborhood Commercial/Mixed Use District) – 114 Ethel Cir. / PID# 61275004.000 and 61460003.100

Alderman Authement said the Board received supplemental information that the Planning Commission did not have before they made their recommendation. A motion was made by Authement, seconded by Burgess, and unanimously carried to refer the application with the supplemental information back to the Planning Commission for their next meeting on May 19, 2024.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Items 6-a and 6-b - Dee Francis Wichman, Glenda Johnson, Vicky Adams, James Lewis, Kathy Skinner, and Mark Garriga spoke against the approval of the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the employment of professionals for the preparation and issuance of Tax Increment Financing Bonds for the City of Ocean Springs for the Government Street and Pine Drive Hotel Convention Center Development Project

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Burgess to adopt a Resolution authorizing the employment of professionals for the preparation and issuance of Tax Increment Financing Bonds for the City of Ocean Springs for the Government Street and Pine Drive Hotel Convention Center Development Project. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: Alderman Wade

- b. Adopt a Resolution - Setting Public Hearing Date for the Tax Increment Financing Plan for Government Street and Pine Drive Hotel Convention Center Development

A motion was made by Alderman Burgess and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt a Resolution - Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Tax Increment Financing Plan for Government Street and Pine Drive Hotel Conference Center Development. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: Alderman Wade

c. Property insurance renewal update - Scott Lemon

Scott Lemon gave the board an update on the status of the property insurance renewal that will be finalized by the end of the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor:

- a. Authorize \$500.00 from Ward 5 funds to Promenade Subdivision HOA to assist with the beautification of the subdivision entrance
- b. Accept the resignations of Shane Loper and Mary Martha Henson from the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority and authorize to advertise the vacancies
- c. Ratify the authorization of the Special Event Permit Application for House Hunters B-Roll on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m., Washington Avenue and Government Street; no city resources needed
- d. Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the Pride Bridge Walk on June 22, 2024, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Front Beach/OS Bridge; the applicant will pay any cost for the event
- e. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Lighting the Coast 2024 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on October 18, 2024, Front Beach; the applicant will pay all associated costs
- f. Approve Special Event Application for The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with October 27, 2024, as a rain date; Downtown Ocean Springs, street closure, waive fees for barricades and port-o-lets, the applicant pays personnel costs associated to the event
- g. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the 46th annual Peter Anderson Arts and Crafts Festival from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. November 2-3, 2024 in Downtown Ocean Springs; authorize to waive special event permit fee; Authorize Street Closures: Washington Avenue (Railroad to Joseph Street), Government Street (Washington Avenue to Magnolia Avenue), Porter Avenue (Jackson Avenue to City Hall); city sponsorship; to advertise the resources of the City; there will be overtime cost to the City

Mary C:

- h. Authorize the Mayor and the Arts & Culture Coordinator to execute the MOU and Hold Harmless with Instructor Mark Burr

City Clerk:

- i. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting April 16, 2024
- j. Accept the April 2024 Aged Receivables Report for utility billing
- k. Ratify the following checks for city vehicle purchases: 129403 Audi Mobile \$35,000.01; 129404 Walt Massey Automotive \$41,990.00; 129406 Matt Bowers Ford \$112,792.50; 129408 Mandal Buick GMC \$32,000.00.
- l. Ratify payment to Amazon Capital Services for a new microwave for the Mary C O'Keefe's Kitchen \$327.85

Fire Department:

- m. Authorize Chief McCoy to Purchase his Helmet and Badge upon retirement

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- n. Accept the resignation of Detective Raul Nandin, effective May 17, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- o. Accept the resignation of Fire Chief Derek McCoy, effective May 10, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to accept the retirement of Fire Chief Derek McCoy, effective May 10, 2024; and to authorize beginning the process of filling the vacant position.

- p. Authorize employment of Sam Guin, Firefighter, Step 8, \$16.77 hourly rate; effective May 26, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- q. Accept resignation of Drainage Laborer Cornelius Nettles, effective May 3, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Grants Administration:

- r. Authorize Execution of Change Order #1 – Roofing Solutions, LLC – Taconi Roof Project
- s. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Grant Agreement for Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) Local Match – FY23 for Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center Rehabilitation and Signage – MDA
- t. Authorize Execution of Contract with Brown, Mitchell, & Alexander, Inc. (BMA) for Engineering Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement #127: Fort Bayou Stormwater

- u. Authorize the Execution of the Contract with Fenstermaker for Engineering Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement #470: Storm Drain Ditches

Building Department:

- v. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through May 1, 2024
- w. Accept Code Report through May 2, 2024

Parks & Recreation Department:

- x. Authorize the waiver of the \$5.00 per head charge for OSBO and OSGSO for the use of the City's fields
- y. Authorize the Facility Use Agreement for the YMCA to use Freedom Field from May 6 to June 29, 2024

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, 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.

- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

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

- c. Fire: Authorization to Enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement with Gulf Park Estates - St. Andrews Fire Protection District

Fire Chief McCoy explained the automatic mutual aid agreement will help Gulf Park Estates - St. Andrews Fire Protection District. He said the aid is already happening, but this written agreement will assist in improving their fire rating. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the execution of the Automatic Aid Agreement with the Gulf Park Estates - St. Andrews Fire Protection District.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Jewel spoke in opposition to the commercialization of Front Beach.

Tony Quave spoke in favor of the growth of downtown business and tourism.

Will Hessimier spoke against the proposed Pine Drive development.

Daniel Faulls spoke in favor of tourism downtown, improving the economy of Ocean Springs.

Noel Nolan Rider asked about the cost of remediation of the Pine Drive and Government Street property.

James Lewis requested speed bumps on Jesse L Trotter and for the crosswalks to be repainted.

Dee Frances Wichman spoke regarding empty businesses on Highway 90.

Mark Garriga spoke against big developments downtown.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Heath to Interim Fire Chief effective May 11, 2024.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the employment of Jasmin Seferovic, Planner I, Step 1, \$21.72 hourly rate; effective June 3, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to authorize the employment of Samantha Pauls, Step 3, \$18.06 hourly rate; effective May 9, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Alderman Blackman thanked Glen Miller for the City Hall prints and congratulated Wade Morgan on his retirement.

Alderman Cox requested prayers for Lamar Bond's family after his recent passing earlier this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Authement, 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 Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss property acquisition.

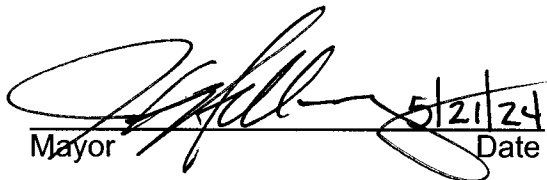
A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to come out of the executive session where the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to authorize the survey and the appraisal of the Community of Christ property on Halstead Road.

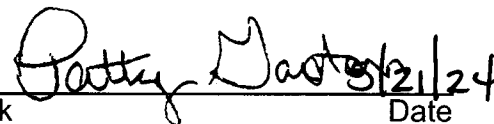
RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on May 21, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to recess.

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.



Mayor Date 5/21/24



Clerk Date 5/21/24

