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section 14 that excludes electric fences that are designed to contain pets in residential yards from the prohibition on electric fences. The City Planner said a request from Bienville Place Subdivision was received to include walls and fences in the verbiage. He said the verbiage was added to the Ordinance.

No public comment for or against.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Authement to adopt an amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) amending the following sections and chapters: Chapter 3, Section 3.7.17; Chapter 4, Section 4.8.2; and Chapter 5, Section 6.2.3J as they relate to fence height and material; with the addition of a provision to section 14 that excludes electric fences that are designed to contain pets in residential yards from the prohibition of electric fences and inclusion of the reference to walls. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Item 4-b) A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding an amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) amending Chapter 4, Section 4.7.4 regarding the use of crushed limestone, gravel, or similar material (Exhibit 4-b).

The Planning & Grants Administrator said this has been previously discussed and will eliminate the requirement for every gravel driveway coming before the Planning Commission and the Board. She said it will also reduce the required apron from ten feet to three feet. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval.

No public comment for or against.

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

Item 4-c) A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding 3920 Bienville Boulevard PID # 60126170.150 zoning change from M-1 Manufacturing, Warehousing, and Services District to C-H Regional Commercial District (Exhibit 4-c).

The Planning & Grants Administrator said the zoning change would be consistent with the surrounding area. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval. She said Donovan Scruggs was present representing the builder and could answer any questions.

No public comment for or against.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Authement to authorize 3920 Bienville Boulevard PID # 60126170.150 zoning change from M-1 Manufacturing, Warehousing, and Services District to C-H Regional Commercial District. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Item 4-d) A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding 3920 Bienville Boulevard PID # 60126170.150 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility in C-H, Regional Commercial District (Exhibit 4-c).

The Planning & Grants Administrator said now that the zoning change has been approved this item is for the property to have a CUP-allowing a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval. The Planner clarified that the CUP was for the cultivation portion. There will be a dispensary fronting the highway which is allowed in the C-H Zoning District. She said Donovan Scruggs was present representing the builder and could answer any questions.

No public comment for or against.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility in C-H, Regional Commercial District at 3920 Bienville Boulevard PID # 60126170.150.

Item 4-e) A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding adopting a Resolution adopting the FY 2022 – 2023 Uniform Assessment Schedule (Exhibit 4-e).

The Deputy City Clerk said the Public Hearing was approved and scheduled at the previous Board meeting and is to allow public comment before adoption.

No public comment for or against.

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

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Cox to adopt an Ordinance revising the Grease Control Program (Exhibit 6-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to amend the Fee Schedule to include Grease Trap Inspection/Re-Inspection Fees (Exhibit 6-b).

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor said the Capitol Group contract for lobbying services is up for renewal. Alderman Impey asked why it wasn't brought before the Finance Committee to make a recommendation to the Board since it was a large increase. Alderman Cox and Papania agreed it would have been better to have negotiated the contract terms before it was brought to the Board. The Mayor responded negotiations did occur and the contract cost is below the researched market rate for lobbying services. A motion was made by Alderman Papania and seconded by Alderman Blackman to authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with The Capitol Group, LLC for lobbying services for FY 2022-2023 (Exhibit 7-a). The motion carries with Aldermen Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, and Blackman voting aye, and Alderman Impey voting nay.

Alderman Authement introduced an Ordinance revising Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-43 to add No Parking on the Southside of Desoto Street (Exhibit 7-b). He said parking on both sides of Desoto Street is causing a hazard. A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed Ordinance revising Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-43 to add No Parking on the Southside of Desoto Street to be available in the City Clerk's Office for public view before adoption at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

- a. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Right of Use Agreement (ROU) with Hancock Whitney Bank for use of the parking lot at 901 Washington Avenue for the 2022 Peter Anderson Festival beginning on November 5, 2022, and ending on November 6, 2022 (Exhibit 8-a)
- b. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Temporary Dedication of Land for Public Use with OHOS Development, LLC at 1515 Government Street for 2022

Cruisin' the Coast beginning at 5:00 a.m. on October 6, 2022, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on October 8, 2022 (Exhibit 8-b)

- c. Authorize the Ocean Springs Garden Club to plant a Live Oak tree with a plaque as a memorial to David Mohler near the small bench by the splash pad at Fort Maurepas which is dedicated in honor of Sophia Mohler (Exhibit 8-c)
- d. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Lighthouse Academy Lighting up the Coast for Dyslexia on October 28, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Fort Maurepas and Front Beach in front of the Fort, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 8-d)
- e. Approve street closure for Walter Anderson Museum of Art (WAMA) Silent Light Event on December 3, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until midnight on Washington Avenue from WAMA to Joseph Street (Exhibit 8-e)
- f. Accept the September 2022 Aged Receivable Report for utility billing (Exhibit 8-f)
- g. Adopt Premium Pay Resolution for the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Firefighters Premium Pay Program" (Exhibit 8-g)
- h. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting September 20, 2022 (Exhibit 8-h)
- i. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 8-i):
 - a) Accept the resignation of Patrolman Haydn Havard, effective October 7, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - b) Authorize removal of Firefighters Cody Burch and Brandon Broussard from probationary status to full-time status effective October 6, 2022, and October 8, 2022, respectively
 - c) Authorize removal of Code Enforcement Officer Richard Hutcherson from probationary status to full-time status effective October 7, 2022
 - d) Authorize removal of Parks Maintenance Laborer Austin Trahan from probationary status to full-time status effective October 5, 2022
 - e) Authorize employment of Josiah Taigaafi, Sewer Laborer, Step 1, \$12.88 hourly rate; effective October 5, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- j. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 101 Myrtle Avenue PID #61035049.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-j)
- k. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 226 Mitchell Street PID #613051.01.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-k)
- l. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Summary Change Order and Certificate of Substantial Completion with Jay Bearden Construction, Inc. for the Lift Station #68 Force Main Extension Project (Exhibit 8-l)
- m. Accept Code Enforcement Report through September 28, 2022 (Exhibit 8-m)
- n. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through September 28, 2022 (Exhibit 8-n)

- o. Approve the Facility Use Agreement for OS Baseball Organization's use of the Highway 57 Sports Complex BB1-5 Fields, Pine Street North and South Fields, Clay-Boyd Large and Small Fields, and Alice Street East and West Fields from September 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 (Exhibit 8-o)
- p. Approve the Facility Use Agreement for OS Girls Softball use of the Highway 57 Sports Complex fields from September 12, 2022, through November 30, 2022 (Exhibit 8-p)
- q. Approve the Facility Use Agreement for OS Girls Lacrosse for use of the Gay Lemon Lacrosse Field from October 2, 2022, through May 16, 2023 (Exhibit 8-q)
- r. Authorize the execution of the Individual Service Contract with Eric Ladnier for use of the John McKay Rec Building at 400 Alice Street for Karate lessons from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023 (Exhibit 8-r)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, 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 9-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 9-b).

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to adopt the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire and spread upon the minutes (Exhibit 9-c).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Barber addressed the Board about the uninsured motorists' program.

Jay Brooks addressed the Board about the use of softball fields at the Sports Complex.

MAYOR & ALDERMAN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement asked when work would begin at Marble Springs. The Planning & Grants Administrator replied that we are still waiting on approval and quotes. She said the jail restoration will hopefully start in a couple of months.

Alderman Cox requested prayers for Special Events Coordinator Chic Cody, who is in emergency surgery. He thanked the Chamber and MS Power for landscaping downtown for festival season. He requested the Parks Director allow the Civic Center rental on New Years' Eve 2023/2024 for an engagement party and for the Board to approve it. The Parks Director responded the rental contract can be amended to require the renter to hire an outside cleaning company.

Alderman Blackman thanked the city businesses that helped and provided for the BBQ cook-off benefiting the Wounded Warriors In Action Foundation. He said the event had an estimated 700 people attend.

Alderman Impey said Chic Cody will be missed at Cruisin' this year and prayers are with him.

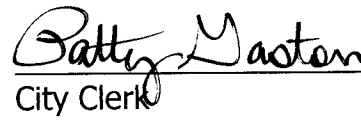
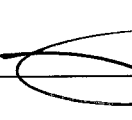
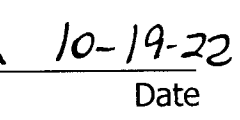
The Mayor said there will be street closings for Cruisin' from Thursday to Saturday. He said the Friday at the Fort events were a success and is looking forward to the Final Friday at the Fort which will be a once-a-month event from April until September. He said a letter was received commending an OSPD Officer buying lemonade from a child's lemonade stand. He said another letter was received from the Mayor of Gautier thanking OSFD for assisting at a house fire in Gautier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2022.

Meeting ended at 7:13 p.m.

	
Mayor	City Clerk
	
Date	Date

