

## **SPECIAL CALL MEETING AUGUST 16, 2022**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 4:30 p.m. on August 16, 2022. Mayor Holloway presiding, Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, and Blackman were present. Alderman Impey was absent. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Attorney Will Norman, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Captain Shane Tiner, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Human Resource & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Special Call Meeting is for all matters pertaining to: The Homeless Coalition Report.

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

James Lewis gave the opening prayer.

Joe Cloyd gave an introduction and overview of the Ocean Springs Homeless Council final report.

Dr. Mike Barnett explained how the process changed the group's perspective of the homeless situation in Ocean Springs. He said there is no one-stop quick solution to the issues.

Melanie Allan explained the Downtown Committee Report findings. She said most Downtown business owners, religious leaders, and citizens expressed a willingness to participate in any coordinated community effort to offer aid and they expressed concern that without a plan the homeless population will continue to grow and negatively impact Downtown.

Alwyn Luckey explained the East Ocean Springs Report findings. He said the East Side of Ocean Springs is also in need of coordination of efforts to address the homeless situation. He said the primary difference between Downtown and the East Side is panhandling which causes safety and nuisance concerns at nearly all major shopping centers and intersections.

Josh Danos discussed the Community Assets and Programs Report findings. He said there are little to no direct resources currently serving Ocean Springs except for local non-profits like Lord is My Help, If My People, and the faith-based communities.

Joe Cloyd concluded the presentation with the group's recommendations:

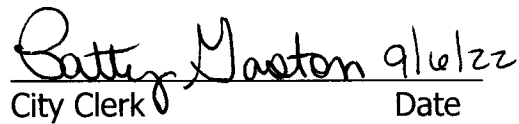
1. Resource Directory with web links
2. Coordination of Advocates
3. Modified City Ordinances and Policies
4. Hiring a Homelessness Outreach Coordinator
5. Revisioning of Marshall Park
6. Homeless Education Programs
7. Development of a Community Human Resources Center
8. Recommendations for Lord is My Help

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

James Lewis gave the closing prayer.

The meeting ended at 5:23 p.m.

  
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