

RECESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on September 20, 2022. 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, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, 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 Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 Authement, and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding the City Prosecutor as well as ongoing litigation regarding the concrete plant.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, 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 Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to allow the City Attorney to represent City Prosecutor Monte Tynes for case#: 1:22-cv-00233-HSO-BWR Bosarge et al v. Edney et al.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to approve the revised Grease Control Program Ordinance to be made available for public view at City Hall before adoption at the next Board Meeting (Exhibit A-2a). The Deputy City Clerk said the proposed addition to the fee schedule will also be included.

The Project Manager said five proposals were received for the City's Stormwater Management Plan and she recommended remaining with the current provider (Exhibit 4-b). A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Contract with Neel-Schaffer for \$16,500 for assistance with the Ocean Springs MS4 Stormwater Management Plan 2022 – 2023.

The City Attorney said the proposed Urban Renewal map has been at City Hall. He said to move forward the Board will need to determine which areas will be included and make a determination whether those areas are blighted or slum areas and has a vested interest of the citizens to redevelop the area. He said the City Planner will develop the areas and a redevelopment plan which will then be voted on by the Planning Commission and the Board. It must be determined that it fits the master plan of the City. Then a Resolution for the Redevelopment Authority will be presented. Alderman Cox questioned the boundaries of some of the areas. The City Attorney said to notify the City Planner of the areas in question.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Songwriters Alliance and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance (Exhibit A-3a).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, 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 Cruisin' the Coast 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m. on October 5, 2022, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2022 (Exhibit 6-a)

- b) Accept a \$2,263.73 donation from MS Songwriters Alliance for improvements to the Trent Lott Theater backstage (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Adopt the Resolution to open the 2022 – 2023 Uniform Assessment Schedule for motor vehicles and authorize to schedule the Public Hearing for October 4, 2022, to Adopt the Uniform Assessment Schedule (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Ratify a \$90.00 check to MSRWA for two Water Certification Training Manuals (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting August 30, 2022 (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting September 6, 2022 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Accept OSPD monthly report for August 2022 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Accept OSFD monthly report for August 2022 (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Human Resources action items (Exhibit 6-i):
 - a) Accept the resignation of Patrolmen Dimitrius Cruz, effective September 23, 2022, and Ethan Saylor, effective September 24, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant positions
 - b) Authorize promotion of Deputy Court Clerk II James Martin to Court Clerk, Step 1, \$16.56 hourly rate, effective October 1, 2022, six-month probationary status; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - c) Authorize employment of certified Firefighter Gene Gildea, Step 10, \$17.12 hourly rate; effective September 26, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
 - d) Accept the resignation of Beautification Laborer Giuseppe Cigliola, effective September 9, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - e) Accept the resignation of Public Works Administrative Assistant Tanya Burgess, effective September 30, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - f) Authorize employment of Jordan Craig, Mechanic, Step 1, \$16.56 hourly rate; effective September 21, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
 - g) (Addendum) Accept the resignation of Patrolman Paul Moshenrose, effective September 19, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - h) (Addendum) Authorize employment of certified Patrolman Daniel Wanhala, Step 3, \$19.10 hourly rate; effective September 22, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- j) Authorize to advertise for Special Project Engineering Consulting Services pool (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Authorize the approval of 2209 Government Street – The Cottages at Oak Park and Oak Park West as a Condominium Development (Exhibit 6-k)

- l) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Compton Engineering, Inc. Contract Amendment #4 for services related to Re-Bid Services for \$19,500 funded with KCDBG funds; Authorize to re-advertise rehabilitation of Lift Station #11 (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Ratify the execution of the contract with Coastal Development and Construction for Parktown Area Improvements Phase II (Exhibit 6-m)
- n) Approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of brick pavers on the porch floor, steps, and walkway and the installation of exterior light fixtures at 1208 Bowen Avenue PID #61190012.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a fence at 1416 Bowen Avenue PID #60137128.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval with the condition that the section of fence within 25 feet of the General Pershing Avenue right of way is not over 4 feet in height (Exhibit 6-o)
- p) Approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of an accessory building at 1313 Bowen Avenue PID #60137072.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Accept Building Department Report for August 2022 (Exhibit 6-q)
- r) Accept Code Enforcement Report through September 15, 2022 (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through September 14, 2022 (Exhibit 6-s)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims (Exhibit 7-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed on Exhibit 7-b; with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances (Exhibit 7-b).

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the Budget Amendments (Exhibit 7-c).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Ferro, an investor from New Jersey, requested the Short-Term Rental (STR) limit be increased. Alderman Blackman replied that the Planning Commission will need to

make a formal recommendation to increase the limit and then it will be brought to the Board.

Nathan May requested the insurance ticket system process be reviewed so that people with insurance don't face roadblocks getting the ticket resolved.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement asked what streets the bollards would be utilized for Cruisin' the Coast. The Mayor responded that barricades are more useful during Cruisin the Coast and the bollards would be used during Peter Anderson which has more foot traffic.

Alderman Cox informed Public Works there is a water leak at Holcomb Boulevard and Lafitte Avenue that needs to be repaired again. He said the Ocean Springs Chamber and Ocean Springs Mainstreet Association will be partnering with MS Power and Keep Ocean Springs Beautiful with fall landscaping downtown. He said the areas will include the Depot, off the bridge on Porter Avenue, Lovelace grass area, the Seaman's Memorial, and City Hall.

Alderman Papania said littering and dumping are becoming more of an issue in Ocean Springs. A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to add a \$1,000 fine for littering and/or dumping to the Fee Schedule.

Alderman Blackman reminded everyone of the Wounded Warriors In Action Foundation's benefit BBQ competition at the Civic Center on Saturday.

Alderman Impey asked about the Parktown Drainage Project. The Project Manager replied they will start rocking the ditch by McDonald's.

The Mayor reminded everyone about Friday at the Fort event from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. He also expressed condolences to Alderman Authement for his mother's passing.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2022.

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.


Mayor

10/5/22
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.
CLERK
Bathyn Maston
Date

