

RECESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2022. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Blackman, and Impey were present. Alderman Papania was absent. 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 Gloriosso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Dr. Mike Barnett from First Baptist Church gave the invocation and Alderman Impey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

Gulf Islands National Seashore Davis Bayou Superintendent Darrell Echols gave a status update (Exhibit 3-a).

The Mayor proclaimed October 22, 2022, Les Masquees Day (Exhibit 3-b) in honor of their 100th anniversary. He presented members of the Mardi Gras krewe with a key to the City.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie Allen representing the Public Art Project of Ocean Springs (PAPOS) discussed the repair and relocation of "The Crow & The Pitcher" public art installation (Exhibit 6-a). She said PAPOS gifted the City the art piece in 2013 and the crow was stolen soon after. The

City purchased a new crow for the art installation, but it was recently stolen again. She said PAPOS would like to relocate the sculpture to a more visible area in front of City Hall. She said the artist has provided a quote to replace the bronze crow for \$1,450 plus shipping. The artist is requesting half the payment now.

The Planning & Grants Administrator said the requested setback variances for Bills Avenue Subdivision exceeds ZAB's ability to grant. She said the variances will be done in conjunction with the neighboring property that would have a larger setback. The developer Kelly Lane reiterated the neighboring properties would have larger setbacks. She said the neighborhood would have rear parking and mature landscaping. A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to grant the appeal and authorize variances at Bills Avenue Subdivision request to approve a five-foot side-yard setback for Lots 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 - Zoning & Adjustment Board limited to 25% variance (Exhibit 6-b).

Alderman Burgess said a crosswalk with signal lights is needed on Guilford Road between the hospital and the medical clinic. A motion was made by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution to request funding from Jackson County for two pedestrian signals for the Hospital crosswalk on Guilford Road costing \$20,744.40 (Exhibit 6-c).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Authorize to increase the 2023 Gulf Coast Legislative Reception sponsorship by \$500 for a total of \$1,500 sponsorship at the Mississippi Trademark Center in Jackson, MS on January 4, 2023 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Authorize the \$600 rental fee for the Community Center to be waived for CASA of Southeast MS Inc., a non-profit 501-c-3, on November 17, 2022 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the 7th annual Casino Bridge 10k & 5K Charity Run on January 28, 2023, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am; Bridge 10K route, the applicant will pay any cost for the event (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the 3rd annual Harley Half Marathon on January 29, 2023, beginning at 7:30 am at the MS Coast Coliseum and over and back on the Biloxi/OS Bridge, the applicant will pay any cost for the event (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with Paul Redmond (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with Cathy Wildschuetz (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with Nancy Wilson (Exhibit 7-g)

- h) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with the Girl Scouts – Troop #4551 (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with Paige Geter (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Ratify the Mayor's and Art & Culture Coordinator's execution of the MOU and Hold Harmless with Hilltree Marketing (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Authorize the Mayor and Art & Culture Coordinator to execute the MOU and Hold Harmless with the Jackson-George Regional Library System (Exhibit 7-k)
- l) Authorize to advertise for Request for Proposals for the City Depository for a four-year term, the current term will expire on December 31, 2022 (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting October 4, 2022 (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Award 2022-2024 Fuel Supply Bid to Eagle Energy expiring October 2024 – fuel markup \$0.0475 for all requested fuels (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Accept OSPD monthly report for September 2022 (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Accept OSFD monthly report for September 2022 (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-q):
 - a) Accept the resignation of Art & Culture Assistant Alexis Montgomery, effective October 20, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - b) Authorize employment of Jennifer Sharpton, Public Works Administrative Assistant, Step 5, \$13.91 hourly rate; effective October 24, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
 - c) Authorize employment of Calvin Winningham, Maintenance/Sign Laborer, Step 1, \$12.88 hourly rate; effective October 19, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- r) Authorize to award Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. the Wastewater CIPP Lining term bid (Exhibit 7-r)
- s) Authorization to Accept Easement Donation from First Baptist Church and The Pink Rooster for the First Baptist Church Sidewalk Project (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Approve the final plat for Bechtel Oaks Subdivision PID #60129070.000 (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Authorize the concurrence to utilize MS HB1730 bond funds for the Pabst Water Well Project and Halstead Chlorine Building Addition and Improvements (Exhibit 7-u)
- v) Authorize to execute the Engineering Contract with Compton Engineering, Inc. for improvements to the foot of Washington Avenue at Front Beach Drive with FY23 Tidelands funds for a total of \$49,500 (Exhibit 7-v)
- w) Authorize to request activation for the Riley Road Improvement Project FY23 Multimodal Group and adopt Transportation Improvements Program Resolution with a required match of \$233,513 (Exhibit 7-w)
- x) Authorize to re-advertise construction for Tidelands Project: FY21-P412-01 Porter Avenue Public Access (Exhibit 7-x)
- y) Approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a screened porch on the rear of the house at 522 Jackson Avenue PID #6137206.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-y)

- z) Approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of termite-damaged wood and Masonite bevel siding to be replaced with Hardie-board siding at 306 Washington Avenue PID #6137522.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-z)
- aa) Approve 4 variances at 1515 Government Street PID #60119358.000 (1 – the minimum front yard building setback requirement), (2 – the minimum street, side yard building setback requirement), (3 – the minimum setback distance for a dumpster enclosure), (4 – the minimum drive aisle width within the CMX-2, Community Commercial/Mixed Use District); the Zoning Adjustment Board recommends approval (Exhibit 7-aa)
- bb) Accept Building Department Report for September 2022 (Exhibit 7-bb)
- cc) Accept Code Enforcement Report through October 12, 2022 (Exhibit 7-cc)
- dd) Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through October 11, 2022 (Exhibit 7-dd)
- ee) Authorize the demolition of structures at 408 Russell Avenue that are in excess of 50 years in age (Exhibit 7-ee)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims (Exhibit 8-a).

Human Resources & Risk Management:

The Human Resources & Risk Management Director presented a proposed agreement that would allow the City to recoup training expenses over \$500 if an employee voluntarily leaves employment within 2 years of receiving training (Exhibit 8-b). She explained the employee would get credit for each month worked within the 2 years and the repayment would need to be completed in 6 months if not satisfied by their final paycheck. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to approve Agreement for Reimbursement of Education or Training Related Expenses or Monies.

Project Manager:

The Project Manager gave the Board an update on the current and ongoing 18 projects in the City (Exhibit 8-c). The Front Beach Sidewalk Repairs Phase I, the footings, foundation, and backfill is complete for the first +/-40 foot and the entire project is approximately 240 foot. The Parktown Area - Drainage Improvements Phase II, consists of three ditches, the Highway 90 ditch, the Groveland ditch, and the Crestlawn ditch. The contractor has started on the Highway 90 ditch and has several areas cleared and riprap installed. The Porter Avenue Project held a bid opening on October 12, 2022, in which no bids were received. Approval to re-advertise was approved on tonight's consent agenda. The CIPP Lining Term Bid was recommended to be awarded to Suncoast, which was approved on tonight's agenda. The Ocean Springs Community Center assessment and recommendation report was

submitted in September 2022; now the city is working on funding to proceed with recommended repairs. For the Mary C. O'Keefe Windows Project, the 30% specifications and plans were submitted in September 2022; we are waiting on the proposal to complete the specs and plans. The Marble Springs Project is waiting on a start date for work on the jail cell and waiting on MDAH approval for the remaining work. The Deana Road Improvements Project is waiting on confirmation of final funding assistance. The Ocean Springs Road Project is waiting on MDOT approval to advertise. The Video and Cleaning Term Bid is waiting on the final review of the bid documents. For the Hurricane Zeta - Lift Stations Project, all material is in but waiting on work to be scheduled. The General Pershing Easement - Sewer and Storm Drain Project the sewer is complete and waiting on the storm drain pipe. The county is waiting on the pipe to be delivered for the Gay Lemon Storm Drain Project. Steelman Lane Roadway is waiting on the county to get an asphalt contractor. LS #11 Rehabilitation, Gay Lemon, Front Beach Sidewalk Repairs Phase II, and Front Beach Event Space and Marina are all under design.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Allison Pleasant Headley spoke against the layout of the development at 1515 Government Street. Her concern is the proposed parking garage and dumpster site at the development are neighboring the residential side of the property rather than the commercial side. She also stated there is an existing drainage issue at the property that has not been resolved.

Lottie Gibson has concerns regarding the drainage issues at 1515 Government Street with standing water which has created a mosquito problem. She also expressed concern about the proposed parking garage and dumpster site of the development's neighboring residential area.

Alderman Authement requested when a tree is removed that the stump is ground down rather than left behind.

Katie Yow requested an update on the Parktown drainage project. Alderman Impey said the Project Manager just gave an update that work is underway on the ditches. She said she is not worried about the ditches but is more concerned about her driveway issues caused by a tree. Alderman Impey said the tree is on private property and not City property, he explained a City easement is different from City property.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess requested an update from the Parks & Recreation Director for five pending projects.

Alderman Authement thanked all for the success of the Cruisin' the Coast event.

Alderman Wade thanked the Public Works Director for all his hard work for the City in general.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the road closure of Government Street between Magnolia Avenue and Ward Avenue, to set up to allow parking at the OS Lumber Parking lot on October 28th and October 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for Spooky Springs at the Scary C Event.

Alderman Impey said the Ocean Springs High School Theater Department is putting on the haunted house at the Mary C this year to raise money. They were selected from a national competition to represent the US in an international competition in Scotland next year and are fundraising at the Scary C event.

The Mayor reminded all of the City's first Evergreen Cemetery tour on October 20th.

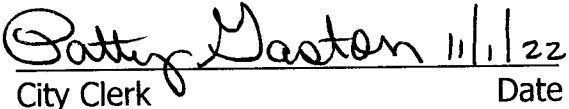
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on November 1, 2022.

Meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

 11/01/22
Mayor Date

 11/1/22
City Clerk Date

