

RECESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 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 December 20, 2022. 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 Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, 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.

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 Cox, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with items 3-a, 6-a, and 8-c pulled.

PROCLAMATION

The Proclamation Commending Street Department Assistant Supervisor Ronald Ducksworth for his 29 years of service to the City of Ocean Springs Public Works Department was postponed (Exhibit 3-a).

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor asked if the Board had ample time to review the resumes received for the Municipal Judge and Prosecutor positions. He said they would grant the appointed Judge and Prosecutor the ability to name the pro-tempore positions. The Board completed ballots and the following motions were made during Alderman's Forum after the ballots were counted.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to appoint Monte Tynes as Municipal Judge. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye

Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to appoint Tyler Cox as Municipal Prosecutor. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 6-a, accept trash receptacles with painted art from the Alice Moseley Folk Art and Antique Museum, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 at no charge to the City and to be displayed in city buildings, was postponed to an undetermined later date.

The Mayor and Alderman Cox requested the City submit a request to MDOT to reduce the speed limit on Highway 90 near Tractor Supply going west to 45 m.p.h. The Mayor said this was recommended by the Trentwood HOA. Alderman Blackman said with the proposed MDOT widening project soon the problem will correct itself. Alderman Impey agreed with Alderman Blackman and said the layout of the area will change with additional turning bays that will help the issues. Alderman Cox said he would support sending a request to MDOT to lower the speed limit to 45 m.p.h. before the project starts. Alderman Burgess agreed with Alderman Cox.

Mike Whitney spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on Highway 90 now rather than waiting for the widening project.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Wade to reduce the speed limit to 45 m.p.h. on Highway 90 at the east side property line of Tractor Supply. The motion failed with Aldermen Burgess, Wade, and Cox voting aye and Aldermen Authement, Papania, Blackman, and Impey voting nay.

Alderman Burgess requested the Christmas Tree Lighting Event to be the first Sunday in December to align with the Discover Christmas Parade & Toy Drive. She said combining the events and moving to Sunday will keep the event family-friendly. Alderman Cox asked if all parties involved agreed. She responded that they have agreed. The Mayor

requested the City explore having a City Christmas Parade rather than an outside group to keep it Christmas-focused like other coastal cities. He said it would be best to discuss later at a meeting with Chamber, City representatives, the Discover Christmas board, and store owners. Alderman Burgess made a motion to combine the events and hold them on the first Sunday in December but there was no second, the motion dies.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except for item 7-k(d) pulled by Alderman Impey.

- a) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the Zebra Run on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; at The Fort for the event and Front Beach/Bridge route for the run, the applicant will pay all costs for the event (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the Awareness Walk for Military Sexual Trauma on April 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.; Front Beach/Bridge 5K route, the applicant will pay all costs for the event (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Friday at the Fort 2023 on the final Friday of each month from April to September 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; there may be overtime cost to the City (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the Sunset on Cancer Run on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Fort for the event and Front Beach/Bridge route for the run; the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Ratify \$28,000.00 check to Crocker Heating & Air for A/C equipment for the Civic Center (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Ratify \$850.00 check to Teig Corp Holdings for Mary C furniture for concessions (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Accept OSPD monthly report for November 2022 (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Accept OSFD monthly report for November 2022 (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Authorize to declare Asset #6316 Dell Printer (broken) as surplus, no value to the City, remove from inventory and destroy (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-k):
 - a) Authorize employment of Ethan Mammoser, Patrolman, Step 1, \$18.00 hourly rate; effective on or about January 4, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
 - b) Authorize the transfer of Patrolman Evan Goudy to Part-Time Police Officer, effective December 24, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
 - c) Authorize removal of Patrolman Josiah Doughty from probationary status to full-time status effective immediately

- d) Accept the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Kevin Egan, effective December 31, 2022
- e) Authorize removal of Firefighter Micah Groue from probationary status to full-time status effective December 25, 2022
- f) Accept the retirement of Street Department Assistant Supervisor Ronald Ducksworth, effective December 31, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- g) Authorize employment of Christopher Depreo, Sewer Laborer, Step 5, \$14.50 hourly rate; effective December 21, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- l) Approve the Final Plat of the Tranquility Grove Subdivision, 3650 Groveland Road PID #60127270.000 (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOA for Riley Road Improvements Project – MODT TIP STP-9059-00(001) LPA/109329-701000 (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOA for Intersection Studies on Highway 90 at Washington Ave. and MLK Jr. Drive – MODT TIP STP-0003-01(217) LPA/1092052-711000 (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Authorize to advertise the Front Beach Sidewalk Improvements Construction Phase Two (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Approve the request for an exception from the UDC's sign regulation to allow an additional sign in the Old Ocean Springs Historical District at 510 Washington Avenue PID #60137534.000 WAMA; the Zoning Adjustment Board recommends approval (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the (1) installation of a shingle roof and (2) installation of a shed dormer on the north façade at 414 Martin Avenue PID #60137428.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval of both (Exhibit 7-q)
- r) Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for modifications and additions to the house exterior and grounds at 1212 Bowen Avenue PID #60190011.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval of both (Exhibit 7-r)
- s) Accept Building Department Report for November 2022 (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Accept Code Enforcement Report through December 13, 2022 (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through December 12, 2022 (Exhibit 7-u)
- v) Approve the Facility Use Agreement for Southern Elite Lacrosse Organization for the use of Hwy 57 Sports Complex football fields 1 and 2 January 2nd to April 30, 2023 (Exhibit 7-v)

Alderman Impey said item 7-k(d) has been withdrawn, and no action is needed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed on Exhibit 8-b; with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances (Exhibit 8-b).

Planning Department:

Item 8-c was pulled from the agenda: Approve vacating Porter Avenue street right-of-way adjacent to PID #60225020.600 and 60225010.000

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the employment of Keith Barnes, Patrolman, Step 1, \$18.00 hourly rate; effective on or about January 4, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the employment of Elizabeth Bradley, Deputy Court Clerk I, Step 7, \$14.76 hourly rate; effective January 9, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Alderman Authement said he would be giving \$750.00 to the Maurepas Landing HOA for the upkeep of the entrance on the next docket of claims.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to approve a size variance for the Ryan family to construct a sign at the Ryan Youth Center that exceeds the size limitations.

Alderman Impey made the motions listed under Old Business and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The Mayor thanked all the business partners and individuals that participated in the Washington Avenue lighting project. He said the partners are listed on the City's Facebook page. He said that he and Police Chief Dunston will be attending the services

for the two Bay St. Louis fallen officers and requested to keep those affected in prayer. The City Clerk thanked Weaver Electric for hanging the Christmas Flags on Highway 90.

The Holiday Wishes video from the City was played.

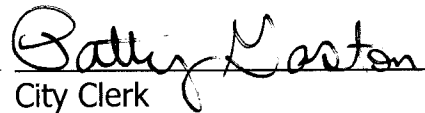
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023.

Meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.

 1/3/2023
Mayor Date

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City Clerk Date

