

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2024 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on December 3, 2024. 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 Ryan Lemaire, Fire Chief Ryan Heath, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Community Development Director Carter Thompson, Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade - Jim Hollingsworth
Col. (Ret.) Jim Hollingsworth, President of the Gulf Coast Veterans Parade (GCVP), addressed the Board to propose including Ocean Springs in the rotation of cities hosting the annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade. Traditionally held on the Saturday before Veterans Day, the parade currently rotates among Gulfport, Biloxi, and D'Iberville. Col. Hollingsworth suggested that Ocean Springs collaborate with GCVP to coordinate a pre-parade reception, enhancing the event's community engagement. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to meet with the Gulf Coast Veterans Parade (GCVP), to discuss and finalize the details of adding Ocean Springs to the rotation of cities hosting the Gulf Coast Veterans Parade.

b. RESCHEDULED - Ocean Springs Mayor's Youth Council Update - Emma Williams, President

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Approve a Commercial Subdivision Sketch Plat at 3419 Bienville Blvd

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Community Development Director explained that the subdivision consists of four lots with a private road. Alderman Impey clarified that this is the future site of Chipotle and Chick-fil-A.

Public Input: Ellen Hall asked for the address.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Papania to approve the Commercial Subdivision Sketch Plat at 3419 Bienville Blvd. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

b. Adopt Ordinance: Amendment to the UDC Amending Ch. 2 to add a new section related to the Relocation or Placement of Structures

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Community Development Director explained the proposed amendment.

Public Input: Mark Garriga expressed support for the ordinance but opposed adopting it at this time. Ellen Hall spoke against the adoption of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously approved to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was then made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to table the adoption of the ordinance regarding the relocation or placement of structures. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

c. Adopt Ordinance: Text amendment to the UDC Amending Ch. 3, Section 3.8.5, Table 3.5, and Table 3.6 to remove LBCS Code Column

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Community Development Director explained that the Unified Development Code (UDC) currently contains inconsistencies between the numeric codes and the terminology in the Land Base Classification System (LBCS) Code Column. She recommended removing the numeric codes to resolve these inconsistencies.

Public Input: Julia Illanne spoke against the proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to adopt the Ordinance: Text Amendment to the UDC Amending Ch. 3, Section 3.8.5, Table 3.5, and Table 3.6 to remove the LBCS Code Column (ORD 2024-14). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey

Nay: Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade

- d. Approve a final plat for Harper Grove Subdivision for a 30-unit townhome development

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Community Development Director explained that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat for Harper Grove Subdivision, contingent on the bond being secured by the Board meeting.

The applicant, Nick Fountain, stated that the bond was not yet in place but is expected to be secured by Thursday.

Alderman Authement noted that without the bond, approval could not be granted but expressed willingness to hold a special call meeting to approve the final plat once the bond is received.

Public input: Ellen Hall spoke in opposition to the approval. Bill Moore inquired about the location of the subdivision. Rick Camery spoke in favor of approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to table the final plat for Harper Grove Subdivision until the bond is secured.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda item 6-a regarding the rezoning of a parcel: Shannon Pfeiffer, Ellen Hall, and Rebecca Alston spoke against and Tony Lawrence spoke in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Adopt Ordinance: Rezone of Parcel #60128042.000 (NW Side of Government Street & Pabst Road) from R-1A Apartment District to CH Regional Commercial

The Mayor explained that this is a housekeeping matter, as the rezone was unanimously approved at the last meeting, but the ordinance was inadvertently omitted from the agenda. Alderman Cox inquired with the Community Development Director about whether the signage had been properly placed on the property, to which she confirmed that it had.

A motion was made by Alderman Papania and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt an Ordinance for the Rezone of Parcel #60128042.000 (NW Side of Government Street & Pabst Road) from R-1A Apartment District to CH Regional Commercial (ORD 2024-15). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox

Nay: Alderman Wade

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize \$500.00 to Magnolia Bayour Homeowners' Association for landscaping the subdivision entrance from Ward 5 funds

City Clerk:

- b. Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting November 18, 2024
- c. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting November 19, 2024
- d. Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting November 22, 2024
- e. Accept the November 2024 Aged Receivables Report for Utility Billing

Police Department:

- f. Authorize Out-of-State Travel for Professional Training – Employee #2396, December 14-17, 2024, Tuscaloosa, AL – VCQB for Law Enforcement

Fire Department:

- g. Authorize Out of State Travel for Professional Training-Employee #2085,

January 12-24, 2025, Emmitsburg, Maryland-Command and Control of Fire
Department Operations at Natural and Manmade Disasters

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- h. Authorize removal of Police Sergeant John Kirkland from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- i. Authorize extension of probationary period for employee #2787 by six months through December 19, 2025
- j. Authorize removal of Sewer Supervisor Michael Creel from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- k. Authorize removal of Maintenance/Sign Laborer Todd Callegari from probationary status to full time status effective December 11, 2024
- l. Authorize transfer of Drainage Laborer Cory Hathorne to Assistant Mechanic, Step 1, \$16.00 hourly rate; effective December 7, 2024; six-month probationary status

Planning Department:

- m. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Legal Services with Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A. to address land use issues and provide zoning assistance for the newly annexed areas, with a total expenditure limit of \$8,000 before requiring further Board approval

Planning Commission (PC):

- n. Approve a Residential Short-Term Rental Permit for 3244 Nottingham Road
PID# 61099090.000

Zoning Adjustment Board (ZAB):

- o. Approve a variance at 505 Vancleave Ave. to reduce the rear setback from 25 feet to 20 feet; ZAB recommends approval

Grants Administration:

- p. Authorize REVISED Supplemental Agreement #1 Pending MDOT Concurrence – MDOT Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) – STP-9065-00(004)/LPA 108084-701000 - Ocean Springs Road Reconstruction Project –Construction Engineering & Inspection (CE&I) Services by Brown, Mitchell, & Alexander, Inc. – Additional \$49,191.82

Building Department:

- q. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through November 21, 2024
- r. Accept Code Enforcement Report through November 25, 2024

Public Works:

- s. Accept the quarterly grease trap variance report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, 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.

- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Pfeiffer, Rob McDonnell, Ellen Hall, and Rebecca Alston addressed the Mayor and the Board.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess reminded everyone that the Discover Christmas Parade and Toy Drive will take place on Sunday, December 8th.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously approved to authorize an additional road closure on Joseph Street, from Washington Avenue to the Traveler property, on December 7, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor to sign Mississippi Power's streetlight authorization form for the Silent Light Festival.

Alderman Blackman delivered a prepared statement regarding the bars and entertainment district, noting that it was established in 2016 under Mayor Moran, prior to this board or the previous board that began in 2017. He clarified that the number of bar establishments has remained the same as in 2016.

Alderman Impey reminded everyone about the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event at the Mary C, scheduled for Thursday, December 5th. He also recognized the passing of Ocean Springs Republican Municipal Executive Committee Member Bob Montgomery.

Alderman Papania requested that everyone keep the Mayor's family in their prayers following the passing of his brother.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the next Community Meeting regarding the zoning of the annexed area will take place on Monday, December 9th, at the Civic Center. He also expressed gratitude to this year's lighting sponsors for their generous support. Santa Level sponsors included Blossman Gas, Mosaics, Lady May, The Garage, and Glory Bound. Rudolph Level sponsors were Mississippi Power, Superior Optical, Lemon-Mohler, Eleven, The Cornerstone Group, and Shane & Mona Loper. Elf Level sponsors included Chevron, The Office, Crocker Heating & Air, The Citizens Bank, Gulf Hills, Hillyer House, Rain Residential, The Roost, The Bay Collection, and Gina's. The Mayor thanked all the sponsors for their contributions in making this year's festivities a success.

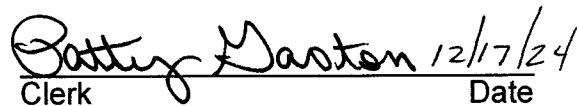
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on DECEMBER 17, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to recess. The meeting ended at 7:12 p.m.

 12/17/24
Mayor Date

 12/17/24
Clerk Date

