



**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATION

- a. Recognition of employment years of service:
 - 20 years: Human Resources Director Mindy McDowell
 - 15 years: Drainage Supervisor Stephen Farnsworth
 - 5 years: Street Laborer Cody Hickman and Fire Captain Samantha Guthrie
- b. Proclamation: 2025 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week
- c. Proclamation: Ray Skillestad
- d. Presentation: Mississippi Songwriters Alliance

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Appeal of Planning Commission decision regarding a request to vacate the Right of Way at the North West corner of Bienville Blvd and Washington Ave running north from Bienville Blvd. – PIDN: 60119048.000, 60119050.000, 60119054.000, 60119056.000, and 60119058.000; Planning Commission deferred action

5. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT *** The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, **ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda.** The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. **Please identify yourself and the agenda item.** If no agenda item is stated, you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Property insurance renewal update - Scott Lemon

7. CONSENT AGENDA ** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize and waive associated fees for Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA's use of the Civic Center on May 23, 2025, for their preschool graduation ceremony; to advertise the resources of the City

- b. Authorize the use of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and waive all associated fees for Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, May 17, 2025; to hold a fundraiser with the sale of fish plates to raise money for mission work
- c. Authorize and waive associated fees for the American Red Cross' use of the Civic Center for a blood drive on June 24, 2025; to advertise the resources of the City
- d. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Ocean Springs Library - Summer Library Program from 9:00 a.m. - noon on Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24, and July 1, 2025, at the Ocean Springs Community Center; authorize to waive special event permit fee and rental fee; to advertise the resources of the City
- e. Approve the Run, Walk, Bike Permit Application for the 2024 MMSC 14th Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk on July 23, 2025, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., using the OS Bridge/Front Beach Route, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays the associated event cost
- f. Approve the Run, Walk, Bike Permit Application for the Harley Half Marathon on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Front Beach - Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays the associated event cost
- g. Approve the Run, Walk, Bike Permit Application for Casino Bridge Run on Saturday, January 3, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Front Beach - Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays the associated event cost
- h. Authorize a \$500.00 payment from Ward 5 funds to Heron Bayou Neighborhood Association to enhance the neighborhood entrance
- i. Authorize the reappointment of Doug Roll to the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term
- j. Adopt Resolution to request funds for the Mississippi Songwriter's Alliance through the Mary C and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of request to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors

Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center:

- k. Authorize the Mayor to sign the settlement and release agreement with Agence France-Presse and approve the \$500.00 payment

City Clerk:

- l. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the Municipal Election Contract with the Jackson County Election Commission for the June 3rd General Election
- m. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting April 15, 2025
- n. Approve Minutes: Special Call April 24, 2025
- o. Accept the April 2025 Aged Receivables Report for Utility Billing

- p. Ratify check 132643 for payment to Crocker Heating & Air for Community Center A/C replacement

Police Department:

- q. Authorize Out-of-State Travel for Professional Training - Employee #2618, June 22-26, 2025, Jacksonville, FL - Managing the Patrol FTO Program

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- r. Authorize promotion of Sgt. John Kirkland to Lieutenant, effective May 10, 2025; Step 1, \$27.48 hourly rate; six months probationary status
- s. Authorize promotion of Patrolmen Steve McMellon and Charles Smith to Sergeant, effective May 10, 2025; Step 1, \$25.25 hourly rate; six months probationary status
- t. Authorize removal of Firefighter Chad Jay from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- u. Accept resignation of Parks Maintenance Technician Timothy Zaldana effective May 9, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- v. Authorize removing Sewer Laborer Mark Hawkins from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- w. Authorize removing Drainage Laborer John Rodenkirch from probationary status to full time status, effective immediately
- x. Authorize removing Water Laborer Mark Seay from probationary status to full-time status, effective May 14, 2025
- y. Accept resignation of Street Laborer Korbin Arevelo, effective April 30, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Planning Commission (PC):

- z. Approve a request for a Short-Term Rental permit at 241 Lovers Lane – PIDN: 61465013.100 - The property is zoned R 1.; PC recommends approval

Planning Department :

- aa. Accept Palm Pointe Performance Bond and Maintenance Bond

Grants Administration:

- bb. Authorize Award of the Gateway Sculpture to Phil Proctor / Nucleus Sculpture Studio, LLC – Funded through the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY23 for Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Center Rehabilitation and Signage – MDA

Building Department:

- cc. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through April 29, 2025
- dd. Accept Code Enforcement Report through April 30, 2025

8. 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
- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT *The public is invited to address the Board, for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. **Only two speakers will be allowed per side of each issue.** The Board will take all comments under advisement to take potential action at a later date if warranted. Priority will be given to Ocean Springs residents and Business Owners. **Please identify yourself before speaking.***

10. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on May 20, 2025