

## **RECESS MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2014**

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 March 18, 2014. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Alderman Dalgo was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Rev. Barnett gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATION**

The Public Works Director, Mr. Kaufman, explained his department was appointed by the Board to conduct a lighting study. Mississippi Power Company, partnering with Sylvania, was one of several companies they spoke to concerning a study. Ms. Danielle Crowder and Mr. Paul Harrison conducted the study and presented a financial comparison for LED and fluorescent with 12-months of prior history. The Mississippi Development Authority offers a loan program that is 2% below prime; therefore, with an estimated annual savings of \$21,000 the loan should be paid back in just under four years. The Public Works Director asked that the Peer Review Committee review this lighting study. The Mayor stated other companies will be making presentation as well.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to task the Peer Review Committee with setting a standard guideline for lighting studies. Alderman Cox asked them to also look at outdoor lighting such as the ballfields. He also asked for an up to date audit on the street lights such as what light is on each meter. Ms. Crowder stated she can provide that report to the City. Ms. Crowder also stated they can conduct a Programmable Cost Savings study at no cost to the City.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Joel Embry, Jr., 1982 graduate of Ocean Springs High School, asked for input from the Mayor and Board about the "Greyhounds All Alumni Mega Reunion" he is planning for June 19, 20 and 21, 2015, for graduating classes from 1953 to 2012. He asked the Board to consider making Front Beach a 2-way road on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. He also asked that all schools be open for tours on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Also on June 20<sup>th</sup>, there would be a pet parade in honor of Wanda Mills who recently passed away. Mr. Embry is also planning a battle of the bands for talent for alumni

only at Fort Maurepas Park beginning at 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday's event would take place at Ship Island. He stated this could be an annual event. The Board asked Mr. Embry to provide an update in three (3) months with a number of participants.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Mayor requested that item (A-1b) be struck from the Addendum. Motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman McDonnell to add item (A-1a) on the Addendum to the agenda. The Mayor explained she is striking item (A-1b) from the Addendum because another firm that would like another opportunity to meet with the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Alderman McDonnell withdrew his second to the motion made by Alderman Impey. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to accept the Consent Agenda and Items (A-1a) and (A-2a) on the Addendum.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **City Attorney:**

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell and seconded by Alderman Cody to adopt **Ordinance No. 2014-04 A ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING PARKING IN THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS ON PORTIONS OF PERRYMAN ROAD** (Exhibit 8-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Gill	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman McDonnell	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Cody	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Denyer	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Dalgo	<u>Absent</u>
Alderman Impey	<u>Voting Aye</u>

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Alderman McDonnell thanked the Public Works Department, Parks Department and Police Department for the good work done during the St. Patrick's festival on Saturday. He did not receive any complaints.

Alderman McDonnell thanked Carolyn Martin, Grants/Planning Administrator, and James Foster, City Engineer, for their diligent work on the Fallo parking lot project. This will

add 37 spaces of public parking. The Grants/Planning Administrator stated it was designed to add on to the project as funds become available.

Alderman Cody asked the Parks Department to remove the Club Car gasoline operated 4x4 and Polaris gasoline operated 4 Wheeler from the armory that was transferred in 2011.

Alderman Cox asked the Public Works Director to begin the study on the outside lighting and include the ball park lighting with Mississippi Power Company.

Alderman Cox thanked Public Works and Police Department for their work at the St. Patrick's celebration.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to participate with Jackson County and the University of Southern Mississippi in a joint project to develop conceptual plans for a parking facility, boat ramp and public park on the property owned by Gulf Coast Research Lab (formally the Razor/Neil Harris property); conceptual plans are necessary to apply for a joint tidelands grant and Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries funding with the City's portion to be \$5,000.

The Public Works Director stated the cost estimate for striping Government Street would be available at the end of the week. The estimate will be block by block because he anticipates it to be very costly. This will allow the Board to pick the areas that need striping the most. The County will begin paving in the City in a couple of weeks. There was discussion about using reflectors. The Public Works Director advised the cost for reflectors was approximately \$23,000 for certain areas and this did not include any paint. Alderman Cox asked if the Public Works Department could paint the striping in the intersections. He advised he can repaint the arrows in the intersection but they cause confusion when the lines are not clear on the street.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to go into closed session to determine the necessity of going into executive session.

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Public Works Department, litigation in Chancery Court; potential litigation regarding facilities and potential litigation regarding land acquisition.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director regarding the discipline of Employee No. 1485 and suspend the employee for dates March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 without pay.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize an emergency loan up to \$250,000.00 for repair of roof and parapet at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center if legal actions are not successful; seek all legal remedies against the contractor, manufacturer, installer and architect; seek funding from MDAH and if there is excess funding, it will be used for interior repairs caused by the water damage.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to adjourn until 6:00 pm. on April 1, 2014.

Meeting ended at 9:04 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

**AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
RECESS MEETING  
March 18, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PRESENTATION**

- a) Lighting Study of City Buildings – Mississippi Power Company, Danielle Crowder and Paul Harrison, P.E.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Greyhounds All Alumni Mega Reunion for June 19, 20 & 21, 2015 – Mr. Joel Embry, Jr. (Exhibit 4-a)

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action at a later date if warranted.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA\***

*\* Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 6, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

**Mayor:**

- a) Authorize employment of Ravin Floyd, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, effective March 31, 2014; \$14.42 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 7-a)

**City Clerk:**

- b) Approve Minutes – March 5, 2014 Regular Meeting (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve Minutes – March 6, 2014 Special Call Meeting (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Approve Minutes – March 6, 2014 Recess Meeting (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread Summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Authorize to increase Waste Pro's fee 1.5% for Consumer Price Index resulting in an additional \$9,000 fee through the fiscal year (Exhibit 7-g)

**Police Department:**

- h) Approve Special Event Permit for 5K Run sponsored by Medi-Weight Loss Clinics as a fundraiser for MGCCC scholarships on Friday, April 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Exhibit 7-h)

**Fire Department:**

- i) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 7-i)

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- j) Approve termination of probationary employee, Gary Givens, Sewer Department, and authorize employment of Ron Blanton, Sewer Department laborer, effective March 24, 2014; \$12.00 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 7-j)

**Community Development & Planning:**

- k) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with Seymour Engineering as Environmental Consulting for preliminary engineering services for the Harbor Stormwater Improvement and Public Access to OS Harbor Project – CIAP-MS-30706 (Exhibit 7-k)
- l) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract Amendment #1 with Dennis Walker for Accreditation Support Services the amount of \$10,000, no additional funds required, funded by the Gulf Seafood Tourism and Promotional Fund – City Museum grant (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment #3 with Dogan, Wilkinson, Kinard, Smith & Edwards for legal services related to CDBG/DEQ Disaster Recovery Project W21 and S24 (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #3 with Thompson Engineering, Inc. for final design and construction services in the amount of 5,800 for Land Acquisition and Clearing for the Protection of Storm Water Outfalls – Front Beach Drainage Project, CIAP-MS-30705, pending legal approval and no additional funds requested (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Approve appointment of Pat Joachim and Merileigh Furr to the Museum Commission for a four-year term, to expire June 30, 2018 (Exhibit 7-o)

**Zoning & Adjustment Board:**

- p) Accept Zoning and Adjustment Board's recommendation to approve the extension of the characteristics and the 16% variance request at 2426 Government Street (Exhibit 7-p)

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

- q) Accept Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to issue a COA to modify existing materials in the western parking lot, pending ditch repair by Public Works at 921 Ocean Avenue-First Presbyterian Church (Exhibit 7-q)
- r) Accept Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to issue a COA to add to the existing driveway with similar materials at 604 Cleveland – Ben and Lyn Harper Cheney (Exhibit 7-r)

**Building Department:**

- s) Accept Tree Committee Minutes of March 13, 2014 (Exhibit 7-s)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- t) Approve Individual Service Contract with Jenny Cockrell as Tennis Instructor (Exhibit 7-s)

**City Attorney:**

**Peer Review Committee:**

- u) Accept Peer Review Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2014 (Exhibit 7-t)

**H.R. Committee:**

- v) Accept Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2014 (Exhibit 7-u)

**Finance Committee:**

**8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

**Police:**

**Fire:**

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

**City Attorney:**

- a) Adopt an Ordinance Regulating and Restricting Parking in the City of Ocean Springs on Portions of Perryman Road (Exhibit 8-a)

**Facilities**

**Peer Review Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Personnel in Public Works Department

**ADJOURN until 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2014**