

RECESS MEETING OF APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2014. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Alderman Cody was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Alderman Denyer gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to add the Addendum to the Agenda to also include adopting the Resolution to Temporarily Allow Consumption of Beverages and Food and Beer on Public Property for the 1699 Weekend of Discovery and adopt the Procedure/Policy for Boards/Commissions Applications.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing on property located at 2508 Havard Road.

The Building Official presented pictures taken on April 15, 2014, showing the structure to be in disrepair and lacks maintenance; lacks illumination, ventilation, and sanitary facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of occupants or the public and numerous building, electrical and plumbing code violations as well as being a fire hazard. He further stated notices were posted on the property; notice was sent to the last known address; posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and published in the City publication of record. There has been no correspondence or contact from the property owner and he was not present at the hearing.

The property owners were not present at the hearing.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing on property located at 2508 Havard Road.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to proceed with the lot cleaning at 2508 Havard Road due to the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety based on the matters presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Several residents spoke in support of a City dog park. They stated there is limited space to exercise their dogs and there is a petition with over 150 signatures supporting this project. Alderman Gill thanked them for their thoughts and ideas. Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to identify potential dog park sites and funding sources.

Alderman McDonnell addressed the issue of the Front Beach landscape maintenance. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to instruct the City landscaper to develop a maintenance plan for the Front Beach; substitute plants that are appropriate to that area and require less maintenance and salvage any plants removed to be used in other areas of the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum with exception of item (m) and (A-1b) which were pulled by Alderman Denyer and item (p) which was pulled by Alderman Dalgo.

Alderman Denyer pulled item (m) and asked if the City conducted its own auction. The City Clerk stated the City does not and the travel trailer would be sent to Long Beach Auto Auction. Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to authorize declaring a 1998 8' x 32' Gulfstream Innsbruck Travel Trailer as surplus; of no further value to the City and send to auction (Exhibit 7-m).

Alderman Dalgo pulled item (p) to ask the Public Works Department if they are on board with the preliminary plat of Stillwater Bluff. There was discussion concerning the impact of a sewer lift station near the development and whether or not it needed any upgrades to it. The developer, Mr. Walter Bolton, stated he agreed to cover the cost of the upgrade to the lift station. Alderman Dalgo stated the City does not usually approve the preliminary plat until these types of issues have already been resolved. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell and seconded by Alderman Gill to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Preliminary Plat Application for Stillwater Bluff – Bolton Investment Group, LLC pending an agreement on the calculations with the Public Works Department, City Engineer Compton Engineering, Bolton Investment Group, LLC and City Attorney John Edwards. Motion carried with

Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Denyer, and Impey voting aye and Alderman Dalgo voting nay. Alderman Cody was absent.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #4 for All South Engineers, LLC in the amount of \$2,100.00 for additional surveying of 150 feet of sidewalk for the Government Street Sidewalk Improvements Project/MDOT STP funded project and amend the budget accordingly (Exhibit A-1b).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to adopt the Procedure/Policy for Board/Commissions Applications (Exhibit 8-a).

Fire Department:

Nate Wilson announced the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, May 2nd from 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. at the Ocean Springs High School Stadium.

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to instruct the Police Department to conduct a traffic study on Groveland Road for consideration of placing a 3-way stop at the West entrance of Gettysburg.

Alderman Dalgo stated he was not present at the last Board meeting when privatization of the Public Works Department was discussed. He stated for the record he does not support privatization. Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to stop using City resources to research ways to privatize the Public Works Department.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to authorize payment of \$185.63 to Terry Miller, Chancery Clerk, to remedy a tax sale issue for Parcel No. 60119409.000.

Alderman Cox asked the Board to consider making changes to the Facilities Department to allow them to clean the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center. He suggested the employees in the H.R. Department to clean their building; City Hall employees begin taking out their own garbage and the employees of the Building/Planning Department to begin cleaning their own building. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to accept the new policy.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to extend the Tax Abatement Ordinance to June 30, 2017.

Alderman McDonnell asked the Building Official for an update on the residence located at Wisteria and Fort. He advised the building was condemned and the property owner was given a violation notice. He is in the process of making repairs but the progress is going slow. Alderman McDonnell asked for an update on the progress at the next board meeting.

Alderman McDonnell asked for an update on the Fallo parking lot project. The City Engineer advised there is a pre-construction conference scheduled for Friday and they plan to begin the project on Monday.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Temporarily Allow Consumption of Beverages and Sale of Food and Beer on Public Property for the 1699 Weekend of Discovery (Exhibit 9-a).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer 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 Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss annexation and potential litigation involving city services.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2014.

Meeting ended at 8:18 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
April 15, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Lot Cleaning Hearing – 2508 Havard Road (Exhibit 3-a)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update on Dog Park – Alderman Gill
- b) Discussion on Maintenance of Landscaping at Front Beach – Alderman McDonnell

5. NEW 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 7, 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) Accept City History Museum Report for March, 2014 (Exhibit 7-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Minutes – April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Authorize Mayor to execute the Order approving application of Moran Properties, LLC for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for a track of land in the Central Business District located at 626 and 628 Washington Avenue (Exhibit 7-e)

Police Department:

- f) Approve Special Event Permit Application for 5K Fun Run/Walk on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. at the Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve Special Event Permit Application – Information Purposes for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. at Ocean Springs City Hall (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Approve Special Event Permit Application – Informational Purposes Only - for the Busby Wedding on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Front Beach (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Approve Special Event Permit Application for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ride on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. from OS/Biloxi Bridge to OS Vietnam Memorial at the Civic Center (Exhibit 7-i)

Fire Department:

- j) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Accept resignation of Firefighter Garrett Beasley, effective April 25, 2014, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacancy, H.R. Committee concurs (Exhibit 7-k)

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- l) Accept resignation of Pamela Seymour Cox as a member of the Civil Service Commission effective April 30, 2014 (Exhibit 7-l)

City Engineer:

Public Works Department:

- m) Authorize to declare a 1988 8' x 32' Gulfstream Innsbruck Travel Trailer declared surplus; of no further value to the City; remove from Inventory and send to auction (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize to award bid to Graham Construction Company, Inc. for the Water, Sewer and Storm Drainage Projects; this is a unit price contract and they will be paid accordingly per unit (Exhibit 7-n)

Community Development & Planning:

- o) Authorize to advertise to fill the vacant position on the Tree Committee (Exhibit 7-o)

Planning Commission:

- p) Accept Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Preliminary Plat Application for Stillwater Bluff – Bolton Investment Group, LLC (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Accept Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Final Plat Application for Madison Place – Phase I – Madison Place Development, LLC (Exhibit 7-q)
- r) Accept Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Application for Lot Split at 1216 Porter Avenue, Parcel No. 31430005.000 (Laurie Guice) (Exhibit 7-r)

Historic Preservation Commission:

- s) Accept Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to issue a COA to replace and/or repair all existing windows in the home due to damage and rotten wood at 1106 Iberville Drive – Sarah C. Reese (Exhibit 7-s)

Building Department:

- t) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Accept Building Department Permit Report (Exhibit 7-u)
- v) Approve Demolition Permit for structure located at 1003 Denny Avenue (Exhibit 7-v)

Parks & Leisure Services Department:

- w) Accept Individual Service Contract for Brian Wilson as Tennis Instructor (Exhibit 7-w)
- x) Approve Facility Use Agreement for the Ocean Springs Baseball Organization Senior League for use of Clay Boyd big field and Ocean Springs Sports Complex fields 4 and 5 (Ages 13-15) (Exhibit 7-x)
- y) Authorize removal of Edward Ward, Jr., Ballfield/Turf Management, from probationary status and placement on full time status, effective April 28, 2014 (Exhibit 7-y)
- z) Authorize removal of Tori Williams, Custodian, from probationary status and placement on full time status, effective April 2, 2014 (Exhibit 7-z)

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

- aa) Approve Minutes – April 8, 2014 H.R. Committee Meeting (Exhibit 7-aa)

Finance Committee:

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works Department:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services Department:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Personnel in Parks Department

ADJOURN until 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2014