

## **RECESS MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2016**

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 June 21, 2016. 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.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to add additional signage at the major intersections indicating directions to the library at Government/Porter and Porter/Washington as well as Joseph Street.

Alderman McDonnell stated the downtown businesses have been inundated with requests for restroom usage around Robinson. He asked the Board to consider putting port-o-lets in that area to provide restroom facilities for the public. The Mayor suggested building a bathroom facility similar to the one at Little Children's Park. Alderman McDonnell stated concerns with the homeless population in the downtown area. He further stated his suggestion was to provide port-o-lets when the Chamber of Commerce is having an event around the depot which is when the business owners are having problems. The Mayor said signs have been posted at Marshall Park indicating the park closes at 9:00 p.m. and therefore, allows the Police Department to have authority to clear the park after that time. Ms. Melanie Allen, a representative of HOSA, the organization who maintains Marshall Park, stated they are willing to work with the City on enforcing the existing loitering laws around the park with lighting or signage.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to provide port-o-lets at the events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce until such time as the City and Chamber can reach an agreement concerning restroom facilities but port-o-lets will be removed at the close of the event; establish Marshall Park hours to open no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and close no later than 9:00 p.m. and increase patrol in the area around the park.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Kelsey Keel from Let's Go! Gulf Coast gave a final summary on the successes of the Let's Lighten Up Ocean Springs program (Exhibit 4-a).

Mr. David Cook from the Parks Advisory Board provided the Board with an updated priority list for the Highway 57 Sports Complex. It contained short term and long term goals. He stated with the popularity of the sports complex, the Parks Board would like to have the grassy parking area asphalted to help alleviate the parking problems when the bigger tournaments are utilizing the facility. Also discussed were the shade structures, benches and a pavilion at the gate entrance. The Board asked the Parks Director to obtain quotes for the items on the priority list (Exhibit 4-b).

## **Boards and Commission Appointments:**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to appoint Robert Blackman, Joshua Drummond and Michael Smith to the Planning Commission, term expiring June 30, 2019; appoint Vicki Rosetti-Applewhite and Joey Conwill to the Economic Development Council, term expiring June 30, 2019; appoint Matt Carpenter, John Guice and Joe Telarico to the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals, term expiring June 30, 2021; appoint Jason Payne and John O'Hara to the Zoning and Adjustment Board, term expiring June 30, 2019 and appoint Charliene Roemer to the Historic Preservation Commission, term expiring June 30, 2020.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Jane Beaugez stated she is opposed to changing the zoning to C-P Commercial – Public and Civic Facilities Zoning District at Taconi.

Mr. Tim Wold, 1013 Government Street, asked the Board to make an official determination for the entertainment district because the new To Go Cup law will be in effect on July 1, 2016, in order to educate the public as to what is and is not allowed concerning this new law.

Mr. Yaya Muhammad, 1704 Davis Avenue, stated he is cleaning the lot on Government Street for the property owner who is currently living in California.

There was discussion concerning the junk vehicle ordinance. The Assistant Building Official explained it is determined to be a junk vehicle if the license tag is out of date and inoperable. There will be more discussion with the Building Official when he gets back in town.

Ms. Pam Cox stated her objection to include Dewey Avenue in the new entertainment district. She stated this is a long established family neighborhood. She also asked for a progress report on the homeless issue. The Mayor reported the Methodist church has reached out to help the homeless by allowing them to come in two (2) mornings a week to shower, to get counseling and help with finding jobs.

Ms. Melanie Allen, 1924 Kensington, stated she was attending as a resource if the Board had any questions for the Tree Protection Committee. She also stated HOSA would be happy to discuss the homeless situation with the City. She also stated that the issue of alcoholism is indeed an issue but she asked the Board to not feel negative about the zoning change that will allow alcohol sales at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center. This new zoning change will allow the Mary C. to be self-supporting and self-sustaining by creating more revenue.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, 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 Gill, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss potential litigation regarding a construction contractor and personnel in the City Clerk office.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to increase salary of Employee No. 1624 by \$5,000.00 and change title to Chief Deputy City Clerk.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi concerning Gibson Maintenance (Contractor) as recommended by the City Attorney.

Alderman Gill left the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of items (a) which was pulled by the Mayor and item (h) which was pulled by Alderman Denyer.

The Mayor pulled item (6-a) to thank Ms. Ravin Floyd for her great service to the City and especially with the work done with the Mayor's Youth Council. Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Ravin Floyd, Public Relations Officer and Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, effective June 24, 2016. The H.R. and Finance Committee will discuss filling this vacant position.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to remove item (6-h) from the agenda.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to appoint Compton Engineering as City Engineer; Culumber, Harvey & Associates, PA as City Auditors; Dogan & Wilkinson as City Attorneys; Matthew Mestayer as City Judge; Monte Tynes as City Prosecutor and George Murphy as City Judge Pro Tem for a period of one (1) year, expiring June 30, 2017.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Community Development & Planning:**

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody to adopt **Ordinance No. 2016-05 Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, being Ordinance No. 13-1976, as amended, by providing for the inclusion of the C-P Commercial – Public and Civic Facilities Zoning District** as presented (Exhibit 7-b). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

The Planning/Grants Administrator presented the four (4) projects, Maintenance related to Front Beach; Protection of Front Beach Outfalls; Fort Bayou Greenway and Fort Bayou Dredging and Boat Lift for the Sheriff's Flotilla that had been requested and

eligible for submission under the Tidelands grants which are due by July 1, 2016. Also to be included will be the USM Gulf Coast Research Lab project. Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to apply for the five (5) FY 2018 tidelands grant applications as presented by the Planning/Grants Administrator. The Planning/Grants Administrator advised these applications do not address the East Beach sidewalk (Exhibit 7-b).

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey to accept the letter of rescinding the temporary dedication of land use with Blossman.

Alderman Cody asked the Mayor to schedule a meeting with Supervisor Ross and Supervisor Bosarge concerning street paving.

Alderman Cody stated he would like to have time to review and ask questions concerning the go cup ordinance before the Mayor sets a meeting concerning this matter. Alderman Denyer stated the purpose of the go cup ordinance needs to be determined before an ordinance can be drafted.

The Mayor asked the Board to consider authorizing a fireworks show on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at dusk on Front Beach. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$5,000.00 for a fireworks show allocated from the Aldermen's miscellaneous promotions funding.

Alderman McDonnell left the meeting.

Alderman Cox asked Public Works to check crumbling driveway on Canebrake to determine if the City needs to repair it or it is the property owner's responsibility.

Alderman Cox recognized a public servant, Alvin Endt, who passed away yesterday.

Alderman Cox stated the Government Street sidewalk project and hawk system was proven to be a definite need for safety because a cross country runner was hit by a vehicle on Sunday morning.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to authorize the Payroll Administrator to create a pay scale based on all City positions only.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to set aside Ordinance No. 01-2001 for this fiscal year that annually increases the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's salary by 3%.

Alderman Cox asked for more communication concerning major purchases made in the City.

Alderman Denyer asked Public Works to spread some asphalt 100 yards south of the Halstead tennis courts.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to reappoint Nate Wilson as the Emergency Operations Center Director, term expiring June 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to appoint Alderman Mike Impey as Mayor Pro Temp, term expiring June 30, 2017, and removal of Alderman Impey from the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to appoint Alderman Bobby Cox to the Finance Committee, effective July 1, 2016.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to make a determination that all Mayor Pro Temp appointee's will service a one (1) year term.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016.

Meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date

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**AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**RECESS MEETING**  
**June 21, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

**2) ROLL CALL**

**3) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Appointments to various positions on the Boards and Commissions
- b) Discussion concerning direction sign for library – Alderman McDonnell
- c) Discussion concerning port-o-lets in downtown Ocean Springs – Alderman McDonnell

**4) OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Update on Let's Lighten Up Ocean Springs campaign – Ms. Kelsey Keel (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Update on Highway 57 Sports Complex Priority List – Parks Advisory Board

**5) 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.

**6) 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) Accept resignation of Ravin Floyd, Public Relations Officer and Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, effective June 24, 2016 (Exhibit 6-a)

**City Clerk:**

- b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting June 7, 2016 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Walk sponsored by Limbs for Life Foundation on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., with no cost to the City (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for the Wesson Memorial 2 Mile Health Run/Walk and ¼ Mile Children's Run hosted by the Gulf Coast Running Club on Monday, July 4, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., pending cost to be determined for traffic control (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Approve Special Event Application for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Zombie Pub Crawl sponsored by Fear Fete, LLC and Crooked Letter Brewery on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m., pending proof of liability insurance and payment of \$150.00 for traffic control (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Accept resignation of Karen Kennedy, Deputy City Clerk, effective July 1, 2016, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant position (Exhibit 6-h)

**Police Department:**

- i) Accept resignation of Patrolman Adam Lambert, effective June 20, 2016, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant patrolman position (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Approve request to declare various vehicles as surplus (of no value to the Police Department); remove the vehicles from the City inventory and send them to auction (Exhibit 6-j)

**Fire Department:**

- k) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-k)

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- l) Approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$94,949.60 to Insituform Technologies, LLC for the Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining (Exhibit 6-l)

**Community Development & Planning:**

- m) Award bid to Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$28,514.90 for the landscaping for the drainage area on the Magnolia property – CIAP – MS-30705 (Exhibit 6-m)

**Building Department:**

- n) Accept Tree Protection Committee Site Visit Report and public meeting minutes of June 7, 2016 (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Accept Code Enforcement Report through June 17, 2016 (Exhibit 6-o)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- p) Accept Parks Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2016 (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Approve Facility Use Agreement for the Ocean Springs Adult Softball League to utilize Gay Lemon softball fields for adult coed softball league from June 7<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> (Exhibit 6-q)

**City Attorney:**

- r) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Answer of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi of Bobby Burrell vs. Kim M. Sullivan, et.al., Cause No. 2016-0826-MLF and Authorize the Mayor to execute the Answer of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi of Bobby Burrell vs. Kim M. Sullivan, et.al., Cause No. 2016-0822-NH (Exhibit 6-r)

**Facilities:****Peer Review Committee:****H.R. Committee:****Finance Committee:****7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS****Mayor:****City Clerk:****Police Department:****Fire Department:****Human Resources/Risk Management:****City Engineer:****Public Works:****Community Development & Planning:**

- a) Adopt Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, being Ordinance No. 13-1976, as amended, by providing for the inclusion of the C-P Commercial – Public and Civic Facilities Zoning District (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Discussion concerning FY2018 Tidelands Grant Applications (Exhibit 7-b)

**Building Department:****Parks & Leisure Services:****City Attorney:****Facilities:****Peer Review Committee:****H.R. Committee:****Finance Committee:****8) ALDERMEN'S FORUM****9) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on July 5, 2016**