

SPECIAL CALL MEETING JUNE 30, 2016

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 5:30 p.m. on June 30, 2016. The Mayor 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.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of any and all matters pertaining to discussion and adoption of Ordinance to Establish Leisure and Recreation Districts within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and designate the geographic areas included within and boundaries of said districts; and for related purposes (Exhibit A); authorizing the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement between Earl H. Fayard, Jr. and the City of Ocean Springs for use of property located at 400 Front Beach Drive (Exhibit B) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for a fireworks show on July 3, 2016 (Exhibit C).

The Planning/Grants Administrator gave an overview of the Ordinance. She pointed out the highlights of the Ordinance such as the creation of the districts which focused on the right of ways that would be impacted but does not change the use of the property. She explained if a business is legally able to sell or provide alcohol, the patron can enter the right of way if the businesses abutt these streets. The Ordinance provides requirements for the "to-go cup". Primarily, the cup would be no more than 16 ounces in either a biodegradable paper or clear plastic cup with a uniform logo that the City could provide electronically to make it easily identifiable. The Planning/Grants Administrator also noted that businesses allowing to-go cups will be required to have trash receptacles at your access point. She explained the City is creating maps of the proposed entertainment district for the establishments to be clearly posted by the businesses at their points of egress to educate the public.

Two maps were presented, Downtown Arts and Entertainment District and Porter Avenue Arts and Entertainment District. Also discussed was a third district named the Fort Bayou Arts and Entertainment District.

Alderman McDonnell stated it is not the City's intention to condone or entice the public to drink and drive and will not support if the parking lots are included in the district with the exception of Pleasant-Fallo parking lot because it has become a festival area as well as the Chamber parking lot. There will be signage posted designating the entertainment districts. Alderman Dalgo is opposed to the district going all the way to Pine Drive. He suggested focusing on the downtown area only. It was explained that the public will not be allowed to walk from one district to the other district with an alcoholic beverage. Alderman Impey stated he did not see the economic benefit to the Ordinance; therefore, did not support it.

The Police Chief stated he will be requesting the City to hire additional police officers to provide extra policing of these areas.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer and seconded by Alderman McDonnell to approve the Ordinance as written using maps presented along with the map outlined in green with the understanding that this ordinance is a work in progress and will be reviewed on the first meeting of every month for the next 6 months and modify ordinance to exclude all store front sales, public parking lots, churches, residentially used or zoned parcels with the map identifying these parcels by PIDN named the "Downtown Arts and Entertainment District", "Porter Avenue Arts and Entertainment District" and "Fort Bayou Arts and Entertainment District". Motion carried with Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, and Denyer voting aye and Aldermen Dalgo and Impey voting nay.

It was explained since the Ordinance did not have a unanimous vote, it will not go into effect until 30 days from the date of publication in the local newspaper and sent to the State of Mississippi, Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The Mayor will schedule a meeting for the public to review the details of the new ordinance, cups, logos, etc.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell and seconded by Alderman Gill to authorize up to \$15,000 from the 2% tax levy to provide signage, maps and additional garbage receptacles. Motion carried with Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, and Denyer voting aye and Aldermen Dalgo and Impey voting nay.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement between Earl H. Fayard, Jr. and the City of Ocean Springs for use of property located at 400 Front Beach Drive (Exhibit B).

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for fireworks show on Sunday, July 3, 2016 (Exhibit C).

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special Call Meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
COUNTY OF JACKSON
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Call for a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

From: Mayor Connie Moran

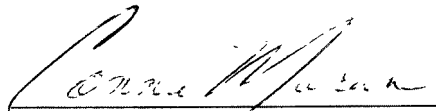
To: Aldermen Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Cox, Denyer, Dalgo, and Impey

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at City Hall at 1018 Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS at **5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2016.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

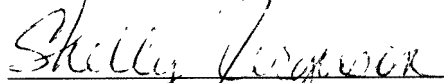
Any and all matters pertaining to:

- A) Discussion and adoption of Ordinance to establish Leisure and Recreation Districts within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and designate the geographic areas included within and boundaries of said districts; and for related purposes (Exhibit A)
- B) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement between Earl H. Fayard, Jr. and the City of Ocean Springs for use of property located at 400 Front Beach Drive (Exhibit B)
- C) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for show on July 3, 2016 (Exhibit C)



Connie Moran, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelly Ferguson, City Clerk