

## **RECESS MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2017**

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 21, 2017. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Impey were present. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Janice Hilton and City Attorney Kevin Melchi.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Rev. Carl King gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to add the Addendum to the Agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS and ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the request for support for the work of Audubon through the Pascagoula River Audubon Center and pay \$1000.00 to promote the resources of the City of Ocean Springs in conjunction with other cities and the county in this education effort for elementary children regarding the local environment. (Exhibit A-1a)

### **OLD BUSINESS and ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Rent Office Space in the Taconi Building to the American Legion. (Exhibit 4-a)

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to ratify the Lease Agreement between the City of Ocean Springs and American Legion Ladnier Post #42, Inc. for the Lease of Building Space; rooms numbered 24 and 25, in the Taconi Building located at 711 Magnolia Avenue. (Exhibit 4-b)

Alderman Chic Cody presented the key to the Taconi building to the American Legion.

Mr. John "Jack" Kelly, 3904 Queen Elizabeth Drive, came before the board to discuss to City's sign ordinance. Mr. Kelly stated the signage in front of the tattoo parlor on

Government Street are not in compliance. Mr. Kelly is requesting the unauthorized signs at the tattoo parlor be removed. He is also requesting an email reply on the results of the re-evaluation. Mr. Kelly gave a few suggestions as to how to remedy the sign problem.

Alderman Gill thanked John Kelly for his time and research.

Alderman Impey stated the business owner of the tattoo parlor is a good citizen. This was an oversight on his part and not done intentionally.

Alderman McDonnell requested the Building Official to review the sign ordinance as a whole. Alderman McDonnell stated the times have changed so the ordinance may need to be updated. The Planning and Grants Administrator said the ordinance is being reviewed and there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed.

Alderman Cody said any new business applying for a business permit should be given a packet that includes all the rules and regulations including the sign requirements. The Planning and Grants Administrator said if it is an existing building then the existing signage is already in place and any sign permit that is submitted goes to review to verify it is allowed. She also stated if it is a new construction it is discussed during design review.

Alderman Denyer made the comment that he does not have an issue with the A-Frame signs announcing lunch specials or sale items for the day. He does have an issue with the feather flags. Alderman Denyer thinks a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Kelly give input to assist the City with rewriting the sign ordinance.

Becky Desporte, organizer for the Walk for Christ event, asked about the event signs that were removed. The Building Official stated that these signs were stapled to protected trees and taped to light and utility poles which are all against the City's ordinance.

Alderman McDonnell stated the Planning and Grants Administrator and her staff did a much better job with the modification to the Bed & Breakfast Ordinance. Alderman McDonnell stated several of the Aldermen had some issues with the draft they received a couple months ago. The biggest issue was the City was being discriminatory against neighborhoods that did not have covenants or a home owners association. The modified ordinance has allowed some provisions for residents of these neighborhoods to have a voice. Alderman McDonnell's concern with the modified ordinance is the greater than 50% of the neighbors that do not object. Alderman McDonnell is asking to change that from 50% to 60%. Alderman McDonnell stated again that R-1 zoning is the most restrictive zoning the City has which was done that way for a reason. He also stated that one of the problems the City has had with short-term rentals is because neighbors do not want that kind of commercial activity coming to their residential neighborhoods.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Gill to adopt the ordinance as presented but changing the non-objection rate from 50% to 60%.

Alderman Impey stated he was under the impression there was going to be a sliding scale because some areas have more density than others. The Planning and Grants Administrator said they did look at that but when you go to the 250' it creates so much of a difference in the numbers. The input she received from the Board and the Planning Commission was to not make it too complicated.

Alderman Dalgo asked the city attorney if this amends the 1994 ordinance. The City Attorney replied that it would change the existing ordinance.

Under Roll call vote motion passes to adopt the ordinance as presented but changing the non-objection rate from 50% to 60%. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Linda Cox, with the Feral Feline Coalition, 719 Pinehill Road, thanked the Mayor and Board for letting her start the TNR (trap, neuter, release) Program. Ms. Cox, on behalf of concerned citizens of Ocean Springs, is requesting the Board to officially recognize the volunteer group and sanction their TNR Program as specified under Section 512 of the City's current animal control ordinance. The Feral Feline Coalition is seeking to expand their group of volunteers and assign members with specific tasks to provide health checks care for the current cat colony with the overall goal of reducing the feral cat population in Ocean Springs in a humane way. They are also wanting to reduce the burden on the Jackson County Animal Shelter. Ms. Cox is requesting the Board to approve to their volunteer program to operate inside the city limits to authorize them to work with the OSPD Animal Control Officer to help by providing traps, trapping efforts and other logistics to help facilitate the group's efforts.

Alderman Denyer is asking the Board to table this request until the next board meeting. Alderman Denyer states there are some legal questions and the Feral Feline Coalition is asking the Board to add some items to the present ordinance. He would like someone to review prior to approving.

The City Attorney read Section 512 says feral cats may be licensed under a city approved volunteer or other sanctions program to provide health checks, spay and neuter. He stated there are already provisions to allow the City to work with a non-profit group.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to recognize the Feral Feline Coalition as a non-profit group so the City can start working with them. (Exhibit 4-e)

## **OLD BUSINESS and ADDENDUM**

The Mayor is asking for approval for a pilot program until July 2017 to place the Ryan Youth Center under the Facilities Department since it is primarily a rental facility. The Mayor feels this would be the best direction for the facility in order to get it under one department for funding and budgeting purposes.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to place the Ryan Youth Center under the Facilities Department pending the final working perimeters for the use of the Facility. (Exhibit A-2a)

The Mayor gave an update on the GeoTour Program that was presented by Trevor Davis with the Mayor's Youth Council. She stated the Chamber of Commerce is very interested in splitting the cost but have asked for a few more details regarding the designation the City would receive from MDOT if the City is designated a scenic by-way. The Mayor is asking the Board to authorize the \$5000.00 for the official GeoTour to be the first one in the state of Mississippi from the 2% funds and she will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce to reimburse the City for half the cost. Alderman Cox asked if the Mayor's Youth Council was still going to sell advertising to help refund the cost of the program. The Mayor stated the Mayor's Youth Council is working on cultural points of interest for the Scenic By-Way application which is due in April.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to authorize to spend \$5000.00 out of the 2% funds for the GeoTour Program. (Exhibit A-2b)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. John Howell, 403 McGinnis Avenue, is a member of the Tree Protection Committee. He wanted to comment on the request of Melanie Allen resigning from the committee. Dr. Howell said Ms. Allen did a great job for the community. He requested the Board give Ms. Allen a key to the City or name a tree in her honor.

Leslie Leigh, 804 Clamshell Avenue, stated she and her husband operate a business on Porter Avenue. She wanted to inform the Board that she submitted a proposal on behalf

Blue Sky Bike Share to offer the City an opportunity to implement a Bike Sharing Program that is owned and operated locally. Ms. Leigh stated the company she is in a partnership with is proposing to upfront the capital to purchase the bikes and install them. They will look for support from the City to cover the cost of the ongoing cost for the software and the app it takes to operate the bikes. The City is showcased on the map that is utilized on the app. Ms. Leigh stated she would look at the ongoing or recurring cost as a service that their company could provide to the City for a fee.

## **CONSENT AGENDA AND ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda and Addendum with the exceptions of items (o, p, s, t, and u) pulled by Alderman Impey and items (e and w) pulled by Alderman Denyer.

Alderman Denyer pulled item (e and w) to ask about security when alcohol is involved.

Motion made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept items (e and w).

Alderman Impey pulled item (o) to get clarification. Alderman Impey asked the Planning and Grants Administrator if this was the property that was donated by Mr. Thrash that the City declined and was then offered to the Land trust. He asked why we are looking into putting up a \$15,000.00 match from potential Tideland Funds on a piece of property that the City declined to begin with. The Planning and Grants Administrator stated the application had already been submitted. She stated that the City can choose to not accept the award. As part of the agreement and application that an agreement would be put in place to give The Land Trust the project and they would be responsible for doing the maintenance on this open public facility. This is for a non-motorized mulch trail with raised walkways due to ditches that would connect to their existing facilities.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody to ratify submittal of the grant application with the agreement that the Land Trust will maintain any structures that are built with this grant. Alderman Impey voted nay.

Alderman Impey pulled item (p) asked if the responsibilities listed in the Charnley House Agreement which are to include water, sewer, operation of the house, irrigation, grounds keeping to include maintaining sod and grass areas and pest control are currently being provided by the City.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept item (p).

Alderman Impey pulled item (s) to recuse himself for the approval of the Application for the Preliminary Plat Approval of The Inlet located at 2501 Bienville Blvd. to start building the infrastructure. Alderman Impey did some of the mechanical drawings for this project which is the reason for recusing himself.

Tracy Ross, representative from Walker Thrash, presented information on The Inlet. Ms. Ross stated there will be (95) ninety five condos and about 12,000 feet of retail. The total investment for the project is \$10 million and will take approximately 14 months to complete. Alderman Cox asked Ms. Ross when they will be ready to break ground at the end of April or the beginning of May. Tracy stated they are going to sale the condos and the retail space but will rent if they need to.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept item (s). Alderman Impey abstained.

Alderman Impey pulled item (t) to discuss some of the recommendations that have been addressed by the Board since January 2017. The Building Official stated a time limit of (6) six months needs to be set for permits as far as the length of time you have to start the work and have the work completed. The Building Official would like to meet with the City Attorney and the Planning and Grants Administrator to discuss.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept item (t). Alderman Cox recused himself from voting. Alderman Cox abstained.

Alderman Impey pulled item (u) to thank Melanie Allen for all of her hard work, passion, and years of service on the Tree Protection Committee.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept item (u).

Alderman Cody wanted it on record that all of the proceeds from Joel's Greyhounds and Friends Bonfire Event, item (d), will be donated to Sophia Myers.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

The City Planner updated the Board on the downtown parking study. He has presented some examples of the signage the better identify public parking in the downtown area. The City Planner will present some proposals at the next Board meeting on April 4, 2017. Alderman Dalgo asked if the word "Free" Public Parking can be added to the signs. (Exhibit 7-a)

**Mayor Pro Tem Impey took control of the meeting.**

### **ALDERMAN'S FORUM**

Alderman McDonnell stated he received a call about some trees on Mill Circle and asked the Building Official to get an assessment and estimate to trim trees in this area that have been hit several times by Fed Ex trucks and UPS trucks.

Alderman McDonnell asked the Deputy City Clerk if we can write a letter to the State Tax Commission to get a printout of what short term rentals are generating taxes.

Motion made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to write a letter to the MS State Tax Commission asking if there is a way to measure the amount of taxes collected and who is paying regarding Short Term Rental and a report back to the Board on the number of businesses that have applied and received a state sales tax license and what the audit procedures are to ensure these individuals are paying taxes.

**The Mayor resumes control of the meeting.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORT CONTINUED**

Larry Cosper, 1116 Halstead Bayou Drive, is representing HOSA on the parking issue at Marshall Park. Mr. Cosper stated HOSA has a lease for the property which has been reviewed and section 10 of the lease states there is to be no parking at Marshall Park. He stated this would be an intrusion and violation of the lease. Mr. Cosper suggests putting lines designating the parking spaces on the north side of Robinson Street which would allow two to three more spaces.

Motion was made Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo to have Mr. Cosper as a representative of HOSA meet with Compton Engineering and come up with a recommendation on the parking issues at Marshall Park that everyone can agree on. Alderman Gill voted nay. Motion passes. (Exhibit 7-a)

### **Parks and Leisure Services:**

The Director of Parks and Leisure Services presented some options for parking at the Taconi Building.

**Alderman Dalgo left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

Alderman Cox would recommend combining the (2) two drawings.

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to ask permission to move forward on getting a second quote for a storage building to present to Jackson County Supervisor Troy Ross.

### **ALDERMAN'S FORUM CONTINUED**

Alderman Gill asked for an update on the sound system for the board room. The Deputy City Clerk stated we had BIS come look at the boardroom but we have not received the quote at this time.

Alderman Cody wanted to remind everyone that the Arts and Herb Festival is this weekend, April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and wanted to invite everyone to come.

Alderman Cody stated there was an issue digging up the foundation for the Gold Star Monument at the Mary C O'Keefe Building. Public Works has called for a Locate and the area has been marked for fiber optic lines. The Interim Public Works Director said as soon as everything is marked they can move forward with getting it installed.

Alderman Cody said Carl King asked him for an update on the Taconi gym floor to get that taken care of. The Parks Director stated they had to hire to do an initial repair and she will know more after that.

Alderman Cody asked Public Works to look at Woodland and Arbor Vista drainage.

Alderman Cody stated Johnny Pitolo called and said someone ran over the drain at his house and stopped it up on Davidson and is requesting public works to meet at his house to look at it. Alderman Cody requested to meet with Public Works regarding McCool and Biddix.

### **The Mayor left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Impey takes control.**

Alderman Cody stated the sod at Hinton's Paint Store was disturbed while doing some work and is requesting to put some centipede grass along with the rye grass and the corner of Bechtel needs to be sodded.

Alderman Cox mentioned the maintenance department being down a man due and asked if we needed to hire a temp until he is able to return to work. Alderman Cox said he was notified that there are (6) six inmates working at Public Works.

Alderman Denyer asked the Interim Public Works Director and The Planning and Grants Administrator to contact Mrs. Rubenstein and find out about the damage to the culvert and her driveway and where her mailbox went.



Alderman Denyer asked the Planning and Grants Administrator asked about removing the 4x4 fence down at the south side of Harbor green and parking. Also there is a telephone pole that is not active but would like to have it removed.

Alderman Gill thanked James, Hilliard and Shelly for their help with the sign at the entrance at Fort Bayou Estates.

Alderman Denyer asked about the landscaping that was removed from both sides of Pinehill Road during the Government Street sidewalk project and is requesting to have it replaced.

Alderman Impey asked the Assistant Public Works Director if the rumble strips that were ordered came in. She stated they have but due to being shorthanded in the maintenance department they have not been installed yet.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The Deputy Clerk returned to the meeting and announced motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss pending litigation with the Bed & Breakfast Use permit for the Walker's and pending litigation in the water department.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to come out of executive session and enter into regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:18 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**  
**March 21, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Adopt the Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Rent Office Space in the Taconi Building to the American Legion – (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Ratify the Lease Agreement between the City of Ocean Springs and American Legion Ladnier Post #42, Inc. for the Lease of Building Space - Rooms numbered 24 and 25, in the Taconi Building located at 711 Magnolia Avenue (Exhibit 4-b)
- c) Discussion of the City's sign ordinance – John B. Kelly (Exhibit 4-c)
- d) Approve the Ordinance Modification and Related Inspection Criteria revising provisions for a Bed & Breakfast Enterprise in R-1 Zone after Public Hearing (Exhibit 4-d)
- e) Discussion on Recognition and Liason with Feral Feline Coalition – Linda Cox (Exhibit 4-e)

**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:**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread Summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Authorize to remove David Knebel from probationary status effective March 24, 2017 (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Authorize the Special Event Permit Application for Joel's Greyhounds and Friends Bonfire scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Bonfire Pit #42 across from Fort Maurepas: cost of \$350.00 for two (2) security officers; pending receipt of general liability insurance (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Authorize the request from United MSD Foundation – Warriors for Willow to waive the rental fees for the use of the Civic Center on Friday, June 16, 2017, to hold a fundraiser draw down fashion show from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Authorize the request from Ocean Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center to rent the Civic Center with the non-profit price for a 4<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ & Classic Car Show on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. where the non-profit organization Ronald McDonald House will receive 100% of the proceeds (Exhibit 6-f)

- g) Authorize the Run/Walk Permit Application for a 5K Run/Walk to benefit Sophia Myers scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; pending payment of application fee and costs incurred from departments (Exhibit 6-g)

**Police Department:**

- h) Approve the request to declare the list of various vehicles and motorcycles as surplus (no value to the city); send to auction and remove from the City's inventory (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Authorize to remove Patrolman Chad Cashin from probationary status effective March 16, 2017 (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Authorize out-of-state travel for Dispatcher Jesse Breland to attend the Navigator – The Premier Conference for Police, Fire, and Medical Dispatch on April 12 – 14, 2017, in New Orleans, LA; expenses are being paid by the Jackson County Emergency Communications District (JCECD/E-911) – (Exhibit 6-j)

**Fire Department:**

- k) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Accept the letter of resignation from Firefighter Matthew Fowler, effective March 29, 2017, and authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit 6-l)

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- m) Accept letter of resignation of Jordan Ewing, Street Dept. Laborer Class C, effective March 7, 2017, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant position (Exhibit 6-m)
- n) Authorize to hire Branden Herring, Sewer Department Laborer C, \$12.00 hourly rate; effective March 22, 2017; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-n)

**Community Development & Planning:**

- ✓ o) Authorize the request to ratify the application for MS Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MDFWP) Recreational Trails Program – Joint project with the MS Land Trust for the Coastal Plain submitted on March 9, 2017, to move forward with the Old Fort Bayou Greenway Project (Exhibit 6-o)
- ✓ p) Authorize the mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, and City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi pending concurrence by all agencies involved for management of the Charnley-Norwood House on East Beach (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Authorize to select Neel-Schaffer for Construction Engineering & Inspection portion of the MDOT Surface Transportation (STP) Porter Avenue Infrastructure Project; authorize Mayor to execute letter once finalized (Exhibit 6-q)

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

- r) Approve the application submitted for a COA for exterior renovations and an addition to the dwelling located at 1202 Bowen Avenue, PID# 61190013.000, as recommended by HPC - Matthew and Hannah Mayfield (Exhibit 6-r)

**Planning Commission:**

- ✓ s) Approve the Application for Preliminary Plat Approval of The Inlet located at 2501 Bienville Blvd., PID #s 60120400.000, 60120400.050, and 60120400.100, as recommended by PC - Walker Thrash (Exhibit 6-s)

**Zoning & Adjustment Board:**

**Building Department:**

- ✓ t) Accept Tree Protection Committee Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2017 – (Exhibit 6-t)
- ✓ u) Accept the letter of resignation from Melanie Allen, TCP Chair, from the Tree Protection Committee, effective April 30, 2017; authorize to advertise to fill the vacancy on the committee (Exhibit 6-u)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- v) Authorize to award bid for Softball Field Shade Structures to BEB Enterprises, Inc. for the amount of \$153,080.00 as recommended by Compton Engineering (Exhibit 6-v)
- w) Approve the request to waive the rental fees and concessions commission at the Ocean Springs Sports Complex on Saturday, May 20, 2017, for the use of all four (4) softball fields to host a benefit Softball Tournament for Sophia Myers (Exhibit 6-w)

**City Attorney:**

**Facilities:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- a) Update on the Downtown Parking Study (Exhibit 7-a)

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- b) Discussion on parking at Taconi

**City Attorney:**

**Facilities**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN until 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 2017**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 21, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and consideration on the request for financial support for the work of Audubon through the Pascagoula River Audubon Center. (Exhibit A-1a)

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion on the use and budget of the Ryan Youth Center – Mayor
- b) Discussion on the GeoTour presentation presented by Trevor Davis - Mayor

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve Minutes: March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting (Exhibit A-3a)
- b) Approve Minutes: March 16, 2017 Special Call Meeting (Exhibit A-3b)
- c) Accept the resignation of Debra Powell, Deputy Court Clerk, effective April 5, 2017 and authorize the City Clerk to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit A-3c)

**Fire Department:**

- d) Authorize to hire Tristan Garriga, Firefighter; \$10.42 hourly; effective March 22, 2017; one year probationary status pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit A-3d)
- e) Authorize to hire Harris-Paul Williams, Firefighter; \$10.42 hourly; effective March 27, 2017; one year probationary status pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit A-3e)

**Human Resources:**

- f) Accept the resignation of Deanna McLallen, Human Resources Assistant, effective June 16, 2017 and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the process to fill the vacant position. (Exhibit a-3f)