

## **REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2017**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on May 3 2017. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Cody, Denyer, and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney Kevin Melchi. Aldermen McDonnell and Dalgo were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor declared the week of May 14-20, 2017 as **National Police Week** and May 15, 2017 as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and presented it to Police Chief Mark Dunston. (Exhibit 3-a)

The Mayor declared Thursday, May 4, 2017 as **National Day of Prayer**. (Exhibit 3-b)

The Mayor declared the week of May 7-13, 2017 as **Goodwill Industries International Week**.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to give \$1500.00 of budgeted funds from the Miscellaneous Promotions line item to the 1699 Historical Society.

### **ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to add the addendum to the agenda.

Alderman Cody asked Ms. Mary Simons to come forward to explain the purpose of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition. Ms. Simons stated The Open Doors Homeless Coalition is not asking the City for funds but they are asking for support. The Coalition is asking the City to identify space for Living Well to continue to conduct outreach activities, consideration of properties to be approved for housing options, and be an advocate with landlords and community members to consider renting to persons who have experienced

homelessness. Ms. Simons asked for help getting the community involved in donating gently used furniture, housewares, sheets, blankets and towels. Alderman Gill asked for information for a drop off point or how to deliver these items. Ms. Simons said Patti Guiber would be the contact for a drop off location and they can give the donor a non-profit receipt. (Exhibit A-1a)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Chris Eaton appealed the recommendation of the Tree Protection Committee's decision regarding the removal of a live oak tree on the property located on Lot 5 Seaside @ East Beach. Mr. Eaton stated he has given \$6,000.00 to neighbors on Watersedge Drive for the replanting of trees.

The Building Official stated Mr. Eaton submitted a blank site plan. The Building Official asked the Board to allow him to present the new information to the Tree Protection Committee before a final decision be made.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to accept the request to remove the live oak tree located on Lot 5 Seaside @ East Beach pending Tree Protection Committee concurrence. (Exhibit 5-a)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA and ADDENDUM**

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept the consent agenda with addendum.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The City Planner gave an update on downtown parking signs. The City Planner stated the signs have been ordered and he has been working with Public Works on the hardware needed and the mechanics of getting the signs installed. (Exhibit 8-a)

The Mayor gave a quick update on the trash receptacles. The Mayor stated MS Prison Industries will be picking up the seventeen (17) receptacles, remove the frames from them, redesign the placards, attach the placards with rivets, touch up the paint, and redeliver them at a cost of \$800.00.

## **ALDERMAN'S FORUM**

Alderman Denyer requested speed limit signs and reflectors be placed on Pinehills Road.

Alderman Cox discussed the issue with Fire Pit #54. Alderman Cox asked if the mapping to determine how far out sand can be placed on the beach in order to repair this fire pit has been received. He stated the rocks that were placed around the pit are not helping. The Interim Public Works Director stated he could review it.

The Mayor asked about the possibility of closing the pop up valves on the beach. The Mayor said they are getting broken leaving a jagged edge. The Interim Public Works Director stated he would review it.

The Mayor gave an update on the cat colony issues. The Mayor said the coalition has thirty (30) volunteers and they have found a veterinarian in D'Iberville that has agreed to spay and neuter the cats at a very low price. The Mayor is requesting the animal control officer work with the coalition member by driving the trapped cats to the veterinarian in D'Iberville instead of the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

The Mayor congratulated Alderman Gill and Alderman Cody for winning the primary election. She also thanked the City Clerk and her staff for the hard work they did with the election.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adopt the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Memorandum of Agreement to partner with this coalition in an effort to help the homeless.

Alderman Cody discussed the installation of the no parking signs along Simon Blvd.

Alderman Cody discussed cars speeding through the area of Martin Luther King Drive and Pine Drive. Alderman Cody is requesting the Interim Public Works Director to look into putting up more signs or reducing the speed limit in that area for safety reasons.

Alderman Cody discussed the possibility of forming a 1699 committee to help plan the 1699 Weekend of Discovery Event with the 1699 Historical Society.

Alderman Gill discussed funds for repairs on the Fort Bayou Boat Ramp. Alderman Gill stated the \$5000.00 was approved in last year's budget for these repairs but there is a shortage of approximately \$1300.00 to complete the project.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to spend up to \$1200.00 to complete refurbishing the pier at the Fort Bayou Boat Ramp from 2% funds pending confirmation from Demery Grubbs that the 2% funds can be used for this purpose.

Alderman Gill requested the Interim Public Works Director to get an update on the permit from the Corp of Engineers for the Fort Bayou Dredging project.

Alderman Gill requested signage to slow traffic due to children on Farrington Court and Culeoka Drive.

Alderman Cox requested to have the flag pole lighting fixed at the Senior Citizens Center.

Alderman Cox gave an update on the mitigation credits for parking at Highway 57 Sports Complex was approved on the docket so the City will be moving forward with this project.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding Jackson County Utility Authority.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to hire forensic accountant James Koerber in conjunction with other cities not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 5:30 p.m. on May 16, 2017.

Meeting ended at 7:28 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PROCLAMATION**

- a) Police Week, May 14-20, 2017 and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2017 (Exhibit 3-a)
- b) National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2017 (Exhibit 3-b)
- c) Goodwill Industries International Week, May 7-13, 2017 (Exhibit 3-c)

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion on removal of one (1) live oak tree on Lot 5 Seaside @ East Beach – Chris Eaton (Exhibit 5-a)

**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) Authorize request from Economic Development Council to advertise for volunteers from the Food & Beverage Industry to fill the vacant Economic Development Council position beginning July 1, 2017 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Authorize request from American Legion Post 42 to place a 10' x 4' cement walkway between the parking pavement and covered walkway to the classrooms, to affix one or two solar lights to the existing walkway posts that support overhead cover, and erect a full-sized flagpole near the entrance to their Post; labor and funds associated will be provided by the American Legion Post 42 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve the use of the City's tent, chairs and podium with microphone for the National Day of Prayer to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. in the front of City Hall.

**City Clerk:**

- d) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve Agreement and License to Encroach Upon a Public Utility Easement between the City of Ocean Springs and HSC of Ocean Springs, LLC, of land located at the northeast corner of Hwy 90 and Lakeview Dr. (Exhibit 7e)

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- f) Authorize to declare a HP LaserJet 5550dn printer. Asset #6099, as surplus (no value to the city); remove from the City's inventory and dispose of accordingly (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve the Post-Construction Tax Exemption Application for property located at 3460 Bienville Boulevard. – Ryan Hall Properties of Mississippi, LLC (Exhibit 7-g)

Planning Commission:

- h) Approve application for a residential short term rental (STR) permit located at 520 Dewey Avenue, PID #60137332.000 as recommended by the planning commission – Terri Lemon (Exhibit 7-h)

**Building Department:**

- i) Accept Tree Protection Committee Minutes – April 18, 2017 (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Accept recommendations of the Tree Protection Committee for tree removal and/or maintenance per the applications (Exhibit 7-j)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- k) Authorize Compton Engineering to have the Taconi Parking area surveyed for the Parking Plan (Exhibit 7-k)

**City Attorney:**

**Facilities:**

**Finance Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

## **8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

Action Item:

**City Clerk:**

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- a) Update on Downtown Parking Signs

**Building Dept.:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

**City Attorney:**

**Facilities:**

**Finance Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

## **9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS until 6:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion on the Open Doors Homeless Coalition – Alderman Chic Cody (Exhibit A-1a)

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve Minutes – April 18, 2017 Recess Meeting (Exhibit A-2a)
- b) Approve Minutes – May 2, 2017 Regular Meeting (Exhibit A-2b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims for poll workers and election officials for the May 2, 2017, Republican Primary Election (Exhibit A-2c)
- d) Accept resignation from Donna Jowers, General Administrative Clerk, effective May 19, 2017; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit A-2d)
- e) Authorize to execute the City Municipal Run Off Election Contract with Jackson County Election Commission to be held on May 16, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$2580.00 (Exhibit A-2e)

**Police Department:**

- f) Authorize to hire Joshua Harmon, Corrections Officer; \$13.00 per hour; effective on or about May 8, 2017, twelve month probationary period; pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing (Exhibit A-2f)
- g) Authorize salary realignment of Corrections Officer Christian Gage Nelson's rate of pay from \$12.88 to \$13.00 per hour; effective May 6, 2017; Human Resources concurs (Exhibit A-2g)

**Fire Department:**

- h) Accept resignation from Firefighter Joshua Jones; effective May 1, 2017; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit A-2h)

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**City Attorney:**

- a) Current litigation regarding JCUA