

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2022

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 June 6, 2022. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Blackman, and Impey were present. Alderman Papania was absent. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, and City Planner Wade Morgan.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Authement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda and the addendum.

PRESENTATION

The Capitol Group presented the Board with a recap of the 2022 Legislative session. Hailey Martin, John McCormick, and Joe Cloyd provided a five-year review of funds received by Ocean Springs. She said from 2017 to 2021 Ocean Springs received a total of \$2,234,000. She added with the Capitol Group lobbying for the City, the City received \$18,590,750 or \$44,706,707 total including ARPA and GCRF. Handout added as Exhibit 3-a.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 4-a) A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding Savannah Estates Phase II – Subdivision Preliminary Plat approval PID #60123050.000 (Exhibit 4-a)

The Planning & Grants Administrator explained there was information needed from the state before it was brought to the Board that has been received. The City Planner said the Planning Commission did recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat with the inclusion of the overhead powerline easement for open space. He said it is a proposed 56 lot zoned R-3 subdivision. He said the streets meet UDC requirements. He said the lots will be accessed from the rear and there will be an open space in the front of the lots similar to Florence Gardens Subdivision in Gulfport.

Cara Wagner with Pickering Engineering and representing Elliot Homes said Savannah Estates will move directly from Phase I to Phase II and will be working them concurrently. Alderman Blackman asked if Pickering Engineering will be monitoring the Civil work, she replied they are now.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to approve the Subdivision Preliminary Plat for Savannah Estates Phase II #60123050.000 with the inclusion of the overhead powerline easement for open space.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Holton, agenda item 9-d, requested permission to remove a Magnolia tree and grant his appeal. He explained the tree is close enough to the home to damage the slab and roof.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to grant the appeal to remove a Magnolia tree at 3819 Chaumont Circle (Exhibit 9-d).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Planning & Grants Administrator said an application has been received for a preconstruction tax abatement at 1106 Government Street which is the old Chandelier Outfitters building (Exhibit 7-a). She explained that the City has an approved geographic area available for tax abatement for city taxes only up to 80% of the improved assessed value for up to 7 years. The increase in value is based on the value of the permits and the County will determine the assessment.

The Mayor said he has reviewed the project and he disagrees with giving the tax abatement for this property due to it not being an urban renewal type area but one of the most valuable property areas in Ocean Springs. Alderman Authement disagreed with the Mayor saying the prior tax abatements that have improved the Downtown area and the building that will be invested in will be a benefit to Downtown. The Mayor

reminded the Aldermen if the tax abatement is granted it is up to 80% and 7 years, the full terms do not need to be granted. A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Cox to grant the preconstruction Tax Abatement Application for 1106 Government Street PID #61190007.000 mixed-use development for 80% of improved assessed value for 7 years. The motion passes with Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, and Blackman voting aye and Alderman Impey voting nay.

The Mayor requested clarification for special events using barricades and other City resources for events. The City Attorney said the City needs to set a fee for each resource and charge so that the City would not be giving an illegal donation.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except item 8-v pulled by Alderman Blackman.

- a. Approve the Run/Walk Permit Application for the 4th Annual Ocean Springs Pride Bike Ride on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Government Street & Washington Avenue – start at Maynard's Music and end at Studio B, no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 8-a)
- b. Approve the Run/Walk Permit Application for the Wesson Memorial 2-mile Run on Monday, July 4, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.; YMCA route, no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event costs including 4 police officers (Exhibit 8-b)
- c. Approve the Run/Walk Permit Application for the Color Run – OSHS Theater Fundraiser Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. until noon; Rotary route beginning at the Mary C, no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 8-c)
- d. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Artwalk 2022 on Saturday, June 28, 2022, from 6:00 am until 8:00 am; OS Bridge/Front Beach 5 K route, no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 8-d)
- e. Authorize the Mayor to execute the 2022 -- 2023 YMCA Lease of Taconi Building Space Agreement (Exhibit 8-e)
- f. Accept the May 2022 Aged Receivable Report for utility billing (Exhibit 8-f)
- g. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting May 17, 2022 (Exhibit 8-g)
- h. Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting May 26, 2022 (Exhibit 8-h)
- i. Adopt Resolution supporting the 2022 Mississippi Songwriter's Festival promoting tourism (Exhibit 8-i)
- j. Authorize out-of-state travel for employees #2137 and #2025 for the Law Enforcement Shotgun Armorer Course from August 30th to September 2, 2022, in Bossier City, Louisiana (Exhibit 8-j)

- k. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 8-k):
 - a) Authorize employment of Michael Thomas, Quinton Clark, and Justice Strickland, Firefighters, Step 1, \$13.12 hourly rate; effective June 11-13, 2022, respectively; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
 - b) Accept the resignation of Truck Driver David Charbonnet, effective June 10, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- l. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 105 Arbor Vista Drive PID #61020030.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-l)
- m. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 218 Mitchell Street PID #61305109.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-m)
- n. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 2515 Englewood Road PID #61105428.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-n)
- o. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 808 #13 Desoto Street PID #60119106.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-o)
- p. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 708 Magnolia Avenue PID #61095002.000 & 61095003.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 8-p)
- q. Authorize to request activation of FY23 Study/Technical Report Group – Intersection studies for Highway 90 at Washington Avenue and MLK, Jr. Blvd. (Exhibit 8-q)
- r. Authorize to accept and execute closeout documents for Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. for Schedule 1 of the Fort Bayou Area Wastewater Improvements Project R-109-282-08-KCR (Exhibit 8-r)
- s. Authorize to execute the contract for Engineering Services with Overstreet & Associates, Inc. – Sewer CIPP Lining Projects to be funded by MSDFA State Bonds Water Sewer Infrastructure Improvements (Exhibit 8-s)
- t. Authorize to execute the contract for Engineering Services with Brown, Mitchell, & Alexander, Inc. – Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for Potential Purchase 2950 Bienville Blvd. for \$2,200.00 (Exhibit 8-t)
- u. Accept Code Enforcement Report through June 1, 2022 (Exhibit 8-u)
- v. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through June 1, 2022 (Exhibit 8-v)

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to accept the Tree Department recommendations for the Tree Applications through June 1, 2022, except 3819 Chaumont Circle (Exhibit 8-v).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the minutes (Exhibit 9-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 9-b).

The City Clerk explained the proposed budget amendments which are due to the building insurance cost increase and adding \$225,000 for new barricades. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the budget amendments as presented (Exhibit 9-c).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Hailey Hill and Mario Camps requested the City acknowledge and assist in removing nuisance roosters roaming at large in Stark Bayou Subdivision. She said nuisance animals roaming at large are a violation of the City ordinances and request the Police Department employ the means necessary to remove the roosters to protect homeowners. The Police Chief asked if the roosters have an owner. She replied that at least one is housed by the neighbors across the street from her residence on Breezy Hill Drive. The Police Chief then requested Ms. Hill contact him to determine if there is an owner that can be charged with disturbing the peace for the roosters at large.

Linda Williams thanked the Board members that attended the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day. She said there are dead trees on the City right of way on a drainage ditch at 4110 Yosemite Drive but can't get the Public Works Director to respond. The Public Works Director said it is not in a City right of way but on a drainage easement that is the owner's property not the City's and the City can't remove trees from private property if it's not obstructing drainage which it is not.

William Odom said neighboring property owners have removed underbrush and vegetation from the City's right of way illegally in the area between Mimosa Cove and Mayfair Court. He said that it has removed their sound buffer and green space. He asked the City to review and issue citations to prevent this from continuing.

Katie Yow requested the drainage issues in Parktown Subdivision be addressed and corrected. Alderman Impey said the Parktown Drainage Project is under review with Mississippi Development Authority now and should have an update in a few weeks.

MAYOR & ALDERMAN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess asked the Building Official for an update and court date for 3412 Hermitage Court. He replied there is currently no update.

Alderman Authement complimented the landscaping being done at Fort Maurepas. He said the Garden Club is overseeing the project, but our landscaping crew is working hard and will need help for a few days. He requested Public Works and Parks & Recreation send some people to help for a few days.

Alderman Wade informed the Public Works Director about a damaged sidewalk at Mason Court and Holcomb Boulevard and asked that it be fixed. He also asked him if the collapsed culvert at 282 Holcomb Boulevard has been repaired. The Public Works Director responded that the driveway needs to be cut first.

Alderman Cox asked if the fire hydrant at Ward Avenue and Kensington Avenue has been cut off. The Public Works Director responded yes it has been.

Alderman Blackman thanked everyone for the City's employee participation at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day.


Alderman Impey thanked Alderman Blackman for spearheading the event at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day.

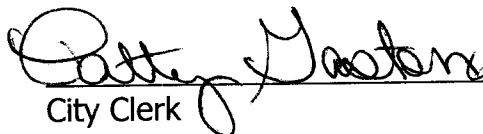
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on June 21, 2022.

Meeting ended at 7:03 p.m.

 6/21/2022
Mayor Date

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City Clerk Date



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATION

- a. The Capitol Group – Recap of 2022 Legislative session

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Savannah Estates Phase II – Subdivision Preliminary Plat approval PID #60123050.000; Planning Commission recommends approval with the inclusion of the overhead powerline easement for open space (Exhibit 4-a)

5. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT *** The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda. The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. Please identify yourself and the agenda item, if no agenda item is stated you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Preconstruction Tax Abatement Application – 1106 Government Street PID #61190007.000 mixed-use development (Exhibit 7-a) ~ *Planning & Grants Administrator*
- b. Discuss Special Events barricade use ~ *Mayor*

8. CONSENT AGENDA - *All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

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- d. Tree Appeal – 3819 Chaumont Circle (Exhibit 9-d)

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11. MAYOR & ALDERMEN'S FORUM

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022