

## **RECESSED MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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 20, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Payroll Administrator Jennifer Ferrell, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

The Mayor requested item 5-a be moved and addressed after Mayor and Aldermen's Forum at the end of the meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the amended order.

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Ocean Springs School District - Introduction of Superintendent Michael Lindsey  
The Mayor introduced Ocean Springs School District's new Superintendent, Michael Lindsey, and welcomed him to Ocean Springs.

### **AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Clevenger, agenda item 5-a, spoke against annexation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Ordinance: an amended Ordinance enlarging, extending, and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi; specifying the improvements to be made in the annexed territory and the municipal or public services to be rendered therein; and for other purposes related thereto

Item addressed after Mayor and Aldermen's Forum.

- b. Adopt Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to issue tax increment financing bonds of said city to finance the cost of installing and constructing certain infrastructure improvements in connection with the redevelopment of 1515 Government Street and related improvements within said City in accordance with the authority granted to municipalities by the legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; finding and determining that such project is a project eligible for tax increment financing in accordance with said act; and for related purposes

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Papania to adopt a Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to issue tax increment financing bonds of said city to finance the cost of installing and constructing certain infrastructure improvements in connection with the redevelopment of 1515 Government Street and related improvements within said City in accordance with the authority granted to municipalities by the legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; finding and determining that such project is a project eligible for tax increment financing in accordance with said act; and for related purposes, and set the public hearing for July 18th. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox

Nay: None

- c. Weapons Policy discussion - City Attorney

Alderman Cox said a weapons policy is not needed due to already established state regulations and requested the policy be dropped. A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Authement to not move forward with the Weapons Policy. The motion carried with Aldermen Authement, Wade, Papania, Blackman, Impey, and Cox voting aye and Alderman Burgess voting nay.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **Mayor:**

- a. Authorize the Mayor and Arts & Culture Coordinator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Hold Harmless Agreements with Mary C. instructors/partners: Xavier Reichbaum, Devin Carter, Amanda Bruhl
- b. Approve Run Permit for the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs 15th annual 5K RACE on October 21, 2023, using the Rotary Route. Applicant to pay all costs.

### **City Clerk:**

- c. Adopt a revised fee schedule and authorize the public records request form revision
- d. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Governmental Agreement with Jackson County, MS providing for the Collection of City Taxes by Jackson County
- e. Ratify check 126464 for \$8,172.78 to Gulf Islands Water Park for Summer Camp Season Passes
- f. Ratify check 126461 for \$2,600 to Mississippi Municipal League for 2023 Annual Conference registrations
- g. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting June 6, 2023

### **Police Department:**

- h. Approve Out-of-State Travel for Employee #1686 to attend ROCIC Homicide Conference in Chattanooga, TN on September 10-13, 2023
- i. Authorize to Declare Items as Surplus and Dispose Accordingly
- j. Accept OSPD Monthly Report for May 2023

### **Fire Department:**

- k. Accept OSFD Monthly Report for May 2023

### **Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- l. Authorize employment of Rachel Johnson, Permit Clerk, Step 2, \$14.04 hourly rate; effective on or about July 10, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- m. Accept resignation of Maintenance/Sign Laborer Calvin Winningham, effective June 9, 2023; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

- n. Authorize employment of Joann Thompson, part-time Receptionist, \$9.00 hourly rate; effective July 3, 2023; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- o. Authorize employment of Debbie Craig, part-time Receptionist, \$9.00 hourly rate; effective July 3, 2023; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

**Grants Administration:**

- p. Authorize the Mayor to Execute Subaward Agreement – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 482-2-CW-5.5 – CLEAN-VIDEO UTILITY LINES
- q. Authorize the Mayor to Execute Subaward Agreement – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 470-2-CW-5.5 – Storm Drain Improvements: Weeks Bayou, Halstead Bayou, Inner Harbor
- r. Authorize the Mayor to Execute Subaward Agreement – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 127-2-CW-5.5 – Fort Bayou Storm Drain System Improvements
- s. Authorize the Mayor to Execute Subaward Agreement – Modification #1 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 455-1-CW-5.5 – DOWNTOWN SEWER REHABILITATION
- t. Authorize Engineering Contract Amendment #1 – Neel-Schaffer, Inc. / DMR Tideland: FY23-P412-06 – Washington Avenue at Front Beach Access

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

- u. Approve Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Demolition of an Existing Carport and Construction of a Garage and Living Space - 1112 Bowen Avenue / PID# 61190014.000 / Bowen Avenue Historic District
- v. Approve Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the construction of fencing - 1126 Iberville Drive / PID# 60119202.000; Marble Springs Historic District
- w. Approve Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the construction of a new dwelling - 506 Martin Avenue / Old Ocean Springs Historic District / PID#: 60137586.000
- x. Approve Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the construction of a residential townhouse and apartment development - 900 Robinson St. / Railroad Historic District - PID#: 60119126.000

**Building Department:**

- y. Approve Building Official's Tree Recommendations through June 13, 2023

- z. Accept Building Permit Report for May 2023
- aa. Accept Code Report through June 16, 2023

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- a. City Clerk: Ratify docket of claims from 6/6/2023

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to approve the June 6, 2023 Docket of Claims finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the minutes.

- b. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman, 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.

- c. City Clerk: Authorize the adjustment of water/sewer accounts due to finding that the customer did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usage was due to unforeseen circumstances.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed; with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Albert Diaz spoke against annexation.

Debra Parker spoke against annexation.

Linda Williams asked for the status of paving Yosemite Drive and the Deana Road project and she spoke against annexation. The Mayor said the County receives taxes from the City to pave City roads and should start in July. He also said that there is a project to widen Deana Road.

Katie Yow said the drainage issues in Parktown Subdivision have not been addressed in 42 years. Alderman Impey said a drainage project has been recently completed in Parktown Subdivision. The Project Manager said agreed with Alderman Impey and said she has been to Ms. Yow's house to address specific issues.

## **MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

- a. Reminder: the July Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th due to the holiday.

Alderman Burgess asked for the status of the ADA swing for John Gill Park. The Parks & Recreation Director said it should be in after the 4th of July.

Alderman Authement asked the Parks & Recreation Director if the play set at the Fort is repairable. He replied that two companies will come this week to assess.

Alderman Wade asked for an update on the Simon Boulevard ditch. The Public Works Director said the pipe will be cleaned out.

Alderman Cox asked about the sinkhole at 18 Oaklawn Drive. The Public Works Director said a box had been ordered for the repair.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to execute the contract with Smith Industrial Services for the Video Utility Lines Storm Drain and Sanitary Sewer Lines Term Bid.

The Mayor reminded all that the July Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th due to the holiday on Tuesday.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to go into a closed session to determine the necessity of going into an executive session.

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that a motion was made by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss annexation litigation.

Alderman Blackman left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to come out of the executive session where no action was taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Burgess and seconded by Alderman Impey to adopt an Ordinance - an amended Ordinance enlarging, extending, and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi;

specifying the improvements to be made in the annexed territory and the municipal or public services to be rendered therein; and for other purposes related thereto (ORD 2023-08). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox

Nay: None

Alderman Blackman was absent from the vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to recess/adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

The meeting ended at 7:08 p.m.

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6: 00 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023**

<u>/s/Kenny Holloway</u>	<u>07/05/2023</u>	<u>/s/Patty</u>	
Mayor	Date	Gaston	<u>07/05/2023</u>
		Clerk	Date