

Published Agenda



Tuesday, July 6, 2020  
4:00 PM

City Council  
Monday Meeting Agenda

Jackie Dole Community Center  
220 W. Front Street

**Call to Order**

**Public Hearing**

1.       **2020-405**        Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.

**Agenda Review**

**Citizens' Forum**

**Work Session**

1.       **2020-445**        Proposed Police Advisory Board, presented by Administration.
2.       **2020-446**        Employee Handbook, presented by Administration.
3.       **2020-447**        Update on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), presented by Administration.
4.       **2020-440**        City Streets and Monuments, presented by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.
5.       **2020-441**        City contract diversity and general vendor diversity, presented by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.
6.       **2020-442**        Hate and Intimidation Ordinance for review, presented by Councilman Jeffrey George.

**Meeting Recess**

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**Call to Order**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2020**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted June 2, 2020, at Minute Book 2020 Pages 124-125, to determine if the following properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; City staff members; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

**Public Hearing**

1.      **2020-405**      Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.

Attachments:   Hold Public Hearing-Unsafe Properties 7-6-2020

- 1. 527 Milton Barnes
- 2. 108 E. 4th St
- 3. 301 S. 17th Avenue
- 4. 104 N. 22nd Avenue
- 5. 416 S. 15th Avenue
- 6. 79 Dixie Pine Road
- 7. 19 Conner Lane
- 8. 703 Woodland Court

Code Enforcement Division Manager Wiley Quinn presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Ellard recommended the that the Council adopt resolutions determining the properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, providing a specified period of time to remove the violations, and declaring the City's intent to take action to clear violations and charge the cost plus penalty against the property if the violations are not resolved in the specified period of time. He recommended resolutions allowing homeowners 15 days to resolve violations.

Council President Carroll called out each unsafe property listed and asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak on behalf of the property called.

- Chad Emerson, 1202 S. 34th Ave., spoke on behalf of property 108 E. 4th St. (Case #2).
- Frank Aaron Zarvis spoke on behalf of property 79 Dixie Pine Rd. (Case #6).

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council regarding properties listed for the public hearing.

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll closed the **public hearing at 4:23 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

**Agenda Review**

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

1.      **2020-490**      Regarding Policy Item #2 - Council Vice President Dryden read aloud a statement to be added into the meeting's minutes.

Attachments:   Statement w/ Stipulations

Following discussion of agenda items, Council President Carroll closed the Agenda Review.

**Citizens' Forum**

Council Vice President Dryden proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

She stated the procedures and invited members of the public to speak.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Martha B. Williams, 704 Camp St.
- Bob Press, 107 S. 21st Ave.

- Joseph Wesley, 101 Wildwood Trace
- Rev. Arthur Siggers, 1313 Country Club Rd.
- Joseph Rawson, 701 Dearborne Rd.
- Stacy Daniels, 200 Blue Gable Rd.
- Mark A. Jordan, 100 Ollie St.

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council.

Council Vice President Dryden closed the Citizen Forum.

**Work Session**

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Work Session, which included:

1.     **2020-445**       An overview of a proposed Police Advisory Board, presented by Administration.
2.     **2020-446**       An overview of the proposed changes to the Employee Handbook, presented by Ann Jones.  
  
          Attachments:   COH Employee Handbook July 2020 Proposed Edition
3.     **2020-447**       An update on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), presented by Zach Jones.  
  
          Attachments:   DBE Presentation
4.     **2020-440**       An overview of proposed city street name changes and relocation for monuments and images, presented by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.  
  
          Attachments:   MEMO - Proposed Street Name Changes, Monuments and Images Relocation
5.     **2020-441**       An overview of City contract diversity and general vendor diversity, presented by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.
6.     **2020-442**       An overview of a proposed Ordinance for Hate and Intimidation, presented by Councilman Jeffrey George.  
  
          Attachments:   DRAFT - Hate Crimes Ordinance

**Meeting Recess**

Council President Carroll declared the **meeting recessed at 6:22 p.m., this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020**, by unanimous consent, until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
Clerk of Council

**APPROVE:**

  
Council President

**ATTEST AND CERTIFY:**

  
City Clerk

**APPROVE:**

  
Mayor

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