

Published Agenda

Monday, December 7, 2020
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Jackie Dole Community Center
220 W. Front Street

Call to Order**Public Hearing**

1. **2020-845** Hold Public Hearing on the adoption of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the City of Hattiesburg, for the fiscal year beginning, October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

2. **2020-851** 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-CE 12 7 2020
 1. 1425 W. 7th Street
 2. 706 New Orleans Street
 3. 102 Mohawk Street
 4. 107 South Street
 5. 1211 Dewey Street
 6. 537 W. 4th Street
 7. 802 W. Pine Street
 8. 305 N. 10th Avenue
 9. 702 S. 22nd Avenue
 10. 117 E. Scooba Street
 11. 423 E. Scooba Street
 12. 521 Barnes Avenue
 13. 1215 N. 32nd Avenue

3. **2020-882** Hold Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 112 2nd Avenue. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on October 14, 2020.

4. **2020-883** Hold Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 606 Mobile Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on October 14, 2020.

Agenda Review**Citizens' Forum****Work Session**

1. **2020-886** Cemetery Update, presented by Administration.
2. **2020-878** Noise Ordinance, requested by Council President Carter Carroll.
3. **2020-887** EBE (Emerging Business Enterprise) Update, requested by Councilman Nick Brown.
4. **2020-876** Update on Surveillance Camera Project, requested by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.
5. **2020-884** City of Hattiesburg's Balanced Budget Process, requested by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2020**, in the Jackie Dole Community Center Auditorium, to hear public comment on the proposed Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the City of Hattiesburg for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; same being an adjourned meeting from November 17, 2020.

Council President Carroll called the Public Hearing to order and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing #1

1. **2020-845** Hold Public Hearing on the adoption of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the City of Hattiesburg, for the fiscal year beginning, October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

Attachments: Notice of public hearing for motor vehicle assessment schedule for fye 2021

Council President Carroll asked for public comment on the proposed Motor Vehicle Assessment for 2020-2021.

There were no citizens present who wished to comment.

Council President Carroll **closed the public hearing at 4:03 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing on the Unsafe Properties.**

Public Hearing #2

Council President Carroll opened the Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:04 p.m., pursuant to order adopted November 3, 2020, at Minute Book 2020 Pages 282-823, to determine if the following properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community.

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

2. **2020-851** 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.

Code Enforcement Manager, Wiley Quinn, presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Quinn recommended 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.

- David Cooper, family representative of deceased property owner Maggie Pace, spoke on behalf of property 706 New Orleans Street (Case #2).
- Dennis Watson, family representative of property owner Jeanette Watson, spoke on behalf of property 107 South Street (Case #4).

Mr. Quinn asked for the following properties to be dismissed:

- 1425 W. 7th Street (Case #1)
- 706 New Orleans Street (Case #2)
- 102 Mohawk Street (Case #3)
- 521 Barnes Avenue (Case #12)

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 4:21 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 112 2nd Avenue.**

Public Hearing #3

Council President Carroll **opened the Public Hearing at 4:22 p.m. for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the following property located at 112 2nd Avenue.**

Council President Carroll called the Public Hearing to order and explained the procedures.

3. **2020-882** Hold Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 112 2nd Avenue. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on October 14, 2020.

Attachments: Public Notice - Officers' Quarters 112 2nd Ave
Rec Landmarks Dec 2020 - 112 2nd Ave.

Russell Archer, Historic Preservation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation and Mr. Brett Montague, applicant, spoke on behalf of property 112 2nd Avenue.

Council President Carroll asked for public comment on property 112 2nd Avenue.

There were no citizens present who wished to comment.

Council President Carroll **closed the public hearing at 4:28 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 606 Mobile Street.**

Public Hearing #4

Council President Carroll **opened the Public Hearing at 4:29 p.m. for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the following property located at 606 Mobile Street.**

Council President Carroll called the Public Hearing to order and explained the procedures.

4. **2020-883** Hold Public Hearing for the designation of a Recognized Historic Landmark Status for the property located at 606 Mobile Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on October 14, 2020.

Attachments: Public Notice - Smith-Drug 606 Mobile St
Rec Landmarks Dec 2020 - 606 Mobile St.

Russell Archer, Historic Preservation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Council President Carroll asked for public comment on property 606 Mobile Street.

There were no citizens present who wished to comment.

Council President Carroll closed the public hearing at 4:33 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda

Review.

Agenda Review

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

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:

- Dennis Harris, spoke on behalf of Pastor Christopher Preston of Ground Zero Church
- Anastasia Doctor, 204 N. 23rd Avenue
- Lynda Jarrell, 90 L J Farm Road
- Dessie Minor, 3203 Fernway Drive
- Donald Bethley Jr., 312 N. 31st Avenue

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. **2020-886** Cemetery Update, presented by Administration.
2. **2020-878** Noise Ordinance, requested by Council President Carter Carroll.

 Attachments: Noise Ordinance Presentation by Ann Jones
 Chapter 15 from the Code of Ordinances
3. **2020-887** EBE (Emerging Business Enterprise) Update, requested by Councilman Nick Brown.

 Attachments: EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES presented by Zach Jones
4. **2020-876** Update on Surveillance Camera Project, requested by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.
5. **2020-884** City of Hattiesburg's Balanced Budget Process, requested by Councilwoman Deborah Delgado.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Member George for the Council to enter closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Brown

Nays: 0

Council President Carroll asked for the room to be cleared at this time.

A MOTION was made by Council Member George and seconded by Council Member Brown to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to job performance, character, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person holding a specific position.

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council has gone into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to job performance, character, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person holding a specific position.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Deborah Delgado, Carter Carroll, Mary Dryden and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones (entered the room at 6:04 p.m.); Officer Ross Kinsey; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha McCain; Clerk of Council, Ronda Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A MOTION was made by Council Member George and seconded by Council Member Brown to exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 6:07 p.m.

There being no discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Brown

Nays: 0

Council President Carroll stated to the public that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Meeting Recess

Council President Carroll declared the **meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m., this 7th day of December, 2020**, by unanimous consent, until the 8th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor

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