

City of Hattiesburg, MS

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Minutes Report

Monday, January 23, 2017

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

BE IT REMEMBERED that a special called meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2017, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Johnny L. DuPree and members of the City Council Kim Bradley, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Henry Naylor, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; Chief Financial Officer, Sharon Waits; City Engineer, Lamar Rutland; Fire Chief, Paul Presley; Director of Public Works, Larry Barnes; Director of the Water Department, Chadwick Frierson; Code Enforcement Manager, Mark Jordan; City Attorney, Annie Amos; Assistant to the Mayor, Valerie Arnold; Clerk of Council, Debbie Bernardo; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; media; and the public.

The MEETING was called to order by Council President Carroll. He announced that the Council will hold several special called meetings related to the tornado in the near future and discussed that process.

Mayor DuPree said that debris is not being picked up right now because damage assessments must be done first or the city will not be reimbursed; he said that the city expects to receive a federal declaration of emergency and may start limited debris pick-up. He said MEMA representatives will ride with Mr. Barnes tomorrow, and that the city will do what it needs to do to be reimbursed.

The mayor also said that the 9 p.m. - 6 a.m. curfew will continue for areas of the city affected by the tornado, and warned tornado victims against scams. He said the Disaster Recovery Center will be located at C.E. Roy community center.

Council President Carroll asked volunteers to register either with Volunteers of Mississippi or Volunteer Hattiesburg and said the registrations will be credited to the city by MEMA. The mayor added that these organizations will match volunteers to where the needs are.

Council member Naylor stated that the Red Cross will start services at 9 a.m. tomorrow on Tipton Street at the East Jerusalem Center.

Council Vice President Dryden reminded tornado victims to keep receipts; the mayor agreed and added that they should take pictures. Council Vice President Dryden praised the agencies that are already on the ground conducting assessments, as that has facilitated receipt of the federal declaration of disaster.

Council President Carroll said the city's Emergency Operation Center is top notch.

There were no further comments or announcements. Council President Carroll proceeded with the agenda.

1. **2017-173** Adopt a Resolution declaring a state of emergency due to the EF3 tornado that hit Hattiesburg in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 21, 2017.

1. RES - State of Emergency, 1-23-17
2. Proclamation of Existence-Local Emergency

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to Adopt a Resolution declaring a state of emergency due to the EF3 tornado that hit Hattiesburg in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 21, 2017.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- 2. 2017-176** Approve and Authorize Request for Proposals for service related to debris removal services related to the January 21, 2017 Tornado as established with MS Code 31-7-1; Authorize Advertisement for bids.

1. Request for Propsals
2. Debris Removal Contract
3. Amended Request for Proposals

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Dryden and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Approve and Authorize Request for Proposals, as amended, for service related to debris removal services related to the January 21, 2017 Tornado as established with MS Code 31-7-1; Authorize Advertisement for bids.

Mr. Rutland stated that there will be a modification based on a conversation with the MEMA attorney; he said it is for both agenda items, the debris monitoring RFP and the debris removal RFP. He said a paper copy of the amended version has been provided to the Clerk of Council and that he will follow with a digital version. Ms. Amos stated that the change reflects a dollar cap in the contract for each one of the RFPs.

Following discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- 3. 2017-178** Approve and Authorize Request for Proposals for service related to debris monitoring services related to the January 21, 2017 Tornado as established with MS Code 31-7-1; Authorize Advertisement for bids.

1. Request for Propsals
2. Debris Monitoring Contract
3. Amended Request for Proposals

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to Approve and Authorize Request for Proposals, as amended, for service related to debris monitoring services related to the January 21, 2017 Tornado as established with MS Code 31-7-1; Authorize Advertisement for bids.

Ms. Amos said that the same changes will be made in this item.

Following discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5- Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- 4. 2017-174** Declare State of Emergency that began January 6, 2017, as a result of a Winter Storm ended, effective January 9, 2017.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Bradley to Declare State of Emergency that began January 6, 2017, as a result of a Winter Storm ended, effective January 9, 2017.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- 5. 2017-175** Approve order of curfew for 9 p.m. - 6 a.m. issued for areas of the City affected by the tornado that hit January 21, 2017 (per attached map).

1. Curfew, 1-21-17

2. Hattiesburg Tornado 1-21-17 Map

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Approve order of curfew for 9 p.m. - 6 a.m. issued for areas of the City affected by the tornado that hit January 21, 2017 (per attached map).

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

6. **2017-177** Discuss and take action, if necessary, on any other tornado-related matters of business.

Council President Carroll asked the Mayor if there are any other tornado-related matters of business; Mayor DuPree stated that C.E. Roy and Ben McNair Community Centers will be used for disaster recovery centers and that he may need to bring contracts for their use later.

Mr. Rutland asked Danny Shows of Shaus Professional Services to discuss a request that the Council approve Personnel Services Contract Review Board (PSCRB) guidelines. Mr. Shows said that his company has been under contract with the city since 2013. He said that the new super circular guidelines require that contracts and agreements be more stringent than normal, so had used, with the approval of the state auditor, the PSCRB guidelines in order to keep contracts and RFPs consistent. He asked that the Council approved the guidelines.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Dryden and seconded by Council member Naylor to approve the PSCRB guidelines.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- 2017-262** A Request that the Council Approve Personnel Services Contract Review Board (PSCRB) Guidelines.

1. PSCRB Rules and Regulations

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the meeting recessed at 4:48 p.m., this the 23rd day of January, A.D., 2017.