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**Monday, March 21, 2022
4:00 PM**

**City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

Call to Order

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **Agenda Review meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council** was held at **4:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from a recessed meeting held on March 8, 2022.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Dave Ware, 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. Absent: Council Member Deborah Delgado, Ward 2.

Council President Carroll Called the meeting to order.

The Mayor and the Council members welcomed two Sacred Heart students who attended the Council meeting.

Council President Carroll stated the Council meeting time would be moved to 10:00 a.m. due to the inclement weather, by unanimous consent.

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 George proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

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

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

Council Vice President George closed the Citizen Forum.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George for the Council to enter closed session to determine the need to enter Executive Session at 4:12 p.m.

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

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Ware to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect possible litigation, since to have an open meeting on this would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25 41 7 (b) at 4:14 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council has gone into Executive Session to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect to possible litigation.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Carter Carroll, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Officer Ross Kinsey; Clerk of Council, Ronda Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; and Attorney Keith Turner of Watkins & Eager law firm.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown to Authorize Attorney Keith Turner to draft to a 60-day contract extension with the USA Yeast Company, LLC, with the conditions that USA Yeast Company, LLC pay the ordinance-based water and sewer rates; conduct daily sampling; and shall operate at no more than 50% capacity.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Attorney Keith Turner left the room at 4:36 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Ware to exit the Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 4:39 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Meeting Recess

Council President Carroll declared the **meeting recessed at 4:41 p.m., this 21st day of March, 2022**, by unanimous consent, until the 22nd day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor