



Call to Order

Public Hearing

- 1.2023-36
- 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: PH 02 06 2023 Request to Set Public Hearing Memo
1. 100 Broadway Drive Case History - Final
4. Bouie Street Case History - Final
5. E 8th Street Case History - Final
Request of Removal of Case No. 2 from the List of Unsafe Properties Public Hearing - 906 Edwards Street
Request of Removal of Case No. 3 from the List of Unsafe Properties Public Hearing - 1506 Main Street

Agenda Adjustments at the request of the Administration:

Add Policy Item #21

- 21.2023-93
- Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Hattiesburg Exchange Club/ Dixie Youth Inc. to operate and promote Dixie Youth Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Add Routine Item #15

- 15.2023-92
- Acknowledge receipt of FY 2022 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Exchange Club for Dixie Youth Baseball.

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted January 3, 2023, at Minute Book 2022 Page 79, 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.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5 (via teleconference). Others in attendance included City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.

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

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Code Enforcement Manager, Charles Copeland, presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Copeland 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.

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

By unanimous consent, Council President George closed the public hearing at 4:04 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.

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The Clerk of Council read aloud the adjustments to the agenda.

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21. **2023-93** Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Hattiesburg Exchange Club/ Dixie Youth Inc. to operate and promote Dixie Youth Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Dixie Youth 2023 Contract

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15. **2023-92** Acknowledge receipt of FY 2022 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Exchange Club for Dixie Youth Baseball.

Attachments: EXP REPORT DIXIE YOUTH

Agenda Review

Council President George proceeded with the Agenda Review.

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

Citizens' Forum

Council Vice President Ware proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

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

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Simon Bailey, 188 E. Capitol Street, Suite 1000, Jackson, MS
- Brian Hubbard, 6186 US Hwy 49 N.

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

Council Vice President Ware closed the Citizen Forum.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware for the Council to enter closed session to determine the need to enter Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.

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

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

Nays: 0

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

Council Member Brown disconnected via teleconference at 5:04 p.m.

Council President George left the Chambers at 5:04 p.m. and returned at 5:05 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Delgado to enter Executive Session to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect potential 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 4:05 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Delgado, Carroll and Ware

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

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 potential litigation.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Deborah Delgado, Carter Carroll and Dave Ware; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Interim Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Assistant Police Chief, Peggy Sealy; Fire Chief, Sherrocko Stewart; Interim City Engineer, Hunter White; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Planning Division Manager, Cory Long; Planner II, Nathan Satcher; Director of the Water Department, Alan Howe; Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Deputy Director of Public Works Solid Waste, Maurice Sutton; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 5:14 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 George, Delgado, Carroll and Ware

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

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

Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the **meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m., this 6th day of February, 2023**, by unanimous consent, until the 7th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

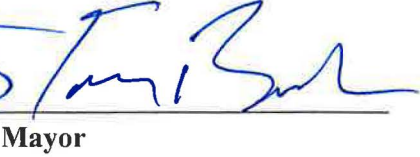

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor