

Published Agenda



Monday, March 6, 2023
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order
Public Hearing

1. 2023-170
- Hold public hearing for appeal filed by Cadence Bank, Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission’s TIE vote of the petition filed by Cadence Bank, Owner, to demolish the structure at 124 Hardy Street. The HHCC voted in a TIE on January 11, 2023.

Agenda Review
Citizens' Forum
Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **public hearing at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2023**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, for the appeal filed by Cadence Bank, Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission’s TIE vote of the petition filed by Cadence Bank, Owner, to demolish the structure at 124 Hardy Street. The HHCC voted in a TIE on January 11, 2023.

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. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; 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.

Public Hearing

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Attachments: appeal form
 Data sheet_124 Hardy St
 Jan 2023 HHCC minutes

Russell Archer, City Historic Preservation Planner, provided a presentation overview on the petition for 124 Hardy Street (see attached presentation).

Attachment: 124 Hardy St Appeal_Cadence Bank

Stephens Daniel, spoke on behalf of the appellant, Carol Drake. John Griffin also spoke on behalf of the appellant.

Council President George asked the public if there were any citizens for or against the petition.

- Shawn Lowery spoke against the demolition of the building

There were no other citizens who wished to speak for or against the petition.

Council President George called on Mr. Daniel for rebuttal.

By unanimous consent, Council President George **closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

Mayor Barker welcomed two members of the Mayor's Youth Council.

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.

There were no 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 4:32 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.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll 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 4:33 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

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, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton;

City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Interim Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Interim City Engineer, Hunter White; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Director of the Water Department, Alan Howe; Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha McCain; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; and Attorney Keith Turner of Watkins & Eager law firm.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 4:58 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

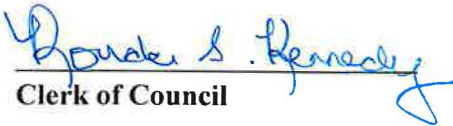
Council President George stated to the public that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m., this 6th day of March, 2023, by unanimous consent, until the 7th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor