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Monday, March 20, 2023 4:00 PM	City Council Monday Meeting Agenda	Council Chambers 200 Forrest Street
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Call to Order

Public Hearing

1. 2023-199

Hold public hearing for appeal filed by Bill Wikstrom, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission's action on the petition filed by Bill Wikstrom, owner, to request a conditional use for "Product wholesale" in a B-3 Zone for a property located at 1601 Hardy Street. The Planning Commission Recommended to Deny on February 1st, 2023.

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Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **public hearing at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2023**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, for the appeal filed by Bill Wikstrom, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission's action on the petition filed by Bill Wikstrom, owner, to request a conditional use for "Product wholesale" in a B-3 Zone for a property located at 1601 Hardy Street. The Planning Commission Recommended to Deny on February 1st, 2023.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2 (via teleconference); 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.

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Attachments: 1601 Hardy St – Image Sheet
 1601 Hardy St – Staff Summary
 CU Application

Nathan Satcher, City Planner, provided a presentation overview on the petition for the request of conditional use for "Product wholesale" located at 1601 Hardy Street.

Andrew Hatten, spoke on behalf of the owner, Bill Wikstrom,

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

- James Moore, spoke against the request of conditional use for the business. Mr. Moore also stated the conditions that should be put in place.

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

Council President George called on Mr. Hatten for rebuttal. Mr. Hatten did not have anything else to comment.

By unanimous consent, Council President George **closed the public hearing at 4:24 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

Agenda Review

Council President George proceeded with the Agenda Review.

Council President George asked Policy Agenda Item #14 be removed at the request of the Administration.

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.

- Claudia Bivens, 615 Court Street

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 4:41 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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

Council Member Delgado disconnected via teleconference at 4:42 p.m.

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: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Delgado

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, 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; 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; City Senior Planner, Nathan Satcher; City Planner, Andrea Garcia; Director of the Water Department, Alan Howe; Director of Public Works, Ronnie Perkins; 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 Jim Gladden.

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 4:53 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
- Absent: 1 – Delgado

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 4:53 p.m., this 20th day of March, 2023**, by unanimous consent, until the 21st day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor