



Monday, June 5, 2023
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

- 1.2023-355
- 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.

Agenda Review

Work Session

- 1.2023-376
- The Changes Center building conditions, requested by Councilmember Delgado.
- 2.2023-377
- Edwards Street reconstruction schedule/timeline, requested by Councilmember Delgado.
- 3.2023-378
- Gordon's Creek development schedule/timeline from River Avenue to the Leaf River, requested by Councilmember Delgado.
- 4.2023-379
- Phone and Wi-Fi at the boxing gym and parks, requested by Councilmembers Delgado and Brown.
- 5.2023-382
- All salary increases, by department and position received since January 1, 2023 as requested on May 8, 2023 by Councilmember Delgado.
- 6.2023-383
- Compliance with MS Code §21-15-41, requested by Councilmember Delgado.

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, June 5, 2023**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted May 2, 2023, at Minute Book 2023 Pages 175-176, 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. 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: [PH 06 05 2023 Request to Set Public Hearing Memo](#)
[1. 102 West 7th Street Case History](#)
[2. 106 Donald Street Case History](#)
[3. 108 Donald Street Case History](#)

- 4. 110 Donald Street Case History
- 5. 135 East 7th Street Case History
- 6. 212 Willis Avenue Case History
- 7. 314 Bay Street Case History
- 8. 718 Tatum Road Case History
- 9. 416 Miller Street Case History
- 10. 509 Elizabeth Avenue Case History
- 11. 610 Breland Street Case History
- 12. 704 Ellis Avenue Case History
- 13. 1300 North Main Street Case History
- 14. 1504 Main Street Case History

Code Enforcement Manager, Charles Copeland, presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Copeland recommended that the Council adopt resolutions determining the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness 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.

Council President George called out each unsafe property listed and asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak on behalf of the property called.

- Kenneth Moye, potential contract to purchase property at 314 Bay Street (Case #7)
- Chester and Kara Williams, property owners of 416 Miller Street (Case #9). Mr. Williams stated that the property has been properly cleaned and renovated. Mr. Charles responded in the affirmative and asked it be removed from the condemnation list.
- Katie L. Riley, property owner's neighbor of the property 704 Ellis Avenue (Case #12)

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

Mr. Charles asked for the following properties be removed from the condemnation list:

- Case #4 - 110 Donald Street
- Case #9 - 416 Miller Street
- Case#10 - 509 Elizabeth Avenue

By unanimous consent, Council President George **closed the public hearing at 4:21 p and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

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:

- Robert Escudero, 58 Homestead Ridge
- Sandra Chamberes Jerald, 606 Dumas Ave.
- Eric Steele, 604 Dumas Ave.
- Randall Williams, 114 May Ave.
- Alex Bilania, 413 Court St.
- Anthony Shaw, 639 Phoenix Cir
- Jennifer Shaidnogle, 417 Walnut St.
- Chelsea Carroll, 311 Elizabeth Ave.

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

Council Vice President Ware closed the Citizen Forum.

Work Session

Council President George proceeded with the Work Session, which included:

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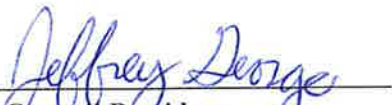
Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the **meeting recessed at 5:16 p.m., this 5th day of June, 2023**, by unanimous consent, until the 6th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor