

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Called meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; Interim Fire Chief, Stephen Mooney; Police Chief, Anthony Parker; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Customer Service Coordinator, Joe Paul; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha McCain; Clerk of Council, Debbie Bernardo; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll called the meeting to order.

1. Hold a special called meeting to hear a presentation from The University of Southern Mississippi.

Council President Carroll turned the floor over to Mayor Barker, who introduced Dr. Rodney Bennett, President of USM, and Jon Gilbert, Director of Athletics for USM. Dr. Bennett and Mr. Gilbert presented a request for funding to assist the university with renovations of Reed Green Coliseum. Following their presentation, they responded to questions from Council members.

Council President Carroll stated that Council members will [discuss the matter] with the Administration; he expressed his opinion that the City of Hattiesburg needs to support the University any way [possible].

2018-328 USM Reed Green Coliseum Pictures, 3-1-18.

Attachments: USM Presentation Pictures, 3-1-18

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the meeting recessed at 4:42 p.m., this the 1st day of March, A.D., 2018.