

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2018, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1 (Teleconference); 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 Chief Financial Officer, Connie Everett; City Engineer, Lamar Rutland; Fire Chief, Sherrocko Stewart; Director of Parks and Recreation, Ronnie Perkins; Director of Urban Development, Andrew Ellard; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha McCain; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll Called the meeting to order.

1. **2018-615** Acknowledge receipt of the Audited Financial Statements of the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC (On file in the City Clerk's Office).

Attachments: Council Communication Letter FY 2016
 Communication of findings FY 2016
 City of Hattiesburg Audit Report FYE 9-30-2016

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Dryden and seconded by Council Member Delgado to Acknowledge receipt of the Audited Financial Statements of the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC (On file in the City Clerk's Office).

Paige Johnson and Joe Townsend of Topp McWhorter Harvey, PLLC appeared before the Council to provide an overview of the 2016 Audit.

Following discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

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

Nays: 0

2. **2018-614** Authorize Council President to execute duplicate contract with Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC to audit the financial statements of the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Attachments: Audit Engagement Letter FY 2017

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Dryden and seconded by Council Member Delgado to Authorize Council President to execute duplicate contract with Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC to audit the financial statements of the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

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

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

Nays: 0

3. **2018-617** Authorize Jackson, Tullos & Rogers, PLLC, to file Eminent Domain on behalf of the City of Hattiesburg to acquire property located off William Carey Parkway, Parcel#2-038K-21-009.00, PPIN 27403, for public purpose.

Attachments: 2018-07-09 engagement letter

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Dryden and seconded by Council Member Brown to Authorize Jackson, Tullos & Rogers, PLLC, to file Eminent Domain on behalf of the City of Hattiesburg to acquire property located off William Carey Parkway, Parcel#2-038K-21-009.00, PPIN 27403, for public purpose.

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

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

Nays: 0

4. **2018-616** Designate "Laughs 4 Life", to be held August 1, 2018, Downtown Hattiesburg as a city-approved event for the purposes described in Ordinance Number 3148.

Attachments: Laughs 4 Life- Application
 Ordinance 3148

A MOTION was made by Council President Dryden and seconded by Council Member Brown to Designate "Laughs 4 Life", to be held August 1, 2018, Downtown Hattiesburg as a city-approved event for the purposes described in Ordinance Number 3148.

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

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

Nays: 0

5. **2018-599** Authorize the acceptance of the FY17 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award from the US Department of Justice in the amount of \$18,795 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: 2017 Byrne Grant Award

A MOTION was made by Council Vice Dryden and seconded by Council Member Delgado to Authorize the acceptance of the FY17 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award from the US Department of Justice in the amount of \$18,795 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m., this the 11th day of July, A.D. , 2018.