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Public Hearing

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	2. 906 Edwards Street Case History

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Meeting Recess

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 18, 2023**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted November 21, 2023, at Minute Book 2022 Page 352, 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; same being from an adjourned meeting held on December 5, 2023.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; 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; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public. Absent: Deborah Delgado, Ward 2 and Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy.

Council President George called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

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

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

By unanimous consent, Council President George closed the public hearing at 4:05 p.m. 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:

- Margaret Markwalder, 114 Oak 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 4:24 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 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 pending 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 4:26 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 pending 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; Police Chief, Peggy Sealy; Major, Tony Fontaine; Detective, Tommy Rigsby; Lieutenant, Tammy Hoadley; Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation, Hunter White; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Director of Public Works, Ronnie Perkins; Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha Alexander; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 4:43 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

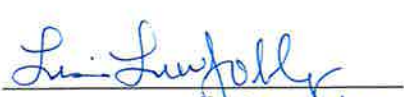
Council President George stated to the public that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the **meeting recessed at 4:44 p.m., this 18th day of December, 2023**, by unanimous consent, until the 19th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council, Deputy


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor