



**Tuesday, February 20, 2024
4:00 PM**

**City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

Call to Order

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Agenda

Citizens' Forum

Agenda Adjustments

- **Add Policy Items #15 and #16 at the request of the Administration as follows:**

- 15. 2024-113** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program, and authorize the Mayor to act a representative of the City in this matter and to execute all necessary forms and documents necessary.
- 16. 2024-114** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for planning activities associated with roadway capacity projects, and authorize the Mayor to act as representative of the City in this matter and to execute all necessary forms and documents necessary.

POLICY AGENDA

- 1. 2024-88** Approve the minutes for the February 5 & 6, 2024 meetings of the City Council.
- 2. 2024-17** Take from the table; Adopt an Ordinance request to rezone properties made by Creed Group Communities, LLC, agent for RSCO Corporation, owner, and Donald Pulliam, owner. The request is to rezone property located between North 28th Avenue and Northwood Drive (US 49) from B-5 to R-3 in Ward 2, Forrest County.
- 3. 2024-16** Take from the Table; Approve a preliminary plat for a major subdivision filed by Hunter Andrews, representative, and Jason Graham, owner. The property is known as "Hattiesburg Market Place", located along US Highway 98 in Lamar County, Ward 3.

4. **2024-68** Take from the Table; Approve a variance request made by Stacey and Doug Thompson, owners, to deviate from the minimum 5ft width sidewalk requirement to instead allow for a 0ft sidewalk for a proposed expansion located at 5165 Old Hwy 42 in Forrest County, Ward 2. The Board of Adjustments recommended to deny on January 3rd, 2024.
5. **2024-105** Adopt the February 20th, 2024 Amendments to the budget for the City of Hattiesburg for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 and adopt Resolution authorizing publication of amendments for funds in excess of 10% of the originally appropriated fund balance.
6. **2024-108** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the exercise of the Contract Option for Purchase, adopted September 20, 2022, at Minute Book # 2022-702; for property located at Parcel #2-039F-18-128.00 and Parcel # 2-039K-19-082.00 and Parcel # 2-039K-19-02.00 and authorize Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary.
7. **2024-91** Adopt a Resolution authorizing application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program for a feasibility study and business plan for outdoor recreation and ecotourism improvements to sections of Gordon's Creek for \$88,000. The City will provide \$10,000 in matching funds for a total project cost of \$98,000. Authorize the mayor to execute the same.
8. **2024-89** Approve Change Order No. 2 with Hemphill Construction Co. for the Water Plant #1 Rehab Phase II to increase the number of days for completion of the contract and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
9. **2024-96** Approve a Rental Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and R J Young Company for two (2) copiers to be located in the Hattiesburg Police Department Detective Division in the amount not to exceed \$548.11 per month for 48 months and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
10. **2024-102** Authorize submission of an application to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Recreation Trails Program for \$120,000 to add a pedestrian walk to the River Avenue Bridge (Old East Hardy Bridge) over the Leaf River. The proposed pedestrian walk would include lighting, cable guard rails, and tower viewers to look out over the Leaf River. A \$50,000 match from the City of Hattiesburg would be required for this grant.
11. **2024-93** Authorize submission of an application to the National Endowment for the Arts for \$25,000 in Grants for Arts Projects funding to add a mural inside the Public Safety Complex that promotes community policing, safety, and neighborhood pride. This is a 1:1 matching grant for a total project cost of \$50,000.
12. **2024-101** Authorize submission of an application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program for \$15,000 for enhancements to the Gordon's Creek Fruit Orchard such as

fencing, shade structures, seating, and a variety of new fruit trees. This grant requires no matching funds.

13. 2024-98 Acknowledge Bids received February 8, 2024 for the Tatum Park-Fields 16 & 18 Lighting Project and accept the base bid and Additive Alternate #2 from Mississippi Power in the amount of \$473,000.00 and \$22,400.00 respectively for a total of \$495,400.00; Authorize the Mayor to execute contracts when prepared.
14. 2024-92 Acknowledge receipt of closeout documents for the Jaycee Park Parking Lot project, approve payment of final pay application from the contractor and approve final acceptance of the project.

ROUTINE AGENDA

1. 2024-90 Ratification of an agreement between the City of Hattiesburg Fire Department and the Mississippi State Fire Academy to administer the NFPA 1521 Safety Officer Program.
2. 2024-110 Acknowledge privilege tax license report for the month ending January 2024.
3. 2024-104 Acknowledge receipt of an appeal request by Jasmine Washington and James Smith, to appeal the Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment's recommendation to deny a variance for a structure at 87 Everglades and to set a public hearing and authorize publication of public notice setting an appeal hearing.
4. 2024-107 Acknowledge receipt of bids received on January 18, 2024, for pursuit vehicles for the Hattiesburg Police Department and accept the bid of Kirk Auto World as the best bid.
5. 2024-97 Authorize publication of a Request for Proposals as a result of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis conducted for the development of the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan resulting in the acquisition/rehabilitation of Non-Congregate Shelter.
6. 2024-100 Approve the City of Hattiesburg 2024-2026 Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal to expend the Department of Transportation Program Assistance Contracts.
7. 2024-112 Approve and authorize publication of public hearing for 2023 Consolidated/Action Plan and plan submission to HUD.
8. 2024-111 Approve specifications for four (4) small to midsize sports utility vehicles for the Department of Urban Development; authorize publication for the same.

- 9. 2024-99** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached Memo's, Receipts, and Deeds.
- 10. 2024-109** Approve claims docket for the period ending February 16, 2024.

In Memoriam:

Meeting Adjourn