

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Johnny L. DuPree and members of the City Council Kim Bradley, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Henry Naylor, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; Chief Financial Officer, Sharon Waits; City Engineer, Lamar Rutland; Fire Chief, Paul Presley; Assistant Fire Chief, Eddie Wilson; Police Chief, Anthony Parker; Assistant Police Chief, Frank Misenhelter; Director of Public Works, Larry Barnes; Director of Federal and State Programs, La'Keylah White; Director of the Water Department, Chadwick Frierson; Director of Parks and Recreation, Clemon Terrell; Director of Urban Development, Pattie Brantley; Planning Administrator, Ginger Maddox; Code Enforcement Manager, Mark Jordan; City Attorney, Annie Amos; Assistant to the Mayor, Valerie Arnold; Clerk of Council, Debbie Bernardo; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; media; and the public.

The MEETING was called to order by Council President Carroll.

The prayer was given by Sylvester London of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Parker.

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER came before the Council.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

Mayor DuPree presented a proclamation to Dora Harbin, Regional Task Force Coordinator at Advocates For Freedom, thanking her and the organization for raising awareness of human trafficking. Ms. Harbin thanked the Mayor and the City of Hattiesburg and encouraged citizens to help stop human trafficking.

The Mayor announced that the City will receive a grant from the National League of Cities on Tuesday, January 10. He stated that Mississippi is ranked 50th in financial literacy and distributed a brochure, "Linked up: Steps to Better Finances in 2017," to the Council and the public.

There were no other presentations at this time.

2017-223 Linked Up: Steps to Better Finances in 2017 Flyer, 1-3-17

Attachments: Linked Up: Steps to Better Finances in 2017 Flyer, 1-3-17

A MOTION was made by and seconded by to approve the minutes of the December 5, 6, 19 and 20, 2016, City Council meetings.

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

Yeas: 4 - Bradley, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 - Delgado

The POLICY AGENDA came before the Council.

- VI.1. 2016-142** APPROVE or DENY request to convert a static billboard to a tri-vision billboard located at 5012 US Highway 98, from appeal filed by Leonard Busby, Capturion Network, LLC; Pattie Brantley, Urban Development Director, denied the application on October 10, 2016, based on LDC 95.12.2.; public hearing was set previously for 4 p.m. December 5, 2016.

Attachments: Appeal Letter-Capturion Network October 17 2016
5012 US Highway 98 Sign Permit Application

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Naylor to TABLE until next meeting to APPROVE or DENY request to convert a static billboard to a tri-vision billboard located at 5012 US Highway 98, from appeal filed by Leonard Busby, Capturion Network, LLC; Pattie Brantley, Urban Development Director, denied the application on October 10, 2016, based on LDC 95.12.2.; public hearing was set previously for 4 p.m. December 5, 2016.

Council Vice President Dryden thanked Ms. Brantley for her thoughtful consideration and for looking out for the welfare of the City.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.2. 2016-140** Adopt a resolution recognizing Municipal Government Week, January 15-21, 2017.

Attachments: RES-Municipal Government Week 2017

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to Adopt a resolution recognizing Municipal Government Week, January 15-21, 2017.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.3. 2016-137** Adopt a Resolution authorizing Disbursement No. 11 from the Project Fund Escrow Account in connection with certain Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2016, by and between Banc of America Public Capital Corp and the City of Hattiesburg.

Attachments: Energy Performance Disbursement 11

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Adopt a Resolution authorizing Disbursement No. 11 from the Project Fund Escrow Account in connection with certain Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2016, by and between Bank of America Public Capital Corp and the City of Hattiesburg.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.4. 2016-141** Authorize Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement with Richard Consulting Services for development of a financial plan as part of funds received from the National League of Cities(NLC) Financial Inclusions Grant.

Attachments: Agreement- Richard Consulting

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to Authorize Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement with Richard Consulting Services for development of a financial plan as part of funds received from the National League of Cities (NLC) Financial Inclusions Grant.

Council President Carroll asked whether the dates of the contract's term will correspond to the dates of service.

Ms. Arnold responded that the plan should be complete by mid-summer, and said she hopes the master plan will start by September. She said the project has three components. Ms. Arnold clarified that September 1, 2016, is the date the grant was funded, and said funding will end between in December 2017.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.5. 2016-136** Authorize Mayor to execute agreement, in triplicate, between Major Design Studio, PLLC and the City of Hattiesburg for the Architectural/Engineering services for the Design and Engineering of the Hub City Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Attachments: Agreement - Hub City Transit Facility Upgrade

A MOTION was made by Council Member Naylor and seconded by Council Member Bradley to Authorize Mayor to execute agreement, in triplicate, between Major Design Studio, PLLC and the City of Hattiesburg for the Architectural/Engineering services for the Design and Engineering of the Hub City Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Council member Bradley asked if the City is building a new facility; Mayor DuPree responded in the negative and said the City is renovating the existing building.

Council President Carroll said the agreement states that the City is responsible for the payment whether or not it receives federal funding; Ms. White responded that the funding has been approved and said the City does have the funding to make the payments. Council President Carroll asked if the City has complete funding; Ms. White replied in the affirmative.

Council President Carroll and Council Vice President Dryden expressed concerns about travel expenses being unlimited. Council President Carroll said he would like travel expenses to come before the Council. Mayor DuPree questioned Council President Carroll about limiting the travel; Council President Carroll said he would like the Council to be notified in advance, since the travel is unlimited. Ms. White said that there is a cap on the contract not to exceed the amount of the total, but it is not specific to travel.

Council Vice President Dryden said that Hattiesburg has a variety of talented local people to provide services for the City; Ms. White said local architects were preferred but were not available.

Ms. White introduced Lindsay Coleman, the new Federal and State Programs' Grant Coordinator. Council members welcomed Ms. Coleman to Hattiesburg.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

VI.6. 2016-125 Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Noon Day Optimist Club to operate and promote Dixie Boys Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Attachments: Dixie Boys 2017 Contract
Contract Attachments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Noon Day Optimist Club to operate and promote Dixie Boys Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Council President Carroll asked Mr. Terrell if there were any changes from last year; Mr. Terrell replied in the negative.

Council Vice President Dryden asked Mr. Terrell approximately how many children are served by Dixie Boys Baseball; Mr. Terrell responded that 100 children .

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

VI.7. 2016-130 Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Hattiesburg Little League to operated and promote Little League Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Attachments: Little League Contract 2017
Contract Attachments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Naylor and seconded by Council Member Bradley to Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Hattiesburg Little League to operated and promote Little League Baseball for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Council President Carroll confirmed with Mr. Terrell that there are no changes from last year; Mr. Terrell confirmed that there are no changes.

Council Vice President Dryden asked Mr. Terrell approximately how many children are served by Little League Baseball; Mr. Terrell responded that there about the same number (100) as in Dixie Boys Baseball.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.8. 2016-123** Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Hattiesburg Youth Soccer Association to operate and promote soccer programs for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

Attachments: Soccer 2016-2017 Contract
Contract Attachments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Authorize Mayor to execute duplicate original agreement between City of Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation Department and Hattiesburg Youth Soccer Association to operate and promote soccer programs for Hattiesburg Residents from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.9. 2016-135** Authorize Mayor to execute a HOME Program Downpayment Assistance Award in the amount of \$5,363.00 to Deirdre Ann Applewhite and authorize issuance of a manual check for the same, per attached memorandum. {Entitlement}

Attachments: Downpayment Assistance Award – Dapplewhite

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Naylor to Authorize Mayor to execute a HOME Program Downpayment Assistance Award in the amount of \$5,363.00 to Deirdre Ann Applewhite and authorize issuance of a manual check for the same, per attached memorandum. {Entitlement}.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VI.10. 2016-143** Acknowledge receipt of the Single Audit of the Hattiesburg Public School District for the year ended June 30, 2016, from Suzanne E. Smith, CPA, PLLC of Auditing and Accounting Services.

Attachments: Audit Letter from Suzanne E. Smith, CPA, PLLC, 12-10-16
Hattiesburg Public School District Audited Financial Statements for the Year
-Ended June 30, 2016

A MOTION was made by Council Member Naylor and seconded by Council Member Delgado to Acknowledge receipt of the Single Audit of the Hattiesburg Public School District for the year ended June 30, 2016, from Suzanne E. Smith, CPA, PLLC of Auditing and Accounting Services.

Council Vice President Dryden expressed concerns regarding the school district audit. She read aloud increases and decreases of the financials [81.64% decrease in current liability; 33.03% increase in net pension liability; and an increase of \$16,864,569 in net pension (a 160% increase)]. She said it (net pension) went from \$3,452,698 in 2015 to \$8,977,261 in 2016. Council Vice President Dryden said that this might be an example of the effect on PERS when employees retire, and she said this is significant and should be noted.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

THE ROUTINE AGENDA came before the Council.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to approve the Routine Agenda.

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

Yeas: 5 - Bradley, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

- VII.1. 2016-139** Acknowledge receipt of the annual actuarial valuation report covering the participation of the City of Hattiesburg in the Mississippi Retirement Systems (Police & Fire Disability & Relief, P&F D&R) received on December 14, 2016.
- Attachments: MSR- 6-30-2016
MMRS Executive Summary
Annual Valuation Covering
- VII.2. 2016-126** Acknowledge Receipt of FY2015-2016 Expenditure Report from Noon Day Optimist Club for Dixie Boys Baseball Program and approve request for 2017 sponsorship in the amount of \$12,200.
- Attachments: FY 2015-2016 Dixie Boys Expenditure Report
- VII.3. 2016-127** Acknowledge Receipt of FY 2015-2016 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Exchange Club for Dixie Youth Baseball.
- Attachments: FY 2016 Dixie Youth Baseball Expenditure Report
- VII.4. 2016-129** Acknowledge receipt of FY 2015-2016 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Little League Baseball Program.
- Attachments: FY 2015-2016 Little League Expenditure Report
- VII.5. 2016-124** Acknowledge receipt of FY 2015-2016 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Youth Soccer Association for HYSA Soccer Program.
- Attachments: 2016 Hattiesburg Youth Soccer Expenditure Report
- VII.6. 2016-133** Approve the sale of Grave spaces, per attached memo.
- Attachments: receipts 1-3-17
Deeds 1-3-17
- VII.7. 2016-138** Approve claims docket for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- Attachments: Claims Docket

Council member Naylor proceeded with the Citizen Forum. He stated the procedures and invited members of the public to speak.

Joseph Rawson, 701 Dearborne Road, appeared before the Council regarding the salary increase for the Mayor and City Council for the 2017-2012 term. He said there was not a good reason for the increase and that he wrote a letter to the Mayor asking him to veto it.

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

Council member Naylor closed the Citizens' Forum.

2017-224 1-3-17 Citizens' Form Sign-In Sheet

Attachments: Citizens' Forum, Sign-In Sheet, 1-3-17

Council President Carroll called for additional business.

Council President Carroll allowed ten minutes for Broaddus & Associates to provide a presentation about their company.

Colton Wood, Mississippi Director of Operations of Broaddus & Associates, introduced Louis Ridgeway, Brittney Engel, Ron Farris, and Mayor Greg Kennedy of Smithville.

Mr. Ridgeway appeared before the Council to make the presentation and to respond to questions.

2017-225 Broaddus Presentation, 1-3-17

Attachments: Broaddus Presentation, 1-3-17

Following the Broaddus presentation, Council Vice President Dryden asked for the status on the Land Development Code. Ms. Maddox responded that it has been sent back for public advertisement and must go back to the Planning Commission tomorrow for approval. Council Vice President Dryden asked if the Land Development Code will be on the next City Council agenda; Ms. Maddox replied in the affirmative.

Mayor DuPree invited the Council to tour the temporary Hattiesburg Police Department at 4 p.m. tomorrow. He said that the City has received a grant with Mississippi Power for the use of electric vehicles. He said that he has spoken to Nissan, they will lease the vehicles for half price, and the contract should be ready for the next Council meeting.

The Mayor also provided an update on water plant #1. Council member Bradley said needs to through the Comswip list again; Mayor DuPree said Mr. Rutland, Mr. Frierson and he will meet Thursday and will bring that to the Council. Council member Bradley asked if is still doing mitigation for sewer overflows; the mayor said attorney John Milner will be here February 21 to provide an update.

Council Vice President Dryden asked about the company the mayor wanted to have make a presentation regarding management of water and sewer; Mayor DuPree said he is trying to get them here.

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m., this the 3rd day of January, AD., 2017.

Minutes for the December 5, 6, 19 and 20, 2016, Council Meetings.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor

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