

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Agenda Review meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 6, 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; City Engineer, Lamar Rutland; Fire Chief, Paul Presley; 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; 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.

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the amendments to the agenda as follows: Add Policy Agenda Items VI.10, VI.11 and VI.12 at the request of the Administration and the Council as follows:

VI.10. 2017-291 Adopt Resolution requesting the Mississippi Legislature of the State of Mississippi to amend enabling legislation of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission, which stands repealed from and after June 30, 2017, to extend the repealer imposed on the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission and the special tax levied therefore, to July 1, 2021.

Attachments: RES - Extend Repealer, Tourism Commission, 2017

VI.11. 2017-292 Adopt a resolution requesting that FEMA determine that areas of the city affected by the January 21, 2017, tornados are eligible for the Private Property Debris Removal Program, allowing the city to assist with debris removal from private property to ensure the health and safety of citizens and to encourage economic recovery of the community.

Attachments: Resolution-Private Property
FEMA- Fact Sheet

VI.12. 2017-284 Authorize designation of Kermas Eaton as Applicant Agent to execute for and in behalf of the City of Hattiesburg, applications for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, as amended by Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, in regards to the Tornado that occurred in Hattiesburg beginning January 21, 2017, and to file applications with Governor's authorized representative.

Attachments: Applicant Agent Designation, executed Applicant Agent Designation

Regarding Policy Agenda Item VI.12, Council member Bradley asked for specifics about the type of Federal Assistance to be provided.

Mayor DuPree asked about an item related to Tenant Based Rental Assistance. Council member Delgado said she had been told by the Clerk of Council that Mr. Eaton did not approve the item; Mr. Eaton stated that he will approve the item and ask that it be added to the agenda Tuesday.

Council President Carroll called on Jan Riddle, an Individual Assistance Representative for FEMA, to provide FEMA assistance information and respond to Council members' questions.

Following discussion of agenda items, Council President Carroll closed the Agenda Review.

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

Jenna Bernstein of Florida appeared before the Council regarding the flying of the Mississippi state flag. Ms. Bernstein expressed concerns that the state flag is not flown, though it has been ratified by the people of Mississippi; she asked that it be restored.

Linda Walters of the Council Neighborhoods stated that there will be a board meeting on Thursday regarding the one percent sales tax increase and its ramifications.

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

Council Naylor closed the Citizens' Forum.

2017-336 3-6-17 Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet

Attachments: Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet, 3-6-17

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Work Session, which included a presentation from Chad Legel of I/O Solutions on a proposal to update and improve civil service regulations and promotional testing procedures for the police and fire departments; a discussion of 911 Challenges by Chief Parker; and a discussion of brown water by Mr. Rutland and John Weeks of Neel Schaffer was present to respond to any Council members' questions.

Council member Naylor left the room at 4:51 p.m. and returned at 4:54 p.m.

Council Vice President Dryden read aloud a statement from Callison Richardson regarding issues with sewage behind her home; Mr. Frierson stated that he thought Ms. Richardson's problem had been handled because water department crew members had repaired a leak in that area. He said he has shown them the correct location of the leak.

2017-337 Map Provided by Lamar Rutland of the Proposed Undersized Water Line Projects with Action Call Concentration Overlap, 3-6-17

Attachments: Water Line Project Map, 3-6-17

2017-338 Statement from Callison Richardson of 217 South 21st Avenue regarding Brown Water Issues, 3-6-17.

Attachments: MD - Statement from Callison Richardson, 3-6-17

Council President Carroll closed the Work Session and called for additional business.

There was no additional business.

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll closed the meeting at 5:21 p.m., this the 6th day of March, A.D., 2017.