BE IT REMEMBERED that the Agenda Review meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2017, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Johnny L. DuPree and members of the City Council 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; Police Chief, Anthony Parker; Assistant Police Chief, Frank Misenhelter; Director of Public Works, Larry Barnes; Director of the Water Department, Chadwick Frierson; Director of Parks and Recreation, Clemon Terrell; Director of Urban Development, Pattie Brantley; Planning Administrator, Ginger Maddox; Land Code Administrator, Steve Mitchell; 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.

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the amendments to the agenda as follows:

Add Policy Agenda Item VI.16 at the request of the Administration as follows:

VI.16. 2017-312 Adopt a Resolution authorizing Requisition No. 65 from the Project Fund Construction Account in connection with a certain loan agreement, dated as of December 19, 2013, by and between the Mississippi Development Bank and the City of Hattiesburg.

Attachments: 2013 Bond Resolution No. 65

Add Policy Agenda Item VI.17 at the request of the Administration and the Council as follows:

VI.17. 2017-325 Extend state of emergency for an additional 30 days to allow for the ongoing cleanup resulting from the tornado that occurred on January 21, 2017.

And, Add Routine Agenda Item VII.11 at the request of the Administration as follows:

VII.11. 2017-324 Acknowledge bids received on February 2, 2017, for the Gordon's Creek-Depot District Buschman Street to River Avenue project and accept bid from Floore Industrial Contractors in the amount of $287,905.50 as the lowest and best bid.

Attachments: Letter
Bid Tab
Floore Industrial Bid
Precision Bid
Twin L Bid
Instructions to Bidders

Ms. Maddox introduced the new planner, Stephen Guthrie. She also stated that the recently adopted Land Development Code will go into effect Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Roger McDowell appeared before the Council to discuss Policy Agenda Item VI.1.

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.

Rev. Robert Abrams, 613 Sunset Drive, expressed concerns regarding the City's contract with Comcast. He suggested using Cable One instead and asked who to speak with before the City signs another contract. Mayor DuPree said he will give Mr. Abrams those names; he also said the City is currently in negotiations for a new cable company contract. Council President Carroll stated that the cable board will have public hearings before deciding on a cable contract.

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

Council member Naylor closed the Citizen Forum.

2017-340 3-20-17 Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet.

Attachments: Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet, 3-20-17

Council President Carroll called for additional business.

Council President Carroll said he received a call from a concerned citizen who did not hear a siren during the tornado; he asked if a siren can be placed near the Turtle Creek Mall area. Mayor DuPree responded in the affirmative and said the City has seven sirens and plans to add six more. Council member Naylor asked is the City looking for sites for the sirens; Mayor DuPree responded in the affirmative. Council member Naylor said he does not believe Vernon Dahmer has a siren. Mayor DuPree said he will have Vernon Dahmer checked. Council Vice President Dryden asked that the siren on 3rd Avenue be checked also.

There was no other additional business.

A MOTION was made by Council member Naylor and seconded by Council Vice President Dryden to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (a).

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

Yeas: 4 - Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Bradley

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Nays: 0

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Those present for the Executive Session were Council members Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor; Attorney Amos; and Ms. Bernardo.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

A MOTION was made by Council member Delgado and seconded by Council member Naylor to come out of Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 5:05 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Naylor

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Bradley

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll closed the meeting at 5:05 p.m., this the 20th day of March, A.D., 2017.