

Published Agenda



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 recommenced 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

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from an adjourned meeting held on February 6, 2024.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker (left at 4:27 p.m.) and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5 (in at 4:07 p.m.). Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.

Council President George Called the meeting to order.

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by Malcolm Berch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kermas Eaton.

Presentation Agenda

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

There were no presentations at this time.

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:

- Lillian Baxter - 119 College Drive
- Theo Sutton, Jr. - 201 S. 25th Avenue

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

Council Vice President Ware closed the Citizen Forum.

Agenda Adjustments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to 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.

Attachments: Resolution-HDR1 2.20.24

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.

Attachments: Resolution-Western Beltway Planning 2.20.24

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER came before the Council.

POLICY AGENDA

The POLICY AGENDA came before the Council.

1. **2024-88** Approve the minutes for the February 5 & 6, 2024 meetings of the City Council.

Attachments: 02-05-2024 AR, WS Mins.
02-06-2024 XS Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Approve the minutes for the February 5 & 6, 2024 meetings of the City Council.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Staff Summary N 28th Ave rezone R-3](#)
[Image Sheet - N 28th Ave Northwood Sr Rezone](#)
[IVY ROW PHASE 2 - Public Hearing Application OCT 30 2023](#)
[Ordinance - Ivy Row Phase II US 49](#)
[MINUTES DECEMBER SCM](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Take from the table; an Ordinance request to rezone property located between North 28th Avenue and Northwood Drive (US 49) from B-5 to R-3.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Table Ordinance request to rezone property located between North 28th Avenue and Northwood Drive (US 49) from B-5 to R-3 until the second Council meeting in March (March 19, 2024) for further information.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Hattiesburg Marketplace Major Subdivision](#)
[Marketplace Image Sheet](#)
[6214 HWY 98 - Hattiesburg MarketPlace - Lots 3 , 4, 5 - Commercial Development](#)
[Public Hearing App](#)
[Hattiesburg Marketplace Developement-Traffic Impact Study](#)
[Traffic Study Appendices combined](#)
[Hattiesburg Marketplace Developement-TIS Report App E v1.0](#)
[MINUTES DECEMBER SCM](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Take from the Table; a preliminary plat for a major subdivision known as “Hattiesburg Market Place”, located along US Highway 98.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Table a preliminary plat for a major subdivision known as “Hattiesburg Market Place”, located along US Highway 98 until the next Council meeting (March 5, 2024) for further information.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Staff Summary - Nice Guys Auto Variance
Image Sheet - Nice Guys Auto
Application - Nice Guys 0 ft sidewalk
MINUTES BOA JAN

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Take from the Table; a variance request 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Carroll to Table a variance request 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 until the first Council meeting in March (March 5, 2024) for further information.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Resolution FEB 20 2024
Budget Amendments 2-20-2024

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to Adopt the February 20th, 2024 Amendments to the budget for the City of Hattiesburg for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 and Adopt Resolution (#2024-5) authorizing publication of amendments for funds in excess of 10% of the originally appropriated fund balance.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Council Resolution to exercise option-S28th Avenue Property-BS Edits
Executed Purchase Agreement for Lincoln Rd @ S. 28th Ave., Realty Builders
Corporation, , J Ed Turner & ETAL

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Adopt a Resolution (#2024-6) 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: GC-FeasibilityStudy_ScopeOfWork-DRAFT
Resolution-USDA RBDG

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to Adopt a Resolution (#2024-7) 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: 1273-W015.2_Change Order No 2 - cap slabs_2024-02-09

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Rental Agreement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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 in conjunction with Forrest County and the City of Petal.

Attachments: [rtp-2024-application](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Delgado to 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 in conjunction with Forrest County and the City of Petal.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Grants_National Endowment for the Arts](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Attachment-A-Sample Application-2024 AARP Community Challenge](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Tatum Park-Fields 16 & 18 Lighting-Cert Bid Tab](#)
[Tatum Park-Fields 16 & 18 Lighting-Cert Bid Tab Ltr](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Closeout Documents - Jaycee Park Parking Lot](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Resolution-HDRI 2.20.24](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to Adopt a Resolution (#2024-8) 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: [Resolution-Western Beltway Planning 2.20.24](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to Adopt a Resolution (#2024-9) 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

ROUTINE AGENDA

THE ROUTINE AGENDA came before the Council.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Delgado to approve the Routine Agenda.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 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.

 Attachments: Signed 1521 Contract

- 2. **2024-110** Acknowledge privilege tax license report for the month ending January 2024.

 Attachments: PTLR 12024

- 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.

 Attachments: APPEAL FORM

- 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.

 Attachments: Bid Tabulation- Hattiesburg Police Pursuit Vehicles 1-18-24
 Bid Tab- Pursuit Veh
 Memo

- 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.

 Attachments: RFP HOME-ARP NCS
 CoH HOME-ARP RFP 2

- 6. **2024-100** Approve the City of Hattiesburg 2024-2026 Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal to expend the Department of Transportation Program Assistance Contracts.

 Attachments: DBE-Goal-Doc-July 2023-Final

7.

2024-112

Approve and authorize publication of public hearing for 2023 Consolidated/Action Plan and plan submission to HUD.

Attachments: [CON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 03112024](#)
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.

Attachments: [SUV Specs](#)
[NTB-Suvs](#)
9.

2024-99

Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached Memo's, Receipts, and Deeds.

Attachments: [Memo's \(02-20-2024\)](#)
[Receipts \(02-20-2024\)](#)
[Deeds \(02-20-2024\)](#)
10.

2024-109

Approve claims docket for the period ending February 16, 2024.

Attachments: [20240214173131](#)
[DOCKET 24.02.16B](#)
[DOCKET 24.02.16](#)

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 4:26 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

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 4:27 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown
Nays: 0

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 Council members Jeffrey George, Deborah Delgado, Carter Carroll, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Assistant Fire Chief, Chris Carr; City Engineer, Marybeth Bergin; Director of the Water Department, Alan Howe; Police Chief Communications Officer, Tate Rutland; John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; and Attorney Keith Turner of Watkins & Eager law firm.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 4:38 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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

In Memoriam:

A MOTION was made by Council President George to Adjourn the meeting in memory of:

- Rev. Bill Taylor
- Jan Nelson
- Mr. John Phillip Mackey

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the **meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m., this 20th day of February, 2024**, by unanimous consent, until the 4th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

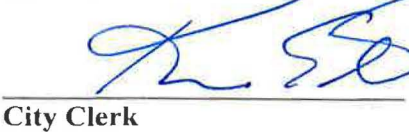
APPROVE:

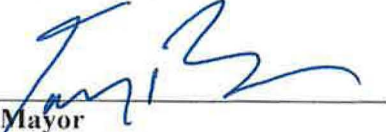

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor

