

Published Agenda



Monday, September 16, 2024	City Council	Council Chambers
4:00 PM	Monday Meeting Agenda	200 Forrest Street

- Call to Order**
- **Agenda Adjustments – Delete Policy Item #10 at the request of the Administration.**
- Agenda Review**
Citizens' Forum
Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **Agenda Review meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2024**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from an adjourned meeting held on September 13, 2024.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker 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. Others in attendance included City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.

Absent: Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton

Council President George Called the meeting to order.

Agenda Adjustments:

The Clerk of Council read aloud adjustments to the agenda.

Delete Policy Item #10 at the request of the Administration.

Agenda Review

Council President George proceeded with the Agenda Review.

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

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:

- Virginia Smith, 200 Tuscan Ave., Apt. A
- Theo Sutton, Jr.

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

Council Vice President Ware closed the Citizen Forum.

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 4:37 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 Delgado to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect potential 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 4:38 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

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council had gone into Executive Session to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Deborah Delgado, Carter Carroll, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Police Chief, Hardy Sims; Fire Chief, Sherrocko Stewart; Director of Engineering and Transportation, Marybeth Bergin; Deputy Director of Transportation and Engineering, Hunter White; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Senior Planner, Nathan Satcher; Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Deputy Director of Public Works, Maurice Sutton; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; and Attorney David Miller.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware exit Executive Session and re-open the meeting to the public at 4:49 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.

Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the **meeting recessed at 4:50 p.m., this 16th day of September, 2024**, by unanimous consent, until the 17th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

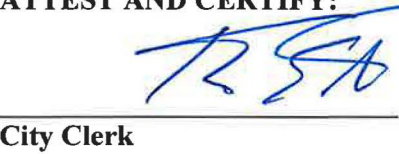
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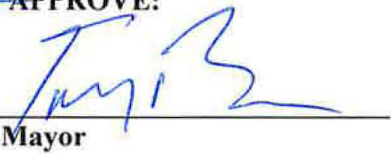

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor