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Tuesday, February 4, 2025
5:00 PM

City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order
Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Presentation Agenda

- **Agenda Adjustments - Add Policy Item #35 at the request of the Administration as follows:**

p. 266 - 267	**35.**	**2025-131**	Approve Letter of Engagement with Hicks Law Firm, PLLC, in Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-10-KS-MTP.

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p. 259	**10.**	**2025-120**	Adopt a Resolution authorizing the disposal of excess mulched vegetative debris and finding that the is no fair market value of the same in accordance with Miss Code Section 17-25-25.
p. 260	**11.**	**2025-123**	- Removed -
p. 260	**12.**	**2025-78**	Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Landry Lewis Germany Architects for professional Architectural and engineering services.
p. 260	**13.**	**2025-76**	Approve Lighting Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for lighting at 127 Chambliss Dr at a monthly cost of $8.65 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
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p. 261-262	**18.**	**2025-84**	Approve Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg, 522 Main Street Hattiesburg, LLC., and Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc., for participation in the Commercial Redevelopment Incentive Program for redevelopment of property located at 522 Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as described herein, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

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p. 262	**21.**	**2025-83**	**Adopt a motion to Void the Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Lamar Park Water and Sewer Association dated October 22, 1997, and that the terms and conditions of the 1997 Agreement be applied until such time as the City presents to Lamar Park a new agreement.**
p. 262-263	**22.**	**2025-119**	Adopt an Order to approve the sale of a personal service weapon to retiring Lieutenant Michael Hoffer pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated 45-9-131.
p. 263	**23.**	**2025-93**	**Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Green Bay Converting, Inc, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $327,814.00; adopt the final order allowing same.**
p. 263	**24.**	**2025-94**	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to BP Rex closures, LLC, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,498,805.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
p. 263-264	**25.**	**2025-95**	**Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to York International, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $645,102.00; adopt the final order allowing same.**
p. 264	**26.**	**2025-96**	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Sofidel America Corp. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,338,707.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
p. 264	**27.**	**2025-97**	**Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC. for a period not to exceed eight (8) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $2,054,053.00; adopt the final order allowing same.**
p. 264	**28.**	**2025-98**	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Western Container Corporation. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,816,093.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
p. 265	**29.**	**2025-99**	**Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,468,526.00; adopt the final order allowing same.**
p. 265	**30.**	**2025-114**	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $252,481.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
p. 265	**31.**	**2025-115**	**Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon Chemicals, L.P., for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $845,468.00; adopt the final order allowing same.**
p. 265-266	**32.**	**2025-118**	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $9,104,302.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
p. 266	**33.**	**2025-80**	**Declare and approve a sole source purchase covering rental election equipment and related services for the upcoming municipal election(s), as provided for in MS Code Section 31-7-13(m) (viii), based on information in the attached memorandum; authorize City Clerk to execute, in duplicate, rental agreement with Election Systems and Software,**
p. 266	**34.**	**2025-90**	Declare and approve a sole source purchase for 115 Motorola Body Cameras and 1st year Software Warranty in the amount of $399,848.00 as a sole source purchase per section 37-7-1 of MS Code of 1972 as amended.

ROUTINE AGENDA

p. 267	**1.**	**2025-77**	**Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket**
p. 267	**2.**	**2025-87**	Approve and authorize the issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Program Claims per the attached Memorandum.
p. 267	**3.**	**2025-85**	**Approve and authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg's 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).**
p. 267	**4.**	**2025-92**	Approve claims docket for the period ending January 31, 2025.

In Memoriam:

- Mr. Evangelist Rhodes
- Mr. Charles Ralph Robinson
- Mrs. JoNell Walley
- Mr. William Gardner Hewes, Jr.
- Representative William C. "Bill" Denny, Jr.
- Mrs. Evelyn Wiseman

Meeting Adjourn

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Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2025**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from a recessed meeting held on February 3, 2025.

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 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 Officer David Matos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kermas Eaton.

Presentation Agenda

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

Mayor Barker welcomed members of the Mayor's Youth Council.

There were no other presentations at this time.

Agenda Adjustments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member to **ADD** Policy Item # 35 at the request of the Administration as follows:

35. **2025-131** Approve Letter of Engagement with Hicks Law Firm, PLLC, in Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-10-KS-MTP.

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. **2025-89** Approve the minutes for the January 24, 2025 meeting of the City Council.

Attachments: 01-24-2025 SCM Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** the minutes for the *January 24, 2025* meeting 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. **2025-74** Adopt Resolutions condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.

Attachments: Adopt Resolution to Condemn Memo 02 04 2025
Dismissal Memo - 110 Columbia St
1. 47 South Hills Dr Condemnation Resolution
2. 118 Scooba St Condemnation Resolution
3. 602 Breland St Condemnation Resolution
4. 1201 Penton St Condemnation Resolution
6. 702 S 22nd Ave Condemnation Resolution
7. 1406 Concart St Condemnation Resolution
8. 110 Gulfport St Condemnation Resolution
9. 307 Pauline Ave Condemnation Resolution
10. 601 Tipton St Condemnation Resolution
11. 903 Dewey St Condemnation Resolution
12. 909 Dewey St Condemnation Resolution
13. 910 Dewey St Condemnation Resolution
14. 914 Dewey St Condemnation Resolution
15. 915 Whitney St Condemnation Resolution
16. 922 Whitney St Condemnation Resolution
17. 1018 Atlanta St Condemnation Resolution
18. 5332 Hwy 42 Bypass Condemnation Resolution
19. 5338 Hwy 42 Bypass Condemnation Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (#2025-31-48)** condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.

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. **2025-79** Adopt Resolutions adjudicating and directing the placement as an assessment for the cleanup costs and applicable penalties, not to exceed the values prescribed by State law, against the following properties.

Attachments: Adjudication Memo 02/04/2025
1. 704 Webster Street Adjudication Resolution
2. 706 Webster Street Adjudication Resolution
3. 710 Webster Street Adjudication Resolution
4. 712 Webster Street Adjudication Resolution
5. 1203 Edwards Street Adjudication Resolution.
6. 720 Greely Street Adjudication Resolution
7. 716 Greely Street Adjudication Resolution
8. 715 Lincoln Street Adjudication Resolution
9. 0 Alcorn Avenue Adjudication Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (#2025-49-57)** adjudicating and directing the placement as an assessment for the cleanup costs and applicable penalties, not to exceed the values prescribed by State law, against the following properties.

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. **2025-122** Adopt an Ordinance establishing and defining voting precinct boundaries and polling places for the Mayor and Council election wards for the City of Hattiesburg.

Attachments: Ordinance for Precincts
Map of Precinct Changes

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** an **ORDINANCE (#3367)** establishing and defining voting precinct boundaries and polling places for the Mayor

and Council election wards for the City of Hattiesburg.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 1 - Delgado

5. **2025-66** Take from the table: Adopt an Ordinance for Vacant and Abandoned Structure Registration.

Attachments: Ordinance vacancy registration final

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **TAKE FROM THE TABLE**, an Ordinance for Vacant and Abandoned Structure Registration.

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 Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADOPT** an **ORDINANCE (#3368)** for Vacant and Abandoned Structure Registration.

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. **2025-46** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a conditional use request made by Advance Engineering, Engineer, John Prickett, Representative, Jason Graham, Representative, for a "Construction Office" for a B-3 zoned property located at 908 Hardy Street (PPIN 13240, Ward 4, Forrest County).

Attachments: Item A Staff Report- 908 Hardy Street- Cooper Construction
A Image Sheet - 908 Hardy Street
Public Hearing & Conditional Use Application_CC
Minutes- January 2025- HPC- Completed

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to ***accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to*** **DENY** a conditional use request for a Construction Office in B-3 zoned property located at 908 Hardy Street.

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. **2025-47** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a conditional use request made by Greater Solutions LLC, Representative, for a "Restaurant without a Drive-thru" for B-2 & R-1A zoned properties located at 6060 Hwy 49 (PPIN 16705, 16707, 16717, & 16719), Ward 4, Forrest County).

Attachments: Item B Staff Report- 6060 Hwy 49- Petra Cafe
B Image Sheet - 6060 Hwy 49 - Petra
Application
Minutes- January 2025- HPC- Completed
Exhibit

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to ***Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to*** **APPROVE** a conditional use request for a Restaurant without a

Drive-thru in a B-2 & R-1A zoned properties located at 6060 Hwy 49.

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

8. **2025-48** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Conditional Use request made by Nick Hartley, Representative, for a "Group Home" for a R-1A zoned property located at 101 Chaucer Circle (PPIN 24382, Ward 3, Forrest County).

Attachments: Item C Staff Report- 101 Chaucer Circle- Pine Belt Mental Health Resources Group Home
C Image Sheet - 101 Chaucer Circle - PBMHC Group Home
Application
Minutes- January 2025- HPC- Completed

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to ***Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to*** **APPROVE** a Conditional Use for a Group Home in a R-1A zoned property located at 101 Chaucer Circle.

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. **2025-49** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a conditional use request made by Michael Scott, Representative, for gravel outdoor storage for a B-3 zoned property at 5584 Hwy 42 (Ward 2, Forrest County).

Attachments: Item D Staff Report-5584 Hwy 42- Right Trailers
D Image Sheet - 5584 Hwy 42 - Right Trailers
APPLICATION
Minutes- January 2025- HPC- Completed

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to ***Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to*** **APPROVE** a conditional use for gravel outdoor storage in a B-3 zoned property at 5584 Hwy 42.

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. **2025-120** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the disposal of excess mulched vegetative debris and finding that the is no fair market value of the same in accordance with Miss Code Section 17-25-25.

Attachments: Resolution-mulch disposal

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT a RESOLUTION (#2025-58)** authorizing the disposal of excess mulched vegetative debris and finding that the is no fair market value of the same in accordance with Miss Code Section 17-25-25.

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. **2025-123** **- Removed –**

12. **2025-78** Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Landry Lewis Germany Architects for professional Architectural and engineering services.

Attachments: Architect Agreement for signature

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to **APPROVE** Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Landry Lewis Germany Architects for professional Architectural and engineering services.

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. **2025-76** Approve Lighting Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for lighting at 127 Chambliss Dr at a monthly cost of $8.65 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: 127 Chambliss Dr Auth MS POWER

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Delgado to **APPROVE** Lighting Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for lighting at *127 Chambliss Dr.* at a monthly cost of $8.65 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

14. **2025-91** Approve Change Order #3 with Nicholson Professional Consulting, Inc. for the Midtown Green Park Project and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

Attachments: Change Order #3 with NPC

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Change Order #3 with *Nicholson Professional Consulting, Inc.* for the Midtown Green Park Project 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

15. **2025-63** Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the Gordon's Creek Drainage Improvements Ph 1 project; Authorize Advertisement for Final Settlement; Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No 1; Authorize Final Acceptance of the project and payment of Final Pay Application to Homestead Services, LLC.

Attachments: 12220-009_Closeout Documents wTransmittal

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of closing documents for the *Gordon's Creek Drainage Improvements Phase 1 project*;

AUTHORIZE Advertisement for Final Settlement; Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No 1;

AUTHORIZE Final Acceptance of the project and payment of Final Pay Application to *Homestead Services, LLC.*

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. **2025-121** Approve a Contract with Waste Pro for delivery of acceptable waste to its landfill or transfer station, at a fee of $8 per yard for a three (3)term beginning February 5, 2025 and ending February 6, 2028 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Waste Pro Agreement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** a Contract with *Waste Pro* for delivery of acceptable waste to its landfill or transfer station, at a fee of $8 per yard for a three (3) term beginning February 5, 2025 and ending February 6, 2028 and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the same.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware & Brown

Nays: 1- Delgado

17. **2025-82** Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg ("City") and The University of Southern Mississippi ("University"), for the City to furnish the University, fire protection and related services for a period of one (1) year commencing on August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, as per agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: USM Fire Protection Agreement 2024 Draft Revised for 2025 signed by USM

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg ("City") and *The University of Southern Mississippi ("University")*, for the City to furnish the University, fire protection and related services for a period of one (1) year commencing on August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, as per agreement 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

18. **2025-84** Approve Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg, 522 Main Street Hattiesburg, LLC., and Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc., for participation in the Commercial Redevelopment Incentive Program for redevelopment of property located at 522 Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as described herein, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: 2025.1.13_Tri Party Agreement_522 Main Street Hattiesburg LLC_executed

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **APPROVE** Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg, *522 Main Street Hattiesburg, LLC.*, and *Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc.*, for participation in the Commercial Redevelopment Incentive Program for redevelopment of property located at 522 Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as described herein,

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

19. **2025-81** Approve Engagement Letter with Carroll Warren & Parker, PLLC, to represent the City of Hattiesburg in the performance of general representation and/or legal consultation and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Hattiesburg- Engagement Letter

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Engagement Letter with *Carroll Warren & Parker, PLLC*, to represent the City of Hattiesburg in the performance of general representation and/or legal consultation 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

20. **2025-88** Approve Engagement Letter from Hicks Law Firm to represent the City of Hattiesburg Election Commission.

Attachments: COH Election Commission Retention

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Engagement Letter from *Hicks Law Firm* to represent the City of Hattiesburg Election Commission.

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

21. **2025-83** Adopt a motion to Void the Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Lamar Park Water and Sewer Association dated October 22, 1997, and that the terms and conditions of the 1997 Agreement be applied until such time as the City presents to Lamar Park a new agreement.

Attachments: Lamar Park Water & Sewer Contract Motion to Void 2.4.25

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to ***Adopt a motion to* VOID** the Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and *Lamar Park Water and Sewer Association dated October 22, 1997*, and that the terms and conditions of the 1997 Agreement be applied until such time as the City presents to Lamar Park a new agreement.

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

22. **2025-119** Adopt an Order to approve the sale of a personal service weapon to retiring Lieutenant Michael Hoffer pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated 45-9-131.

Attachments: Service Weapon - Lt. Hoffer

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to ***Adopt an Order to*** **APPROVE** the sale of a *personal service weapon to retiring Lieutenant Michael Hoffer* pursuant to the Mississippi Code Annotated 45-9-131.

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

23. **2025-93** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Green Bay Converting, Inc, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $327,814.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Green bay Converting
Green Bay Converting, Inc. 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Nicholas Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Green Bay Converting, Inc.,* for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $327,814.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

24. **2025-94** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to BP Rex closures, LLC, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,498,805.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: BP Rex
BP Rex Closures, LLC. 2024(City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *BP Rex closures, LLC*, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,498,805.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

25. **2025-95** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to York International, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $645,102.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: York
York International Corporation 2024(City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *York International*, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a

true total value of $645,102.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

26. **2025-96** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Sofidel America Corp. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,338,707.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: final order.1 Sofidel
Sofidel America Corp. 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Sofidel America Corp.* for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $1,338,707.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

27. **2025-97** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC. for a period not to exceed eight (8) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $2,054,053.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Wis-Pak
Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC. 2024(City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC* for a period not to exceed eight (8) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $2,054,053.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

28. **2025-98** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Western Container Corporation. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,816,093.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Western Container Corp
Western Container Corporation 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Western Container Corporation* for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,816,093.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

29. **2025-99** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,468,526.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Resinall Corp
Resinall Corporation 2024(City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Resinall Corporation* for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $7,468,526.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

30. **2025-114** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $252,481.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Mississippi Tank
Mississippi Tank Company 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Mississippi Tank*, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $252,481.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

31. **2025-115** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon Chemicals, L.P., for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $845,468.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Zeon
Zeon Chemicals, L.P. 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Zeon Chemicals, L.P.*, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $845,468.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

32. **2025-118** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC. for a period not to exceed ten (10) years,

commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $9,104,302.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations
Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations (City of Hattiesburg) 2024

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of a letter** received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC* for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of $9,104,302.00; **ADOPT the final order** allowing 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

33. **2025-80** Declare and approve a sole source purchase covering rental election equipment and related services for the upcoming municipal election(s), as provided for in MS Code Section 31-7-13(m) (viii), based on information in the attached memorandum; authorize City Clerk to execute, in duplicate, rental agreement with Election Systems and Software,

Attachments: ESS-1726 City of Hattiesburg Election Support

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **DECLARE and APPROVE** a sole source purchase covering rental election equipment and related services for the upcoming municipal election(s), as provided for in MS Code Section 31-7-13(m) (viii), based on information in the attached memorandum; **AUTHORIZE** City Clerk to execute, in duplicate, rental agreement with *Election Systems and Software*.

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

34. **2025-90** Declare and approve a sole source purchase for 115 Motorola Body Cameras and 1st year Software Warranty in the amount of $399,848.00 as a sole source purchase per section 37-7-1 of MS Code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: Letter from Chief Sims
Sole Source Letter
Quote from Motorola

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **DECLARE and APPROVE** a sole source purchase for 115 *Motorola Body Cameras* and 1st year Software Warranty in the amount of $399,848.00 as a sole source purchase per section 37-7-1 of MS Code of 1972 as amended.

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

35. **2025-131** Approve Letter of Engagement with Hicks Law Firm, PLLC, in Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-10-KS-MTP.

Attachments: Letter of Engagement - Hicks

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Letter of Engagement with *Hicks Law Firm, PLLC*, in Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-10-KS-MTP.

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

**Note*: *The Mayor left the chambers at 5:18 p.m.*

ROUTINE AGENDA

THE ROUTINE AGENDA came before the Council.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown 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. **2025-77** Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket

Attachments: February 4, 2025 Agenda

2. **2025-87** Approve and authorize the issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Program Claims per the attached Memorandum.

Attachments: CN 3823 Katie Dabbs Invoice #6 1.27.25

3. **2025-85** Approve and authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg's 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Attachments: 2024 CAPER publication for 2.6.25

4. **2025-92** Approve claims docket for the period ending January 31, 2025.

Attachments: DT 25.01.31
DOCKET 25.01.31

Presentation

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **SUSPEND Robert's Rule of Order** to allow *Clarion Associates* to present a Comprehensive Plan overview and update.

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. **2025-132** Comprehensive Plan Overview and Update, presented by Clarion Associates.

Attachments: Comprehensive Plan Overview and Update

In Memoriam:

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

- *Mr. Evangelist Rhodes*
- *Mr. Charles Ralph Robinson*
- *Mrs. JoNell Walley*
- *Mr. William Gardner Hewes, Jr.*
- *Representative William C. "Bill" Denny, Jr.*
- *Mrs. Evelyn Wiseman*
- *Mr. Clinard "Clint" Martin*

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the **meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m., this 4th day of February 2025**, by unanimous consent, until the 18th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

Ronda S. Kennedy

Clerk of Council

APPROVE:

Jeffrey George

Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

City Clerk

APPROVE:

Mayor

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