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**Tuesday, April 8, 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 to Routine Item #24 (Claims Docket), Addendum to the claims docket.

POLICY AGENDA

- 1. 2025-244** Approve the minutes for the March 17, 18 & 21, 2025 meetings of the City Council.
- 2. 2025-157** Table from the Table: Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for a preliminary plat for a major subdivision made by Legacy Park Residential, LLC, Property Owner/Applicant, for an R-1B zoned property located on Beverly Hills Road (PPIN 26210, Ward 1, Forrest County). *(Tabled on March 18, 2025).*
- 3. 2025-231** Take from the Table; Adopt a Resolution approving settlement of claim with Grove Transportation Company of Mississippi, LLC., as a doubtful and disputed claim. Authorize the issuance of a manual check for settlement. *(Tabled on March 18, 2025 Meeting).*
- 4. 2025-156** Take from the Table: Adopt a corrected Resolution previously approved on February 21, 2023 to reflect the corrected property description (Nunc Pro Tunc) and authorize release of lien filed in relation to code enforcement clean-up assessment for property located at 535 W. 4th Street *(Tabled on March 18, 2025 Meeting).*
- 5. 2025-238** Adopt Resolutions condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.
- 6. 2025-246** Adopt an order to approve the sale of a personal service weapon to retiring Officer Ray Walley pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated 45-9-131.

7. **2025-239** Approve Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to minor structural improvements to the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge; and Authorize Mayor to execute in duplicate.

8. **2025-279** Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Precision Communications, Inc., to provide bi-annual tornado siren maintenance inspections on all City of Hattiesburg tornado sirens and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

9. **2025-268** Approve Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission (Hattiesburg Alliance for Public Art) for the purpose of promoting and supporting local economic development through public art in accordance with Section 21-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972. Approve and authorize issuance of manual check.

10. **2025-273** Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements for the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per project according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute in triplicate.

11. **2025-270** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Hattiesburg, Pearl River Community College and South Mississippi Planning and Development District to provide tuition assistance for city residents and authorize the Mayor to execute in triplicate.

12. **2025-247** Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Hattiesburg Police Department and the United States Marine Corps for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC) to periodically conduct required training within the City of Hattiesburg, MS and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

13. **2025-240** Approve Rental Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and RJ Young for a copier located in the Building Division office, for a period of 48 months, at a cost of \$105.98 per month and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

14. **2025-236** Approve Annual Maintenance with Business Information Systems, Inc., for DCR, (digital recording system) in the Council Chambers at an annual rate of \$1,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

15. **2025-265** Approve Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo, authorize the Mayor to execute and record the same.

16. **2025-269** Acknowledge receipt of final closing documents for the Timberton Softball Complex Project, authorization for publication of Notice of Final Settlement, and authorize final acceptance of the project.

- 17. 2025-154** Declare and approve a sole source purchase of 10 Bluetooth wireless motorcycle earpieces and 10 transmitters, Warranty in the amount of \$12,462.34 as a sole source purchase per section 37-7-1 of MS Code of 1972 as amended.
- 18. 2025-274** Declare and approve a sole source purchase of one Wright Autonomous Stander ZK mower from Groundworks Distribution in the amount of \$44,570.40 per section 37-7-13 of MS Code of 1972 as amended.
- 19. 2025-304** Adopt a Resolution naming Hall Avenue East Overpass Bridge in honor of Percy W. Watson.
- 20. 2025-305** Adopt a Resolution naming Hall Avenue West Overpass Bridge in honor of Roger F. Wicker.

ROUTINE AGENDA

- 1. 2025-242** Ratify Lighting Agreement with Southern Pine Electric for additional lighting in Ward 1 for a monthly increase of \$335.20.
- 2. 2025-278** Acknowledge receipt of request filed by Fred Smith Jr., Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's action on the petition filed by Fred Smith Jr., to replace and modify porch railing at 2012 Mamie Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Deny the petition on March 12, 2025. Set a public hearing before City Council on May 5, 2025, at 4:00 pm and authorize publication of Public Notice setting an Appeal Public Hearing.
- 3. 2025-250** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia-Pacific, 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.
- 4. 2025-251** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon, 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.
- 5. 2025-254** 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 the same.

- 6. 2025-252** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank Company, 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 the same.
- 7. 2025-253** 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 the same.
- 8. 2025-256** 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 the same.
- 9. 2025-257** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to York International Corp, 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 the same.
- 10. 2025-255** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC Corporation, 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 the same.
- 11. 2025-258** 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 the same.
- 12. 2025-259** 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 the same.
- 13. 2025-249** Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Kohler Company, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, commencing December 31, 2023, with a true total value of \$99,925,745.00; adopt the final order allowing same.
- 14. 2025-227** Acknowledge receipt of Utility Easement from Martin Luther King Avenue Baptist Church for part of Blocks 65 and 66.

15. **2025-243** Authorize and approve the disposal of Code Enforcement records from and to 1990 – 2019 to include code enforcement files without fines (GSM 10-05) and code enforcement files with fines (GSM 10-06).

16. **2025-260** Authorize and approve the disposal of City Council Agenda Files; general council office paperwork and documentation dated from 1991 through 2017 in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule (GSL 01 02) and (GSL 01 09), as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.

17. **2025-262** Authorize and approve the issuance of a manual check for CDBG Program Claims per attached Memorandum.
18. **2025-263** Authorize and approve the issuance of a manual check for HOME Program Claims per attached Memorandum.

19. **2025-266** Authorize and approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg’s 2025 Annual Action Plan.

20. **2025-267** Authorize and approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

21. **2025-271** Authorize and approve publication of a Request for Qualifications for Environmental Review Consulting Services.

22. **2025-272** Approve and authorize publication of a Request of Qualifications for Financial Consulting Services for HUD CDBG & HOME Programs

23. **2025-275** Approve advertisement for construction documents and bids for Rebekah Stark Johnson Community Art Center project with funding from the Building for the Arts Grant

24. **2025-276** Approve claims docket for the period ending April 4, 2025.

In Memoriam:

- Mr. Artis Smith, Jr.
- Mrs. Willie Eugenia Bridges
- Mr. Walter Esco Carpenter, Jr.
- Mr. Konell Leroy Barnes, Jr.
- Mrs. Margaret (Marge) Mary Hanrion
- Mr. Billy Jones

Meeting Adjourn