



Tuesday, April 8, 2025

City Council

Council Chambers

5:00 PM

Tuesday Meeting Agenda

200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Agenda

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	ROUTINE AGENDA		
p. 316	1.	2025-242	Ratify Lighting Agreement with Southern Pine Electric for additional lighting in Ward 1 for a monthly increase of \$335.20.
p. 316	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.
p. 316	3.	2025-250	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Georgia-Pacific</u> , 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. 316	4.	2025-251	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Zeon</u> , 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. 316	5.	2025-254	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Western Container Corporation</u> , 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.
p. 316	6.	2025-252	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Mississippi Tank Company</u> , 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.
p. 316	7.	2025-253	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Resinall Corporation</u> , 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.
p. 316	8.	2025-256	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Sofidel America Corp</u> , for a period not to exceed ten
p. 316	9.	2025-257	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>York International Corp</u> , 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.
p. 317	10.	2025-255	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC Corporation</u> , 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.
p. 317	11.	2025-258	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>BP Rex Closures, LLC</u> , 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.
p. 317	12.	2025-259	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Green Bay Converting, Inc</u> , 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.
p. 317	13.	2025-249	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to <u>Kohler Company</u> , 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.
p. 317	14.	2025-227	Acknowledge receipt of Utility Easement from Martin Luther King Avenue Baptist Church for part of Blocks 65 and 66.
p. 317	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).
p. 317	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.
p. 317	17.	2025-262	Authorize and approve the issuance of a manual check for CDBG Program Claims per attached Memorandum.
p. 317	18.	2025-263	Authorize and approve the issuance of a manual check for HOME Program Claims per attached Memorandum.
p. 317	19.	2025-266	Authorize and approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg's 2025 Annual Action Plan.
p. 317	20.	2025-267	Authorize and approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.
p. 318	21.	2025-271	Authorize and approve publication of a Request for Qualifications for Environmental Review Consulting Services.
p. 318	22.	2025-272	Approve and authorize publication of a Request of Qualifications for Financial Consulting Services for HUD CDBG & HOME Programs
p. 318	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
p. 318	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

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **regular meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from a recessed meeting held on April 7, 2025.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2 (via teleconference); 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.

There were no presentations at this time.

Agenda Adjustments - Add to *Routine Item #24 (Claims Docket)*, Addendum to the Claims Docket.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADD** to *Routine Item #24 (Claims Docket)*, Addendum to the Claims Docket.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

R-24. 2025-317	Addendum to the Claims Docket, payment of invoices payable to Lightsey & Associates and USM Symphony.
	<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Addendum to claims docket - 4-8-25</u>

POLICY AGENDA

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER came before the Council.

The POLICY AGENDA came before the Council.

1. **2025-244** Approve the minutes for the March 17, 18 & 21, 2025 meetings of the City Council.

Attachments: 03-17-2025 AR Mins.
 03-18-2025 Mins.
 03-21-2025 SCM Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** the minutes for the *March 17, 18 & 21, 2025* meetings of the City Council.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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*).

Attachments: Item A Staff Report- Beverly Hills Road- Major Subdivision
 A Image Sheet - Major Subdivision Beverly Hills Road
 Application_CC

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **TAKE FROM THE TABLE**: a request for a preliminary plat for a major subdivision made by Legacy Park Residential, LLC for an R-1B zoned property located on Beverly Hills Road.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** a request for a *preliminary plat for a major subdivision made by Legacy Park Residential, LLC*, for an R-1B zoned property, located on Beverly Hills Road.

An AMENDMENT was made by Council Member Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **approve** **with the following conditions:**

1. A set of HOA Covenants/bylaws be provided to staff before the filing and recording of the plat that address the following at minimum:
 - a. Preventative and routine maintenance of all vegetative common areas and stormwater facilities owned by the HOA (detention/retention areas)
 - b. A capital maintenance plan to address the items above as well as potential insolvency by the HOA.
2. The following Conditions be added to and recorded on the Subdivision Plat:
 - a. The common area(s) parcel's ad valorem tax value shall be assessed to each lot owner on a prorated basis as part of each lot owner's total assessment.
 - b. The common area(s) of this subdivision shall be owned and maintained by the owner's, commercial owner's association, and/or by the property owner(s) of the lots. In the event any lot becomes subdivided into additional lots or individual site plans, said site plans conforming to the city's Land Development Code, each property owner shall own their pro rata share, by area percentage of their lot, of the common areas. Such maintenance shall be performed so as to ensure that the common area operates in accordance the City's Land Development Code and Property Maintenance Code. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to repair of structures, and maintenance of sign tenants, and maintenance of the property. The city shall have a "right of access" to use the drives, parking areas, and yards of this property to make inspections of the common areas to ensure that said maintenance has been properly performed.

In the event that the property owner(s) have not properly performed maintenance on the facilities, to the extent that the facility(s) poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare, the city shall retain the right to perform emergency repairs to the facility. The cost of any such repairs will remain the responsibility of the property owner(s) and may be added as a lien on the next year's tax bill.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

The Council President called for a vote on the motion as amended.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

3.
- 2025-231
(POSTPONED)

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).

Attachments: RESOLUTION-Grove Transit Settlement
 RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **TAKE FROM THE TABLE**; a Resolution approving settlement of a claim with Grove Transportation Company of Mississippi, LLC, and authorization to issue a manual check for the settlement.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **POSTPONE INDEFINITELY**; a Resolution approving settlement of a claim with Grove Transportation Company of Mississippi, LLC, and authorization to issue a manual check for the settlement.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

4.
- 2025-156
[RES#2025-81]

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.

Attachments: Release of Lien Memo 03/04/2025
 3. 535 W 4th Street Adjudication Resolution Nunc
 1. 535 W 4th St - Release of Lien Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **TAKE FROM THE TABLE**; a corrected Resolution previously approved on February 21, 2023 to reflect the corrected property description (Nunc Pro Tunc) and authorization release of lien filed in relation to code enforcement clean-up assessment for property located at 535 W. 4th Street.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADOPT** a *corrected* **RESOLUTION [#2025-81]** 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

5.

2025-238

[RES#2025-82-86]

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 04082025

1. 0 7th St Condemnation Resolution

2. 141 Redus St Condemnation Resolution

3. 143 Redus St Condemnation Resolution

4. 212 N Tipton St Condemnation Resolution

5. 504 Broad St Condemnation Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS [#2025-82-86]** 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 (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
- Attachments:

Chief's Letter

Benefit Fund Letter

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 Officer Ray Walley pursuant to 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 (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.
- Attachments:

12254_LS Owner Engineer Agreement_River Ave Ped Bridge_Ph 1

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 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.

Attachments: scan

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 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.

Attachments: Hattiesburg Tourism Alliance for Public Art MOU 2025

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to 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; and AUTHORIZE issuance of manual check.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

- 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.

Attachments: 21 Annie Christie - Roof Grant Agreements
106 Barnes Circle - Roof Grant Agreements
3 Grace Court - Roof Grant Agreements
101 Southview Drive - Roof Grant Agreements

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: HATTIESBURG-PRCC-SMPDD MOU TUITION ASSISTANCE
2024-2025
PRCC County Tuition Program

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: MOU - U.S. Marine Corps Forces, City of Hattiesburg, and
Hattiesburg Police Department

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: City of Hattiesburg - Urban Development Rental Agreement - RJ Young
- Building Division

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Invoice 102244 from BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS INC

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Release of Lien Memo 04/08/2025
1. 426 S 12th Ave Release of Lien Resolution
2. 315 JC Killingsworth Dr Release of Lien Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** *Release of Lien* documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute and record the same.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Final Pay App Closeout for Timberton Park
Notice of Final Settlement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of the final closing documents for the *Timberton Softball Complex Project*, **AUTHORIZE** the publication of the Notice of Final Settlement, 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 (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments: Letter from Chief
Estimate 952809_1738098255792
Hattisburg PD - Sole Source Letter 2025

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

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Attachments:

US Patent RE49179 E

Wright Manufacturing - Sole Source

Groundworks Distribution - March 2025 Estimate

Departmental Request Letter

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **DECLARE and APPROVE** a sole source purchase of *one (1) 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.

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

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

19.
- 2025-304
[RES#2025-87]
- Adopt a Resolution naming Hall Avenue East Overpass Bridge in honor of Percy W. Watson.

Attachments:

RESOLUTION-Hall Avenue East Bridge Naming-Percy W. Watson

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A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT a RESOLUTION [#2025-87]** naming *Hall Avenue East Overpass Bridge* in honor of *Percy W. Watson*.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Delgado (via teleconference), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

20.
- 2025-305
[RES#2025-88]
- Adopt a Resolution naming Hall Avenue West Overpass Bridge in honor of Roger F. Wicker.

Attachments:

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Nays: 0

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 (*via teleconference*), Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

1.

2025-242

Ratify Lighting Agreement with Southern Pine Electric for additional lighting in Ward 1 for a monthly increase of \$335.20.

Attachments: Southern Pines Lighting Agreements Ward 1
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.

Attachments: 2012 Mamie Street- Appeal Form
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.

Attachments: Georgia Pacific 2024 FO
 GP 2024 Reso
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.

Attachments: Zeon 2024 FO
 Zeon 2024 Reso
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.

Attachments: Western Container 2024 FO
 Western Container 2024 Reso
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

Attachments: MS Tank 2024 FO
 MS Tank 2024 Reso
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.

Attachments: Resinall 2024 FO
 Resinall 2024 Reso
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.

Attachments: sofidel 2024 FO
 sofidel 2024 Reso
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.

Attachments: york 2024 FO
 York International 2024 Reso

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.

 Attachments: wis-Pak 2024 FO
 Wis- Pak 2024 Reso

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.

 Attachments: BP Rex 2024 FO
 BP Rex

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.

 Attachments: Green Bay 2024 FO
 Green Bay 2024 Reso

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.

 Attachments: Kohler 2024 FO
 Kohler Company

14. **2025-227** Acknowledge receipt of Utility Easement from Martin Luther King Avenue Baptist Church for part of Blocks 65 and 66.

 Attachments: MLK Baptist Church Easement

15. **2025-243** Authorize 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).

 Attachments: CE Records Disposal Memo 04/08/2025

16. **2025-260** Authorize 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.

 Attachments: PY24 - CAPER - CDBG Cost

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

 Attachments: PY24 CAPER - HOME Cost

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

 Attachments: 2025 AAP Public Notice

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

 Attachments: CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment for PY2019

21.

2025-271

Authorize and approve publication of a Request for Qualifications for Environmental Review Consulting Services.

Attachments: RFQ - Environmental Review Consultant 04.08.25
22.

2025-272

Approve and authorize publication of a Request of Qualifications for Financial Consulting Services for HUD CDBG & HOME Programs

Attachments: RFQ for HUD Financial Consultation CDBG HOME Programs 04.08.25
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

Attachments: 4121B Combined Specifications
4121B HCAC Renovations 2024 Classroom HVAC - Sealed Drawings 3-31-2025
24.

2025-276

Approve claims docket for the period ending April 4, 2025.

Attachments: DOCKET 25.0331
DT 25.0331
Addendum to claims docket - 4-8-25

In Memoriam:

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

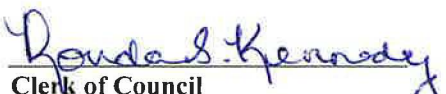
- *Mr. Artis Smith, Jr.*
- *Mrs. Willie Eugenia Bridges*
- *Mr. Walter Esco Carpenter, Jr.*
- *Mr. Konell Leroy Barnes, Jr.*
- *Mrs. Margaret (Marge) Mary Hanrion*
- *Mr. Billy Jones*
- *Mr. Ronald Taylor*

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the **meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m., this 8th day of April 2025**, by unanimous consent, until the 21st day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

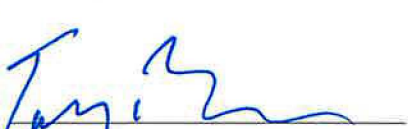

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
