

Published Agenda

Tuesday, April 22, 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 Items #21, #22, #23, #24, #25 and #26 at the request of the Administration as follows:

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p. 328	15.	2025-325	Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Powers of Mississippi to provide professional preventive maintenance and inspection services related to the building automation and controls system at the Hattiesburg Police Safety Complex, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
p. 328-329	16.	2025-324	Approve Contract with Complete Environmental & Remediation Co, LLC for work related to the 2025 Right Way to Throw Away - household hazardous waste event pricing scheduled for May 3, 2025 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
p. 329	17.	2025-318	Approve Lighting Agreement with Mississippi Power for additional lighting at the corner of Front St. and Mobile St. and behind South Bound for a monthly increase of \$45.30 and authorize Mayor to execute the same.
p. 329	18.	2025-334	Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the Vernon Dahmer Park Playground project; Authorize payment of final pay application to the contractor; And authorize final acceptance of the project.
p. 329-330	19.	2025-335	Authorize application of grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Aviation Administration for the construction of lighting and signage improvements at the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport; and authorize the Mayor to execute application documents when prepared and any and all other documents related to the grant.
p. 330	20.	2025-326	Acknowledge grant award in the amount of \$674,638.00 and MOU between the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Board of Trustees (MOST) to fund the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook. The grant and MOU require the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide a \$550,000 match for a total project cost of \$1,224,638.
ROUTINE AGENDA			
p. 332	1.	2025-341	Acknowledge receipt of request filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla, Owner/Petitioner, and Jose Gilberto Chicas Maravilla, Applicant, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's action on the petition filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla for exterior modifications at 112 E 8th Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on April 9, 2025. Set a public hearing before City Council on May 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm and authorize publication of Public Notice setting an Appeal Public Hearing.
p. 332	2.	2025-306	Acknowledge receipt of Final Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund Loan Agreement for Water Treatment Plant I Rehabilitation Phase II.
p. 332	3.	2025-339	Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending March 31, 2025.
p. 332	4.	2025-332	Acknowledge receipt of Rails to Trails Recreational District Fiscal Year 2024 financial statements.
p. 332	5.	2025-343	Authorize the disposal of Various Records dated from 1987 through 2021 in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.
p. 332	6.	2025-344	Authorize the disposal of Council Agenda Files dated from 1983 through 2020 in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.
p. 332	7.	2025-330	Authorize publication of a Request for Proposals based on the findings of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis conducted for the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, to acquire and rehabilitate Non-Congregate Shelter.
p. 332	8.	2025-342	Approve the sale of grave spaces, per attached receipts.
p. 332	9.	2025-337	Approve claims docket for the period ending April 18, 2025.

- In Memoriam:**
- Mr. Johnny Woodland
 - Mr. Randy Jordan

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 22, 2025**, in Council Chambers at City Hall; same being from a recessed meeting held on April 21, 2025.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker (entered at 5:12 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. 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.

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER came before the Council.

Agenda Adjustments

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADD** *Policy Items #21, # 22, 23, #24, #25 and #26* at the request of the Administration as follows:

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.

2025-346

Adopt an Ordinance enlarging, extending and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the City of Hattiesburg, in Forrest County, Mississippi, and authorize any and all filings for the same.
- Attachments: 2025 Annexation Ordinance
22.

2025-347

Adopt a Resolution naming Field #1 at Dahmer Park in honor of Rickey Garner.
- Attachments: RESOLUTION-Rickey Garner Vernon Dahmer Park
23.

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Adopt a Resolution appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Prosecutor Pro Tem for the City of Hattiesburg.
- Attachments: Appoint Prosecutors
24.

2025-348

Authorize and Order the City Attorney, directly or through contracted private attorneys and/or other necessary professionals, to institute any and all condemnation proceedings necessary to acquire property described as Forrest County Parcel PPINs 31828 and 37137 for public use.
- Attachments: Order to Condemn - 31821 and 37137
25.

2025-349

Authorize and Order the City Attorney, directly or through contracted private attorneys and/or other necessary professionals, to institute any and all condemnation proceedings necessary to acquire property described as Forrest County Parcel PPIN 26187 for public use.
- Attachments: Order to Condemn - 26187
26.

2025-350

Approve engagement of Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC, in the performance of legal services related to property acquisition, including eminent domain and other legal representation as needed.
- Attachments: Howdeshell Engagement Letter

POLICY AGENDA

The POLICY AGENDA came before the Council.

1.

2025-327

Approve the minutes for the April 7 & 8, 2025 meetings of the City Council.
- Attachments: 04-07-2025 PH, AR, WS, XS Mins.
04-08-2025 Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to **APPROVE** the minutes for the *April 7 & 8, 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, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

2.

2025-280

Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a conditional use for “Dwelling, Mixed Use” made by Lee R. Pace and Stacie M. Pace, Property Owners, Erin and Murph Little, Applicants, for a B-2 zoned property located at 709 Hardy Street (PPIN 20930, Ward 4, Forrest County).

Attachments: [Item B Staff Report-709 Hardy Street-Conditional Use Request](#)
[B Image Sheet-709 Hardy Street](#)
[709 Hardy Street-Conditional Use Request-Mixed-Use APP](#)
[Minutes-April 2025-HPC](#)

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 for “Dwelling, Mixed Use” for a B-2 zoned property located at *709 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

3.

2025-281

Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a preliminary plat of a major subdivision request made by High Cotton Properties, LLC, Property Owner/Applicant, Chris Johnson, Engineer, for a R-1A zoned property, known as the Vintage Springs Subdivision, Phase 4, Blocks A, B, and C, located at 100 S Founders Way (PPIN 41844, Ward 5, Forrest County).

Attachments: [Item A Staff Report-Vintage Springs Phase 4-Major Subdivision](#)
[A Image Sheet-Vintage Springs Phase 4 Block A,B and C](#)
[Application_PC](#)
[5-As Built Plan Set-Vintage Springs](#)
[Legal Description](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)
[4-Phase 4ABC-PLAT-Draft](#)
[Minutes-April 2025-HPC](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to APPROVE** a preliminary plat of a major subdivision for a R-1A zoned property, known as the Vintage Springs Subdivision, Phase 4, Blocks A, B, and C, located at *100 S Founders Way*.

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.

2025-319
[RES#2025-89-90]

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 04/22/2025](#)
[1. 711 Claiborne Ave - Adjudication Resolution](#)
[2. 1236 Beverly Hills Rd - Adjudication Resolution](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Vice President Ware to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS [#2025-89-90]** 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

5.

2025-338

[RES#2025-91]

Adopt a Resolution appointing LaJohnya Reynolds as Deputy Municipal Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Municipal Registrar for the City of Hattiesburg.

Attachments: RES - Appoint L. Reynolds as Dep Clerk

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-91]** appointing *LaJohnya Reynolds* as Deputy Municipal Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Municipal Registrar for the City of Hattiesburg.

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.

2025-323

[RES#2025-92]

Adopt a Resolution appointing Archie Brewton as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

Attachments: RES - Appoint A. Brewton as Dep Clerk

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-92]** appointing *Archie Brewton* as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

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.

2025-328

[RES#2025-93]

Adopt a Resolution appointing Hunter White as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

Attachments: RES - Appoint H. White as Dep Clerk

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-93]** appointing *Hunter White* as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

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.

2025-329

[RES#2025-94]

Adopt a Resolution appointing Brittany Vasser as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

Attachments: RES - Appoint B. Vasser as Dep Clerk

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-94]** appointing *Brittany Vasser* as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Registrar.

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.

2025-340
[RES#2025-95]

Adopt a Resolution declaring equipment surplus and authorizing the disposal of said equipment and authorizing removal of equipment from the City inventory of the Information Technology Department.

Attachments: RES - Declaring Equipment Surplus for IT Dept.
Surplus List, April 2025

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-95]** declaring equipment surplus and authorizing the disposal of said equipment and authorizing removal of equipment from the City inventory of the *Information Technology Department*.

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.

2025-336
[RES#2025-96]

Adopt a Resolution declaring certain vehicles and equipment as surplus (per attached list), authorize the sale of the said vehicles and equipment, and remove them from the inventory of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Attachments: Res - Declaring Certain Vehicles as Surplus for Parks & Rec., 04-22-2025
Surplus Request April 2025

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION [#2025-96]** declaring certain vehicles and equipment as surplus (per attached list), authorize the sale of the said vehicles and equipment, and remove them from the inventory of the *Parks and Recreation Department*.

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.

2025-321

Approve Event Marketing Agreement with IMG College, LLC (Learfield Communications) for marketing partnership with USM Athletics for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, in the annual amounts outlined herein and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: 2025-2028 City of Hattiesburg Agreement - Signed

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Event Marketing Agreement with *IMG College, LLC (Learfield Communications)* for marketing partnership with *USM Athletics* for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, in the annual amounts outlined 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

12.

2025-322
[TABLED]

Approve the Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between Forrest County Industrial Park for Commission and MMC Materials, Inc, effective April 8, 2025.

Attachments: FCIPC - MMC.Executed-ContractPurchaseSaleRealProp..04.08.2025
FCIPC.ByLawsAmended.8.28.13

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **TABLE** (*until May 20, 2025 City Council meeting*) the Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between Forrest County Industrial Park for Commission and MMC Materials, Inc.

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. **2025-277** Approve Advertising Sponsorship for the 2025 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Game as outlined in the attached letter, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and authorize issuance of manual check for the same.

Attachments: MS AL Ftbl City of H'burg sponsorship request 2025

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Advertising Sponsorship for the *2025 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Football Game* as outlined in the attached letter, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and **AUTHORIZE** issuance of manual check for 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. **2025-331** Approve Agreement with RJ Young for a copier located in the Community Development Division, of Urban Development, for a period of 48 months at a cost of \$234.03 per month and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: R J Young Rental Agreement
Proposal & Pricing - RJ Young

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Agreement with *RJ Young* for a copier located in the Community Development Division, of Urban Development, for a period of 48 months at a cost of \$234.03 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, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

15. **2025-325** Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Powers of Mississippi to provide professional preventive maintenance and inspection services related to the building automation and controls system at the Hattiesburg Police Safety Complex, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Powers Monthly Preventive Service Agreement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and *Powers of Mississippi* to provide professional preventive maintenance and inspection services related to the building automation and controls system at the Hattiesburg Police Safety Complex, 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

16. **2025-324** Approve Contract with Complete Environmental & Remediation Co, LLC for work related to the 2025 Right Way to Throw Away - household hazardous waste event pricing scheduled for May 3, 2025 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Right Way to Throw Away Day

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Contract with *Complete Environmental & Remediation Co, LLC* for work related to the *2025 Right Way to Throw Away* - household hazardous waste event pricing scheduled for May 3, 2025 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

17.

2025-318

Approve Lighting Agreement with Mississippi Power for additional lighting at the corner of Front St. and Mobile St. and behind South Bound for a monthly increase of \$45.30 and authorize Mayor to execute the same.
- Attachments: Authorization Letter South Bound

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Lighting Agreement with *Mississippi Power* for additional lighting at the *corner of Front St. and Mobile St. and behind South Bound* for a monthly increase of \$45.30 and **AUTHORIZE** 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.

2025-334

Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the Vernon Dahmer Park Playground project; Authorize payment of final pay application to the contractor; And authorize final acceptance of the project.
- Attachments: Re Vernon Dahmer Park Playground- Close out documents & pay app
SST Maintenance Manual
Struthers Install Warranty
4223 001
05319-A1 As Built-Model
GameTime Warranty
Inv 1024810106 from Struthers Recreation LLC 26656
Playcore GT COI 2024
PlaygroundMaintenanceGuide 2019
Playsafe-50-Warranty

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of closing documents for the *Vernon Dahmer Park Playground project*; **AUTHORIZE** payment of final pay application to the contractor; And authorize 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

19.

2025-335

Authorize application of grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Aviation Administration for the construction of lighting and signage improvements at the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport; and authorize the Mayor to execute application documents when prepared and any and all other documents related to the grant.
- Attachments: Pre-app Engineering Estimate

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **AUTHORIZE** application of grant to the *U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Aviation Administration* for the construction of lighting and signage improvements at the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute application documents when prepared and any and all other documents related to the grant.

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.

2025-326

Acknowledge grant award in the amount of \$674,638.00 and MOU between the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Board of Trustees (MOST) to fund the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook. The grant and MOU require the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide a \$550,000 match for a total project cost of \$1,224,638.
- Attachments:

BB. 007-075 River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook NTP Letter 2025
BB. 007-075 River Avenue Bridge MOU Fully Executed

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE** grant award in the amount of \$674,638.00 and MOU between the *Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Board of Trustees (MOST)* to fund the *River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook*. The grant and MOU require the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide a \$550,000 match for a total project cost of \$1,224,638.

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Nays: 0

21.

2025-346
[ORD#3378]

Adopt an Ordinance enlarging, extending and defining the corporate limits and boundaries of the City of Hattiesburg, in Forrest County, Mississippi, and authorize any and all filings for the same.
- Attachments:

2025 Annexation Ordinance

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADOPT** an **ORDINANCE** **[#3378]** *enlarging, extending and defining the corporate limits and boundaries* of the City of Hattiesburg, in Forrest County, Mississippi, and **AUTHORIZE** any and all filings for 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

22.

2025-347
[RES#2025-97]

Adopt a Resolution naming Field #1 at Dahmer Park in honor of Rickey Garner.
- Attachments:

RESOLUTION-Rickey Garner Vernon Dahmer Park

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION** **[#2025-97]** naming *Field #1 at Dahmer Park in honor of Rickey Garner*.

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.	2025-345 [RES#2025-98]	Adopt a Resolution appointing Justin Stewart as Municipal Prosecutor Pro Tem for the City of Hattiesburg.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Appoint Prosecutors</u>

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION[#2025-98]** appointing *Justin Stewart* as Municipal Prosecutor Pro-Tem for the City of Hattiesburg.

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

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Nays: 0

24.	2025-348	Authorize and Order the City Attorney, directly or through contracted private attorneys and/or other necessary professionals, to institute any and all condemnation proceedings necessary to acquire property described as Forrest County Parcel PPINs 31828 and 37137 for public use.
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Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

26.	2025-350	Approve engagement of Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC, in the performance of legal services related to property acquisition, including eminent domain and other legal representation as needed.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Howdeshell Engagement Letter</u>

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **APPROVE** engagement of *Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC*, in the performance of legal services related to property acquisition, including eminent domain and other legal representation as needed.

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 Vice President Ware 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.

2025-341

Acknowledge receipt of request filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla, Owner/Petitioner, and Jose Gilberto Chicas Maravilla, Applicant, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's action on the petition filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla for exterior modifications at 112 E 8th Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on April 9, 2025. Set a public hearing before City Council on May 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm and authorize publication of Public Notice setting an Appeal Public Hearing.

Attachments: Appeal Form 4-10-25
2.

2025-306

Acknowledge receipt of Final Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund Loan Agreement for Water Treatment Plant I Rehabilitation Phase II.

Attachments: Final SWSIRLF Loan Agreement - Phase II
3.

2025-339

Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending March 31, 2025.

Attachments: COH EXP 0325
COH REV 0325
4.

2025-332

Acknowledge receipt of Rails to Trails Recreational District Fiscal Year 2024 financial statements.

Attachments: Rails to Trails 2024 Audit
5.

2025-343

Authorize the disposal of Various Records dated from 1987 through 2021 in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.
6.

2025-344

Authorize the disposal of Council Agenda Files dated from 1983 through 2020 in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.
7.

2025-330

Authorize publication of a Request for Proposals based on the findings of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis conducted for the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, to acquire and rehabilitate Non-Congregate Shelter.

Attachments: CoH HOME-ARP RFP 4.22.2025
RFP - HOME-ARP 4.2025
8.

2025-342

Approve the sale of grave spaces, per attached receipts.

Attachments: 4-22-2025 Deeds
9.

2025-337

Approve claims docket for the period ending April 18, 2025.

Attachments: DOCKET 25.04.18
DT 25.04.18

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 5:15 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 potential litigation and litigation strategy, 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 5:16 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 potential litigation and litigation strategy.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; 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; Fire Assistant Chief, Chris Carr; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Director of the Water Department, Alan Howe; Deputy Director of Engineering and Transportation, Hunter White; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to exit Executive Session and **RE-OPEN** the meeting to the public at 5:21 pm.

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.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADD** the following resolution to the Agenda (Policy Item #27).

27.	2025-360 [RES#2025-99]	Adopt a Resolution authorizing City Attorney, Randy Pope, to file suit against Sunbelt Federal Credit Union for relief related violations of illegal drainage connection to City of Hattiesburg sanitary sewer system.
Attachments: <u>Resolution - Authorizing City Attorney to File Suit</u>		

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **ADOPT a RESOLUTION** [#2025-99] authorizing City Attorney, Randy Pope, to file suit against Sunbelt Federal Credit Union for relief related violations of illegal drainage connection to City of Hattiesburg sanitary sewer system.

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

In Memoriam:

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

- *Mr. Johnny Woodland*
- Mr. Randy Jordan

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the **meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m., this 22nd day of April 2025**, by

unanimous consent, until the 5th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

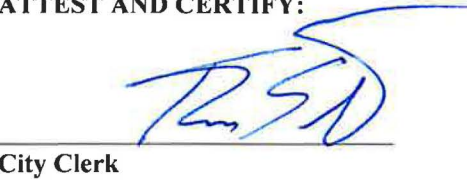
APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor