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Tuesday, May 20, 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

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ROUTINE AGENDA

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p. 359	5. 2025-418	Approve and authorize the publication of the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for Emergency Roof Repair Projects.
p. 359	6. 2025-420	Approve and authorize the advertisement and publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Rebranding Strategy for the City of Hattiesburg.
p. 359	7. 2025-421	Approve the City's purchase of (1) one grave space, located in Section 39, Lot 18, the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) at Highland Cemetery, Minute book# 2022 and page# 91, in the amount of \$175.00 from Elaine Kersh, Authorize manual check for the same.
p. 359	8. 2025-423	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
p. 360	9. 2025-422	Approve claims docket for the period ending May 16, 2025.

In Memoriam:

- Mrs. Vernell Showers Magee
- Mr. John Sims, Jr.

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**; *the same being the reconvening of the recessed meeting held on May 19, 2025.*

In attendance were members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1 (via teleconference); Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5.
Others in attendance were 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.
Absent: Mayor Toby Barker.

Council Vice President Ware Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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.

POLICY AGENDA

Council Vice President Ware asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.

The Clerk of Council responded that there were none.

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER was before the Council.

THE POLICY AGENDA was then considered.

1.

2025-417

Approve the minutes for the May 5, 6 & 9, 2025 meetings of the City Council.

Attachments: 05-05-2025 APH, AR Mins.
05-06-2025 Mins.
05-09-2025 SCM-XS Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** the minutes for the *May 5, 6 & 9, 2025 meetings* of the City Council.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

2.

2025-370
[DENIED]

Approve or Deny an appeal as filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla, Property Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's decision of denial for a request filed by Rosa Lidia Chicas Maravilla, for exterior modifications at 112 E 8th Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the request on April 9, 2025.

Attachments: 112 E 8th St_data sheet

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **DENY** an appeal for exterior modifications at *112 E 8th Street*.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

3.

2025-408
[ORD#3379]

Accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt an Ordinance that includes amendments to the Land Development Code (Ordinance No. 3209, as amended) to support the implementation of the Right Down Broadway Master Plan, requested by the City of Hattiesburg. These amendments include adding a new overlay district, new definitions, and some minor use changes.

Attachments: [Item A - Staff Memo - Broadway Updates](#)
[Ordinance - LDC Amendments - RIGHT DOWN BROADWAY - Final Draft](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)
[Item A - Staff Memo - Broadway Updates](#)
[Ordinance - LDC Amendments - RIGHT DOWN BROADWAY - Final Draft](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT ORDINANCE [#3379]** that includes amendments to the Land Development Code (*Ordinance No. 3209*) to support the implementation of the *Right Down Broadway Master Plan*.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

4.

2025-414
[ORD#3380]

Accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt an Ordinance that includes amendments to the Official Zoning Map along Broadway Drive and West Pine Corridors to support the implementation of the Right Down Broadway Master Plan, requested by the City of Hattiesburg. These amendments include the rezoning of multiple parcels and placing the mentioned parcels into the Broadway Corridor Overlay District (BCO).

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[Ordinance - RIGHT DOWN BROADWAY REZONING - Final Draft](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)
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[Ordinance - RIGHT DOWN BROADWAY REZONING - Final Draft](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT ORDINANCE [#3380]** that includes amendments to the Official Zoning Map along Broadway Drive and West Pine Corridors to support the implementation of the *Right Down Broadway Master Plan*.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

5.

2025-411

Accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a conditional use request for “Group Home” for a R-1A zoned property, made by Jeanette Powell-Hooper, Property Owner/Applicant, and Bennie Powell, Representative, for a property located at 105 N 19th Avenue (PPIN 16061, Forrest County, Ward 4).

Attachments: [Item F Staff Report- 105 N 19th Avenue- Conditional Use Request](#)
[F Image Sheet - 105 N 19th Avenue](#)
[105 N 19th - PH Application CC](#)
[site plan plat](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to APPROVE conditional use request for a “Group Home” for an R-1A zoned property located at 105 N 19th Ave.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

6.

2025-410

Accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a conditional use request for “Places of Assembly Not Otherwise Listed” for a R-3 zoned property, made by True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Property Owners, Archie Morris, Applicant, and Jeff Pittman, Engineer, for a property located at 500 Hutchinson Avenue (PPIN 26620 & 26616, Forrest County, Ward 4).

Attachments: [Item D Staff Report- 500 Hutchinson Avenue - Conditional Use Request](#)
[D Image Sheet - 500 Hutchinson](#)
[500 Hutchinson - PH Application CC](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to APPROVE conditional use request for “Places of Assembly Not Otherwise Listed” for a R-3 zoned property located at 500 Hutchinson Avenue.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

7.

2025-413

Accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a conditional use request for “Parking Lot” for an MX-3 zoned property, made by Forrest General Hospital, Property Owner/Applicant, Charlie Williamson, Representative, Levi Weeks, Applicant/Engineer, for a property located at 2701 Camp Street (PPIN 16526 & 16525, Forrest County, Ward 4).

Attachments: [Item H Staff Report- 2701 Camp Street- Conditional Use Request](#)
[H Image Sheet - 2701 Camp Street](#)
[89722115_FGH PARKING ADDITION 3-28-25](#)
[Parcel No. - 2-028O-08-286.00](#)
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[Minutes- May 2025- HPC](#)
[Exhibit A - Letter of Opposition Ingram](#)
[Exhibit B - Letter of Opposition Lowrey](#)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to APPROVE conditional use request for “Parking Lot” for an MX-3 zoned property located at 2701 Camp Street.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

8.

2025-415

Accept the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment to approve a variance request from the 4-foot requirement for fencing to instead allow for a 6-foot fence for a B-3 zoned property, made by Jimmy Odom, Property Owner, and Scott Martin, Applicant, for a property located at 700 Bouie Street (PPIN 17508, 17509, and 17510, Forrest County, Ward 2).

Attachments: [Item A- Staff Summary- 700 Bouie Street](#)
[A Image Sheet - 700 Bouie Street](#)
[800 Bouie St - PH application CC](#)
[site plan](#)
[Minutes- May 2025- BOA](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **APPROVE** a variance request to allow for a 6-foot fence for a B-3 zoned property located at 700 Bouie Street.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

9.

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Accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a conditional use request for “Contractor’s Office” for a B-3 zoned property, made by Jimmy Odom, Property Owner, and Scott Martin, Applicant, for a property located at 700 Bouie Street (PPIN 17508, 17509, and 17510, Forrest County, Ward 2).
- Attachments:

Item G Staff Report- 700 Bouie Street- Conditional Use Request
G Image Sheet - 700 Bouie Street
800 Bouie St - PH application CC
site plan
Minutes- May 2025- HPC

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** conditional use request for “Contractor’s Office” for a B-3 zoned property located at 700 Bouie Street.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

10.

2025-416

Approve or Deny a request for sign variances made by Hattiesburg Clinic, Property Owner, Joey Davion, Property Owner, and Cliff Hensarling, applicant, for multiple variances for two signs from the requirement of a sign height of 5ft to instead allow for 8’- 2”, a variance from the requirement of overall sign area of 60 square feet to instead allow for 283.7 square feet, and a variance from the maximum requirement of height of placement of the sign of 18 ft to instead allow for 52’ – 4” ft for an EM-6 zoned property located at 415 S 28th Avenue (PPIN 17824 and 17815, Forrest County, Ward 3). The Board of Adjustment offered no recommendation.
- Attachments:

Item B- Staff Summary- 415 S 28th Avenue
B Image Sheet - 415 S 28th Ave
415 S 28th Ave - PH Application CC
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Minutes- May 2025- BOA

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** multiple sign variances allowing: ⁽¹⁾ two signs with a height of 8 feet 2 inches; ⁽²⁾ a total sign area of 283.7 square feet; and ⁽³⁾ a placement height of 52 feet 4 inches for a sign on an EM-6 zoned property located at 415 S. 28th Avenue.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

11.

2025-378
[RES#2025-108]

Adopt a Resolution declaring property located at PPIN 15625, Parcel # 2-029I-10-041.00 as surplus and authorize the sale of said property to Alford's Estate, LLC., in the amount of \$12,000.00, and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents to the same.
- Attachments:

2025016 - 514 E Pine Street - Appraisal
514 E Pine St
SURPLUS RESOLUTION - Parcel 2-029I-10-041.00
15625 deed

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT RESOLUTION [#2025-108]** declaring property located at PPIN 15625, Parcel # 2-0291-10-041.00 as surplus and authorize the sale of said property to *Alford's Estate, LLC.*, in the amount of \$12,000.00, and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents to the same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

12.

2025-424

[RES#2025-109]

Adopt a Resolution setting Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.
- Attachments:

Request to Set Public Hearing –CE 05 20 2025

PH Resolution

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council President George to **ADOPT RESOLUTION [#2025-109]** *setting a Public Hearing for Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.* in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, in accordance with the provisions of Mississippi Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.

There being no discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

Yeas: 3 – George (via teleconference), Carroll and Ware

Nays: 2 – Delgado and Brown

13.

2025-381

[RES#2025-110-113]

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 05/20/2025

1. 523 Louise St Adjudication Resolution

2. 525 Louise St Adjudication Resolution

3. 815 Country Club Rd Adjudication Resolution

4. 906 Short 7th St Adjudication Resolution

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS [#2025-110-113]** 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 listed properties (*attached*).

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

14.

2025-369

Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Jay Bearden, Inc. for the Arcadia Sunset Water Improvement Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$50,807.25 for a final contract amount of \$597,019.25 and authorize the Mayor to execute in multiples; Authorize the final acceptance and closeout of the project; Authorize payment of the final pay application in the amount of \$39,191.33.
- Attachment:

Pay Est 11-final and close out docs

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to **APPROVE** Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with *Jay Bearden, Inc.* for the Arcadia Sunset Water Improvement Project to adjust quantities, reducing the contract by \$50,807.25 to a final amount of \$597,019.25, and to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute agreement in multiples, final acceptance and closeout of the project, and final application payment of \$39,191.33.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

15. **2025-375** Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with R & J Construction, Inc. for the Country Club Road Reconstruction Project (STP-8760-00(005)LPA/108134-70100) to account for certain changes to pay items resulting in a contract decrease of \$6,950.08 and Ratify the Mayor's signature on said agreement.

Attachment: Supplemental Agreement #1 - signed

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **APPROVE** Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with *R & J Construction, Inc.* for the Country Club Road Reconstruction Project (STP-8760-00(005)LPA/108134-70100) to account for certain changes to pay items resulting in a contract decrease of \$6,950.08 and **RATIFY** the Mayor's signature on said agreement.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

16. **2025-376** Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association (DHA), a designated Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) member to provide operational support for Downtown Hattiesburg Association's partnered events; authorize manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: 2025 DHA-CoH MOA
2025 DHA-CoH MOA

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Carroll to **APPROVE** Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and *Downtown Hattiesburg Association (DHA)*, a designated Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) member to provide operational support for Downtown Hattiesburg Association's partnered events; **AUTHORIZE** manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

17. **2025-322** Take from the Table; 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.

[POSTPONED INDEFINITELY]

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

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to TAKE FROM THE TABLE; the Contract between Forrest County Industrial Park for Commission and MMC Materials, Inc.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to POSTPONE the matter INDEFINITELY.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

18.

2025-380

Acknowledge Request For Qualifications received on May 1, 2025, for Financial Consulting Services for HUD CDBG & HOME Programs and accept the bid from Compliance One Consulting, LLC for \$10,036.80 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachment: Compliance One Consulting Agreement

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to ACKNOWLEDGE Request for Qualifications received on May 1, 2025, for Financial Consulting Services for HUD CDBG & HOME Programs; ACCEPT the bid from *Compliance One Consulting, LLC*, for \$10,036.80; and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

19.

2025-425

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, 2022, with a true total value of \$868,124.09; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: final order.1 Zeon Chemicals, L.P. 2023 (City of Hattiesburg 2025)

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Delgado 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, 2022, with a true total value of \$868,124.09; and ADOPT the final order allowing same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

20.

2025-426

Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Excel Injection Molding, Inc. for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$243,416.00; adopt the final order allowing same.

Attachments: Excel Injection Molding, Inc.- 2023 (City of Hattiesburg 2025) Excel Final Order

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Delgado to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to *Excel Injection Molding, Inc.* for a period not to exceed five (5) years, commencing December 31, 2022, with a true total value of \$243,416.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing same.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

ROUTINE AGENDA

The Council then considered the ROUTINE AGENDA.

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 carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

1. **2025-419** Acknowledge receipt of conveyance of property as per attached deed to City of Hattiesburg.
 Attachments: WSF Tatum Deed
2. **2025-377** Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending April 30, 2025.
 Attachments: EXP 0425
 REV 0425
3. **2025-374** Approve and Authorize publication of a Request for Qualifications for Environmental Review Consulting Services.
 Attachments: Readvertise RFQ - Environmental Review Consultant 5.20.2025
4. **2025-408** Approve Specifications and Authorize Publication for one (1) 2024 or newer bucket truck for the City of Hattiesburg Traffic Division.
 Attachments: BUCKET TRUCK FOR TRAFFIC
 City of Hattiesburg- Bucket Truck- 2025
5. **2025-418** Approve and authorize the publication of the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for Emergency Roof Repair Projects.
 Attachments: NOIRROF 5.22.25 Roof Repair
6. **2025-420** Approve and authorize the advertisement and publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Rebranding Strategy for the City of Hattiesburg.
 Attachments: RFP for Rebrand- Specs
 RFQ-Comprehensive Rebrand- Notice
7. **2025-421** Approve the City's purchase of (1) one grave space, located in Section 39, Lot 18, the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW (1/4) at Highland Cemetery, Minute book# 2022 and page# 91, in the amount of \$175.00 from Elaine Kersh, Authorize manual check for the same.
 Attachments: Elaine Kersh Buyback
8. **2025-423** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
 Attachments: 5-20-25 Grave spaces
 5-20-25 receipts

9. 2025-422 Approve claims docket for the period ending May 16, 2025.

 Attachments: DOCKET 25.05.16
 DT 25.05.16

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown for the Council to ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE THE NEED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:18 p.m.

There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

* Council President George disconnected from the teleconference at 5:18 p.m.

Council Vice President Ware requested that the Chambers be cleared at this time.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Carroll to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:19 p.m. to discuss *pending litigation and litigation strategy*, as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the City’s litigating position, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section § 25-41-7 (b).

§ 25-41-7 (b): *Litigation, where open discussion would have detrimental effect on litigating position.*

There being no discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

Yeas: 4 –Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – George

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council had entered executive session to discuss pending litigation and litigation strategy.

Those present for the Executive Session were Council members 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; Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Division Manager of Planning, Cory Long; Senior Planner, Nathan Satcher; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; Attorney T. Michael Reed, P.A.; and Attorneys Clark Hicks and Lane Dossett of Hicks Law Firm, PLLC.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown to ACCEPT the attorney’s recommendation and APPROVE payment of the referenced bill.

There being no discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

Yeas: 4 –Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – George

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 5:44 pm.

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

Yeas: 4 –Delgado, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – George

Council Vice President Ware called the meeting back to order in open session and reported that, during the executive session, the Council discussed on matters pertaining to pending litigation.

In Memoriam:

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

- Mrs. Vernell Showers Magee
- Mr. John Sims, Jr.

Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council Vice President Ware declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. on this 20th day of May 2025, by unanimous consent.

The next Council meeting had been duly scheduled for the 2nd day of June 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
