

Published Agenda



Friday, May 9, 2025
4:30 PM

City Council
Special Called Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order and Declaration of a Special Called Meeting

POLICY ITEM

1. 2025-393 Consider the necessity of entering into an Executive Session to discuss economic development, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (j).

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order and Declaration of a Special Called Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Special Called Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**.

This meeting followed the Council's last adjourned meeting, held on April 22, 2025.

In attendance were Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; 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; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.
Absent: Council member Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; and Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy.

Council President George Called the meeting to order and declared the Special Called Meeting.

POLICY ITEM

1. 2025-393 Consider the necessity of entering into an Executive Session to discuss economic development, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7(j).

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 4:37 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Delgado

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 Brown to

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss economic development, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section § 25-41-7 (j) at 4:38 p.m.

§ 25-41-7 (j): Transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of business, medical service or industry.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Delgado

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council has gone into Executive Session to discuss economic development.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Carter Carroll, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; City Engineer, Marybeth Bergin; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT** a **RESOLUTION** [#2025-107] to Approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the State of Mississippi Military Department, affirming the property is not needed for governmental purposes or municipal operations; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the agreement.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Delgado

2025-440 Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the State of Mississippi Military Department, affirming the property is not needed for governmental purposes or municipal operations; and Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Attachments: RESOLUTION – Bobby Chain Lease Agreement 5.9.25
Lease Agreement – COH & MS Military Dep.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carroll and seconded by Council Member Brown **EXIT** Executive Session and **RE-OPEN** the meeting to the public at 4:49 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 - George, Carroll, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Delgado

Meeting Adjourn

Council President George declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m., this 9th day of May 2025,
by unanimous consent, until the 19th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor