



Monday, June 2, 2025
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

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1. 2025-436
- Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness 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.

Agenda Adjustments: Remove Policy Item #16 and Add Routine Item #9 at the request of the Administration, as follows:

- R-9. 2025-456
- Authorize publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Improvement Project.

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to an order adopted on May 6, 2025, recorded in Minute Book 2023, Page 341, to determine whether the following properties are in such a state of uncleanness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community.

This meeting convened following the Council's adjourned regular Meeting of May 20, 2025.

In attendance were Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5 (via teleconference)

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 Carter Carroll, Ward 3; and Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy.

Council President George called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing for the Listed Unsafe Properties

1. 2025-237
- Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness 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:
- Hold Public Hearing Memo 06 02 2025
1. 0 Pack St Case History
2. 623 Milton Barnes Ave Case History
3. 704 River St Case History
4. 1025 Atlanta St Case History
5. 1105 Cherry St Case History
6. 1210 Coit St Case History
7. 1707 River Ave Case History
8. 615 W 4th St Case History
9. 905 Monterrey Ln Case History

Interim Code Enforcement Manager, Whit Sanguinetti presented the properties for consideration. Mr. Sanguinetti recommended that the Council adopt resolutions determining that the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community. He further recommended that the resolutions provide a specified period of time for the removal of violations and declare the City's intent to abate the violations and assess the cost, plus any applicable penalties, against the property if not resolved within the specified period. He recommended that homeowners be allowed fifteen (15) days to remedy the violations.

Mr. Sanguinetti asked for *Case #7: 1707 River Ave. to be dismissed (dismissal memo attached).*

Attachment: Dismissal Memo – Case #7: 1707 River Ave.

Council President George called out each unsafe property listed and asked if there were any citizens who wished to speak on behalf of the property called.

- *Case #4: 1025 Atlanta Street - Clarence Wilson*
- *Case #8: 615 W 4th Street - Angela Floyd*
- *Case #9: 905 Monterrey Lane - Mae Carol Brown*

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council regarding properties listed for the public hearing.

By unanimous consent, **Council President George closed the public hearing at 4:08 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

Following the Public Hearing, Council Member Delgado gave a Special Recognition presentation to the following individuals for their outstanding leadership and dedicated commitment to the community of the City.

- *Ms. Lillie Willie*
- *Pastor Antonio and Apostle Marion Hughes of Wayside Holy Temple Church*
- *Attorney Gelnda Funchess*

Agenda Adjustments:

Council President George asked whether there were any adjustments to the agenda.
The Deputy Clerk of Council responded in the affirmative and proceeded to read the adjustments.

- *Remove Policy Item #16 and Add Routine Item #9* at the request of the Administration, as follows:

R-9. 2025-436	Authorize publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Improvement Project.
<u>Attachment:</u>	<u>12238 Notice of Public Hearing</u>

Agenda Review

Council President George proceeded with the Agenda Review.

**Council Member Brown was disconnected from the meeting via teleconference at 4:28 p.m., following discussion of Policy Item #2.*

Following discussion of agenda items, **Council President George closed the Agenda Review.**

Citizens' Forum

Council Vice President Ware proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

He stated the procedures and invited members of the public to speak.

The following citizen addressed the Council:

- Virginia Smith, 200 Tuscan Ave., Apt. A

There being no other individuals wishing to speak, **Council Vice President Ware closed the Citizens' Forum.**

Additional Business

*Council President George announced that, pursuant to Ordinance No. 3117, the **next regular meeting of the Council will be held at 10:00 a.m.** to accommodate the municipal election.*

Meeting Recess

Council President George declared the meeting recessed at 4:38 p.m. on this 2nd day of June 2025, by unanimous consent, until the 3rd day of June 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
