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Tuesday, June 3, 2025
10:00 AM

City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

**Note*: Pursuant to Ordinance No. 3117, the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025, will commence at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate the municipal elections.*

Call to Order

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Agenda

POLICY AGENDA

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p. 367	3.	2025-448	Adopt a Resolution acknowledging and adopting the Services and Facilities Plan.
p. 368	4.	2025-437	Adopt Resolutions condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.
p. 368	5.	2025-432	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.
p. 368	6.	2025-435	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.
p. 369	7.	2025-379	Approve the purchase of property located at PPIN 27462, Parcel # 2-024K-31-006.00 in the amount of $17,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents at closing. Authorize the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, for the same.
p. 369	8.	2025-427	Approve the purchase of property located at PPIN 20013, Parcel # 2-029F-04-111.00 in the amount of $2,567.50 and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents at closing. Authorize the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, for the same.
p. 369-370	9.	2025-428	Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the MLK Avenue Area Infrastructure Improvements Project to adjust quantities to actuals and increase the contract amount by $63,747.93 for a final contract amount of $4,140,529.43 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 $353,437.42
p. 370	10.	2025-431	Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the Edward Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by $211,265.37 for a final contract amount of $1,205,594.63 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 $308,746.53.
p. 370	11.	2025-455	Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi for improvements associated with the Fourth Street Improvements-Phase IV Project, (Project No. STP-7194-00(004)LPA/109376-701000), and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
p. 370-371	12.	2025-449	Acknowledge the receipt of a Quitclaim Deed from the Midtown Merchants Association, Inc., for the Midtown Green Park Bandshell.
p. 371	13.	2025-454	Adopt a Resolution naming the Midtown Green Bandshell and Midtown Green Playground.
p. 371	14.	2025-439	Acknowledge receipt of proposals for the City of Hattiesburg's Broadband Installation project received on May 30, 2024; accept the proposal submitted by C Spire and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

p. 372	**15.**	**2025-450**	Acknowledge bids received on May 22, 2025, for the 4121B HCAC Renovation 2024 project and accept the bid of Jay-Van Company, LLC as the best bid received and authorize execution of contract upon preparation.
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ROUTINE AGENDA

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p. 372	**3.**	**2025-442**	Approve and authorize Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to include Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction as an eligible activity under CDBG-CV (CARES) funding for the City of Hattiesburg; authorize submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
p. 372	**4.**	**2025-443**	Approve Revised Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Program Manual Guidelines.
p. 372	**5.**	**2025-444**	Approve Revised Housing Rehabilitation and Housing Repair Grants Program Guidelines Manual (CDBG) {Entitlement}.
p. 372	**6.**	**2025-445**	Approve Revised Emergency Repair Program Manual Program Guidelines Manual (CDBG) {Entitlement}.
p. 372-373	**7.**	**2025-451**	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
p. 373	**8.**	**2025-441**	Approve claims docket for the period ending May 31, 2025.
p. 373	**9.**	**2025-456**	Authorize publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the City of Hattiesburg Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Improvement Project.

In Memoriam:

- *Mr. Herbert Donell Brannon*
- *Ms. Gwendolyn Murphy Evans*
- *Mr. James A. "Gee-Gee" Trussell*
- *Mr. David Brooks*
- *Mr. Kevin Lavelle Bounds*
- *Mr. George Brennon Odom*
- *Mr. Terrance K. Primos*
- *Ms. Nita Jewel Davis Stafford*
- *Ms. Nancy Irene Tullos*

Meeting Adjourn

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Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**; *the same being the reconvening of the recessed meeting held on June 2, 2025.*

In attendance were *Mayor Toby Barker; members of the City Council: Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2 (via teleconference); 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; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staff members; media; and the public.*
Absent: *Council member Carter Carroll, Ward 3.*

Council President George Called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by ***Pastor Phillip McSwain*** *of Starlight Missionary Baptist Church.*

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 President George 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.	**2025-452**	Approve the minutes for the May 19 & 20, 2025 meetings of the City Council. Attachments: 05-19-2025 APH, AR Mins. 05-20-2025 XS Mins.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council President George **to APPROVE** the minutes for the *May 19 & 20, 2025 meetings* of the City Council.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

2.	**2025-430**	Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a conditional use request for "Mobile Home Park," made by Meoucia Breland, Property Owner/Applicant, for R-1C properties located at 134 and 140 Stepts Avenue (PPIN 6534 & 46107, Forrest County, Ward 5). Attachments: Item B Staff Report- 143 and 140 Stepts Avenue- Conditional Use Request B Image Sheet - 134 and 140 Stepts Stepts Ave - PH Application CC Minutes- May 14 2025- HPC

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** a conditional use request for a "Mobile Home Park," for the following R-1C properties located at *134 and 140 Stepts Avenue.*

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

3.	**2025-448** [RES#2025-114]	Adopt a Resolution acknowledging and adopting the Services and Facilities Plan. Attachments: S&F Plan DRAFT 053025 (to be adopted) Resolution adopting 2025 S&F Plan

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to ADOPT RESOLUTION [#2025-114]** acknowledging and adopting the *Services and Facilities Plan.*

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

4. **2025-437** [RES#2025-115-122] 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 06 03 2025
1. 0 Pack St PPIN 15571 - Condemnation Resolution
2. 623 Milton Barnes Ave - Condemnation Resolution
3. 704 River St - Condemnation Resolution
4. 1025 Atlanta St - Condemnation Resolution
5. 1105 Cherry St - Condemnation Resolution
6. 1210 Coit St - Condemnation Resolution
8. 615 W 4th St - Condemnation Resolution
9. 905 Monterrey Ln - Condemnation Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to ADOPT RESOLUTIONS [#2025-115-122]** condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

5. **2025-432** [RES#2025-123-125] 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 06/03/2025
1. 1220 Dewey St - Adjudication Resolution
2. 434 Buschman St - Adjudication Resolution
3. 6 Alder Ln - Adjudication Resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to ADOPT RESOLUTIONS [#2025-123-125]** 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 carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

6. **2025-435** 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 06 03 2025
1. Bernard St PPIN 47158 - Release of Lien

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware 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 carried unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

7. **2025-379** Approve the purchase of property located at PPIN 27462, Parcel # 2-024K-31-006.00 in the amount of $17,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents at closing. Authorize the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, for the same.

Attachments: PPIN 27462 - Appraisal Report
27462 title opin 051425

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** the purchase of real property located at *PPIN 27462, Parcel No. 2-024K-31-006.00*, in the amount of $17,500.00, and **to AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute all necessary closing documents and the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, to complete the transaction.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

8. **2025-427** Approve the purchase of property located at PPIN 20013, Parcel # 2-029F-04-111.00 in the amount of $2,567.50 and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents at closing. Authorize the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, for the same.

Attachment: PPIN 20013 acquisition resolution

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** the purchase of real property located at *PPIN 20013, Parcel # 2-029F-04-111.00* in the amount of $2,567.50, and **to AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute all necessary closing documents and the issuance of a manual check, including closing costs, to complete the transaction.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

9. **2025-428** Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the MLK Avenue Area Infrastructure Improvements Project to adjust quantities to actuals and increase the contract amount by $63,747.93 for a final contract amount of $4,140,529.43 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 $353,437.42

Attachment: 11295_MLK Closeout Docs wTransmittal

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** supplemental Agreement No. 1 with *Grady Crawford Construction Co.* for the MLK Avenue Area Infrastructure Improvements Project, increasing the contract by $63,747.93 to a total of $4,140,529.43; and **to AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute related documents, accept project closeout, and issue final payment in the amount of $353,437.42.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

10.	**2025-431**	Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the Edward Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by $211,265.37 for a final contract amount of $1,205,594.63 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 $308,746.53. Attachment: 12220_002_Edwards Closeout docs wTransmittal

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** supplemental Agreement No. 1 with *Grady Crawford Construction Co.* for the Edward Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project, increasing the contract by $211,265.37 to a total of $1,205,594.63; and **to AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute related documents, accept project closeout, and issue final payment in the amount of $308,746.53.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

11.	**2025-455**	Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi for improvements associated with the Fourth Street Improvements-Phase IV Project, (Project No. STP-7194-00(004)LPA/109376-701000), and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Attachment: MOU - USM - City of Hattiesburg re 4th Street Sidewalk Project Exhibits 2025 05 29 USM Signed

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to APPROVE** Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the *University of Southern Mississippi* for improvements associated with the Fourth Street Improvements-Phase IV Project, and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the same.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

12.	**2025-449**	Acknowledge the receipt of a Quitclaim Deed from the Midtown Merchants Association, Inc., for the Midtown Green Park Bandshell. Attachment: Midtown Green Bandshell QUITCLAIM Deed-Midtown Merchants Association

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to ACKNOWLEDGE** the receipt of a Quitclaim Deed from the *Midtown Merchants Association, Inc.*, for the Midtown Green Park Bandshell.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

13.	**2025-454** [RES#2025-126]	Adopt a Resolution naming the Midtown Green Bandshell and Midtown Green Playground. Attachment: RESOLUTION-Midtown Green Bandshell Playground Naming_rev

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to**

ADOPT RESOLUTION [#2025-126] to name the Midtown Green Bandshell and the Midtown Green Playground.

Council Vice President Ware requested to add the following amendments to the resolution, as he read aloud.

- *[Insert after paragraph 6] –*
  "WHEREAS, Carter Carroll is the longest serving member of the Hattiesburg City Council since its transition to the Mayor-Council form of government, having represented Ward 3 since his election on October 3, 2000, providing expertise and leadership on many important municipal issues and effectively advocating for the creation and funding of the Midtown Green."
- *[Insert after paragraph 10] –*
  "BE IT FURTHRE RESOLVED THAT the Midtown Green shall be named in honor of City Councilman Carter Carroll."

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Delgado **to**

ADOPT ADMENDMENTS ***as stated.***

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Delgado **to**

ADOPT the AMENDED RESOLUTION [#2025-126] to name the Midtown Green Bandshell and the Midtown Green Playground.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

14.	**2025-439**	Acknowledge receipt of proposals for the City of Hattiesburg's Broadband Installation project received on May 30, 2024; accept the proposal submitted by C Spire and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Attachment: Broadband Installation _CSpire RFQ

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to**

ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of proposals for the City of Hattiesburg's *Broadband Installation* project received on May 30, 2024; **ACCEPT** the proposal submitted by *C Spire*; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the agreement.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

15.	**2025-450**	Acknowledge bids received on May 22, 2025, for the 4121B HCAC Renovation 2024 project and accept the bid of Jay-Van Company, LLC as the best bid received and authorize execution of contract upon preparation. Attachment: 4121B LowBidderOpinion

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to** **ACKNOWLEDGE** bids received on May 22, 2025, for the *4121B HCAC Renovation 2024* project; **ACCEPT** the bid of *Jay-Van Company, LLC* as the best bid received; and **AUTHORIZE** execution of contract upon preparation.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

16. Removed.

ROUTINE AGENDA

The Council then considered the ROUTINE AGENDA.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President Ware and seconded by Council Member Brown **to** **APPROVE** the Routine Agenda, including the claims docket.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Delgado *(via teleconference)*, **Ware and Brown** *(via teleconference)*

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Carroll

1.	**2025-447**	Ratify the engagement of The Arbitrage Group, Inc., to provide calculations of arbitrage earnings for the Series 2019, Special Obligation Bonds and authorize issuance of a manual check for the service. Attachment: 2019 Series GO Bond Arbitrage Earnings Calculation-The Arbritrage Group, Inc.
2.	**2025-438**	Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket. Attachment: June 3, 2025 Agenda
3.	**2025-442**	Approve and authorize Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to include Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction as an eligible activity under CDBG-CV (CARES) funding for the City of Hattiesburg; authorize submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Attachment: PY 2019 Substantial Amendment 6.3.25
4.	**2025-443**	Approve Revised Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Program Manual Guidelines. Attachment: Roof Initiative Program_amended 5.2025
5.	**2025-444**	Approve Revised Housing Rehabilitation and Housing Repair Grants Program Guidelines Manual (CDBG) {Entitlement}. Attachment: COH Rehab Manual_amended 5.23.2025
6.	**2025-445**	Approve Revised Emergency Repair Program Manual Guidelines (CDBG) {Entitlement}. Attachments: Emergency Repair Program Guidelines amended 6.3.2025
7.	**2025-451**	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts. Attachments: Deeds-6-3-25

Receipts 6-3-25

8.	**2025-441**	Approve claims docket for the period ending May 31, 2025. Attachments: DOCKET 25.05.31 DT 25.05.31
9.	**2025-456**	Authorize publication of Notice of Public Hearing regarding the **City of Hattiesburg Water Pollution** Control Revolving Loan Fund Improvement Project. **Attachment:** 12238_Notice of Public Hearing

In Memoriam:

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

- *Mr. Herbert Donell Brannon*
- *Ms. Gwendolyn Murphy Evans*
- *Mr. James A. "Gee-Gee" Trussell*
- *Mr. David Brooks*
- *Mr. Kevin Lavelle Bounds*
- *Mr. George Brennon Odom*
- *Mr. Terrance K. Primos*
- *Ms. Nita Jewel Davis Stafford*
- *Ms. Nancy Irene Tullos*

Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council President George declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on this 3rd day of June 2025, by unanimous consent.

The next Council meeting had been duly scheduled for the 16th day of June 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:	**APPROVE:**
Rhonda S. Kennedy Clerk of Council	Jeffrey George Council President
ATTEST AND CERTIFY:	**APPROVE:**
City Clerk	Mayor

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