



Monday, July 7, 2025
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Elections

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1. 2025-552 Election of Council Officers.

Agenda Adjustments:

- Add Policy Item #36 and remove Policy Item #30.
36. 2025-409 Take from the Table: Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve, with conditions, a conditional use request of "Parking, Commercial Vehicle" for a B-5 zoned property located at 6563 Hwy 49 (Forrest County, Ward 2) {Tabled from June 17, 2025 meeting}.

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held an **Agenda Review meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025**, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting convened following the Council's adjourned Special Called Meeting of June 30, 2025.

In attendance were Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Eric Boney, Ward 2; LeAnn Vance, 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.

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

Election of Council Officers

Election of Council President

Council President George opened the floor for nominations for the office of Council President.

Council Member George nominated Council Member Ware. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Vance.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

A vote was taken, with Council Members George, Boney, and Vance voting in the affirmative, and Council Member Brown voting in the negative.

Council Member Ware was elected Council President.

Election of Council Vice President

Council President Ware then called for nominations for the office of Council Vice President.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 4:29 p.m. to discuss *potential litigation*, 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 unanimously with the following vote:

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Eric Boney, LeAnn Vance, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Attorney David Miller; Police Chief, Hardy Sims; Assistant Police Chief, Tony Fontaine; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Division Manager of Planning, Cory Long; Interim Code Enforcement Manager, Whit Sanguinetti; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; and Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown to **EXIT** Executive Session and **RE-OPEN** the meeting to the public at 5:25 pm.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Council 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 potential litigation. No action was taken.

Additional Business

There was no new business brought before the Council at this time.

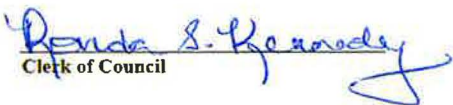
Meeting Recess

Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 5:26 p.m. on this 7th day of July 2025, by unanimous consent, until the 8th day of July 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

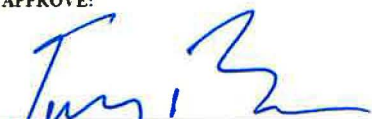

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
