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**Tuesday, September 2, 2025
4:00 PM**

**City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **2025-741** Hold a Public Hearing for an appeal as filed by Gus Georgian, Property Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's decision of denial for a request filed by Gus Georgian to remove a primary structure located at 313 Mable Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the request on July 9th, 2025.

2. **2025-731** Hold Public Hearing 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:

Hold Public Hearing Memo 09 02 2025

Dismissal Memo 09 02 2025

1. 133 E 9th St - Case History

2. 201 Hattiesburg St - Case History

3. 231 May Ave - Case History

4. 313 Martin Luther King Ave - Case History

5. 315 May Ave - Case History

6. 508 Breland St - Case History

7. 706 Bouie St - Case History

8. 719 E 7th St - Case History

9. 921 Mobile St - Case History

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens' Forum

Presentation Agenda

Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda

- Agenda Adjustments – Add Routine Item #5, at the request of the Council as follows:

- R#5 2025-765 Acknowledge receipt and Approve the Hattiesburg Convention Commission's proposed 2026 budget.**

POLICY AGENDA

1. **2025-740** Approve the minutes for the August 18 & 19, 2025 meetings of the City Council.
2. **2025-574** Take from the Table: Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request to close and vacate an alley located north of 3509 Hardy Street (Forrest County, Ward 1).
3. **2025-742** Approve or Deny the petition filed by Gus Georgian, Property Owner, to appeal the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's decision of denial for a request filed by Gus Georgian to remove a primary structure located at 313 Mable Street. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the request on July 9th, 2025.
4. **2025-732** Adopt Resolutions condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.

1. 133 E 9th St.	6. 508 Breland St.
2. 201 Hattiesburg St.	7. 706 Bouie St.
3. 231 May Ave.	8. 719 E 7th St.
4. 313 Martin Luther King Ave.	9. 921 Mobile St.
5. 315 May Ave.	

5. **2025-761** Adopt an Ordinance amending and restating Article II, City Council Procedures, Sections 2-60 through 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; to provide for meetings, recessed meetings, special meetings, agenda review meetings, work sessions, and procedures for agenda preparation and adoption; and for related purposes.
6. **2025-744** Adopt a Resolution authorizing an application for a loan through the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program for North Main Street Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project and naming the Mayor as the authorized representative of the City.
7. **2025-756** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Funding; and Authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary forms and documents for the same.
8. **2025-729** Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), to provide funding for administrative assistance to the Hattiesburg DEA Taskforce; and Authorize the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents for the same.

- 9. 2025-730** Approve Task Force Agreement between the Hattiesburg Police Department and the United State Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA") concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances and authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute the same.

- 10. 2025-739** Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements for the Roof Repair according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual; and Authorize the Mayor to execute in triplicate.

- 11. 2025-743** 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.

- 12. 2025-758** Approve engagement of Anderson Natural Resources, LLC., to provide appraisal and professional services related to the merchantable timber adjacent to Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.

- 13. 2025-760** Approve Letter of Engagement with Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC to audit the financial statements of the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and Authorize the Council President to execute the same.

- 14. 2025-733** Approve grant offer from the Mississippi Transportation Commission for the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport Project No. AIG-3-0031-034-2025 in the amount of \$12,225.00; and Authorize Mayor to execute Airport Federal Matching Grant Agreement in triplicate.

- 15. 2025-746** Adopt a Resolution appointing Hardy Sims as Police Chief for the City of Hattiesburg.

- 16. 2025-745** Adopt a Resolution appointing Wiley Quinn as the Director of the Urban Development Department.

- 17. 2025-747** Adopt a Resolution appointing Sherrocko Stewart as Fire Chief for the City of Hattiesburg.

- 18. 2025-748** Adopt a Resolution appointing Marybeth Bergin as City Engineer and Director of Transportation and Engineering.

- 19. 2025-749** Adopt a Resolution appointing Alan Howe as Director of Water and Sewer for the City of Hattiesburg.

- 20. 2025-750** Adopt a Resolution appointing Ronnie Perkins as Director of Public Works for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 21. 2025-751** Adopt a Resolution appointing Betsy Mercier as Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 22. 2025-752** Adopt a Resolution appointing Phillip McSwain as Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 23. 2025-753** Adopt a Resolution appointing Brian Bledsoe as Municipal Court Judge, Post 1 for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 24. 2025-754** Adopt a Resolution appointing Gay Polk-Payton as Municipal Court Judge, Post 2 for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 25. 2025-755** Adopt a Resolution appointing Mary Moore-Conville as Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem for the City of Hattiesburg.
- 26. 2025-757** Approve and Authorize submission of a grant application to CHEMTREC for the Help award grant.
- 27. 2025-759** Approve and Authorize acceptance of unadvertised bid or 2-Quote in the amount of \$29,500.00 from Gray Builders for the construction of a pavilion near the Roger Wicker Bridge, Hall Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive as per provided plans and specifications.
- 28. 2025-728** Adopt a Resolution levying ad valorem taxes on all taxable properties within the City of Hattiesburg for the purpose of raising revenue for said City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

ROUTINE AGENDA

- 1. 2025-734** Acknowledge receipt of request filed by Clifford Lockhart, to appeal the August 6th, 2025 Hattiesburg Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a petition for a conditional use request for an electronic reader board at 748 W 4th Street. Set a public hearing before the City Council on October 6th, 2025, at 4:00 pm; and Authorize publication of Public Notice setting an Appeal Public Hearing.
- 2. 2025-736** Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.

3. **2025-737** Approve and Authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
4. **2025-738** Approve claims docket for the period ending August 31, 2025.

Meeting Recess

5:30 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING on proposed budget and proposed tax levies for FY 2026.

1. **2025-763** Hold Public Hearing on the proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

In Memoriam:

- *Dr. Frances A. Karnes*
- *Mrs. Tatiana Graham*
- *Ms. Catherine Darlyne Dickson*
- *Judge Frank Caprio*

Meeting Adjourn