

Published Agenda



Monday, October 6, 2025
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

1. 2025-735 Hold public hearing for appeal filed by Clifford Lockhart, Contractor/Representative, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission's action on the petition filed by Clifford Lockhart, Contractor/Representative, for a conditional use request for an electronic reader board. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission recommended denial of the petition on August 6th, 2025.
2. 2025-860 Hold a Public Hearing on the adoption of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.
3. 2025-857 Hold a public hearing for the designation of Recognized Historic Landmark status for the building located at 1410 Adeline St. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on August 13, 2025.

Agenda Adjustments

- Remove Routine Item #4, at the request of the Administration.

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, October 6, 2025**, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting convened following the Council's adjourned scheduled regular meeting held on September 16, 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 Ware called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing

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Council President Ware opened the Public Hearing on the appeal at 4:00 p.m. and explained the procedures.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **CONTINUE** the Public Hearing for the appeal filed by Clifford Lockhart, Contractor/Representative, regarding the Planning Commission’s action on a conditional use request for an electronic reader board, until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 20, 2025, due to the applicant’s absence.

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

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

Nays: 0

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:03 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing for the designation of the Public Hearing on Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule.**

- 2. **2025-860** Hold a Public Hearing on the adoption of the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the City of Hattiesburg for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

Council President Ware opened the Public Hearing at 4:07 p.m. and explained the procedures.

City Clerk, Kermas Eaton, presented an overview of the assessment schedule.

Council President Ware then invited any members of the public who wished to speak on the assessment schedule.

No citizens came forward to offer comments.

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:06 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing for the designation of the recognized Historic Landmark.**

- 3. **2025-857** Hold a public hearing for the designation of Recognized Historic Landmark status for the building located at 1410 Adeline St. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to Approve on August 13, 2025.

Council President Ware opened the Public Hearing at 4:07 p.m. and explained the procedures.

Russell Archer, Historic Preservation Planner, presented a historical overview of the case.

Council President Ware then invited any members of the public who wished to speak on the Historic Landmark.

No citizens came forward to offer comments.

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

Agenda Adjustments:

Council President Ware asked whether there were any adjustments to the agenda.

The Clerk of Council responded in the affirmative and proceeded to read the following adjustments:

- Remove Routine Item #4, at the request of the Administration.

- R-4. **2025-803** Approve plans and specifications for the Grace Avenue Sidewalk Project and Authorize advertisement for bids.

Agenda Review

Council President Ware proceeded with the Agenda Review.

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

Citizens' Forum

Council Vice President George 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, 2404 W. 4th Street, Apt. B

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

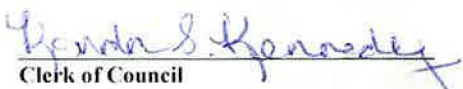
Meeting Recess

Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 4:33 p.m. on this 6th day of October 2025, by unanimous consent, until the 7th day of October 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
