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**Tuesday, January 6, 2026
5:00 PM**

**City Council
Tuesday Meeting Agenda**

**Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street**

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Agenda

Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes for the December 15 & 16, 2025 meetings of the City Council.

POLICY AGENDA

- 1. 2025-1104** Adopt an Ordinance for a text amendment requested by an applicant to the Hattiesburg Land Development Code (Ordinance No. 3209, as amended) to include pole signs as a conditional use approval in B-2 zoning districts and to allow electronic message reader boards as a conditional use approval in B-2 zoning districts. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission recommended denial at its meeting held on December 10, 2025.
- 2. 2025-1105** Approve the request for conditional use approvals for a pole sign and an electronic message reader board for a B-2 zoned property located at 110 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (PPIN 32303, Forrest County, Ward 5). The Planning Commission offered no recommendation on December 10, 2025.
- 3. 2025-1101** Approve the request for variances from the separation of electronic message boards from the nearest lot line of a residential use minimum requirement of 200ft to instead allow for 55ft and from the maximum requirement of 40% sign area of a electronic message board to instead allow for 45.71 % for a sign at a B-2 zoned property located at 110 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (PPIN 32303, Forrest County, Ward 5). The Board of Adjustment offered no recommendation on December 10th, 2025.
- 4. 2025-999** Take from the Table: Appeal of the Planning Commission's November 12, 2025 decision, filed by Michael Bethley, Representative, to adopt an Ordinance to rezone a property located at 110 Martin Luther King Avenue (PPIN 32303, Forrest County,

Ward 5) from B-2 to B-3. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission voted to deny the petition. *(Tabled on December 16, 2025).*

5. **2025-1071** Take from the Table: Accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation to deny the request for a variance from the maximum front yard fence height of 4ft to allow for 8ft for an R-2 zoned property at 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (PPIN 21672, Forrest County, Ward 5). *(Tabled on December 16, 2025).*

6. **2025-1102** Adopt an Ordinance accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a zoning change from R-1C to R-2 for a property located at 112 Dearborne Street (PPIN 20931, Forrest County, Ward 4). Planning Commission recommended approval on December 10th, 2025.

7. **2025-1103** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the conditional use request for a "Mobile Home Park" with additional conditions on an R-1A zoned property located at 1678 James Street (PPIN 39149, Forrest County, Ward 5). The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions on December 10th, 2025. The recommended added conditions are:
 - That the structures not be placed in a special flood hazard area
 - That the structures follow the conditions set out for Mobile Homes in Land Development Code Section 5.4.19

8. **2025-1147** Adopt a Resolution setting Public Hearing on Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall 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.

9. **2025-1146** 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.

10. **2025-1153** Adopt a Nunc Pro Tunc Resolution amending Resolution 2025-24, originally adopted on January 24, 2025, to correct the legal description of the property located at 1214 Putnam Avenue related to a code enforcement cleanup assessment, and authorize execution and recording of the associated Release of Lien.

11. **2025-1141** Adopt Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 27097 necessary for public use related to the Lincoln Road Detention Facility Project, Establishing just compensation, and Authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer and the issuance of a manual check.

- 12. 2025-1161** Adopt a Resolution approving the request for tax exemption filed by Trace West, LLC for ad valorem tax exemption, except school district ad valorem taxes, for property located in the Historic Preservation District at 129 Jackson Street in the amount of \$34,800.00, for a period of seven (7) years, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2032; as authorized by Section 17-21-5 of the MS Code.
- 13. 2025-1158** Adopt a Resolution determining waiver valuations and just compensations for certain real property with low fair market value to be acquired in connection with the Innswood Drainage, Phase I Project.
- 14. 2025-1145** Approve Payment Application No. 7 (Final Payment) to JW Chain Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$22,970.00, for restroom and exterior improvements at Tatum Park; authorize publication of the Notice of Final Settlement; and authorize issuance of a manual check for final payment.
- 15. 2025-1149** Approve Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for the US Hwy 49 & Peps Point Fire Water Extension Project and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 16. 2025-1148** Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
- 17. 2025-1075** Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg, Hattiesburg Convention Commission and Hardy Street Baptist Church related the shared use of parking areas located at Hardy Street Baptist Church as per attached documents and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 18. 2025-1138** Approve an Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and HubCity Lacrosse to operate and promote for Hattiesburg residents for a period of one year in the amount of \$3,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute and issuance of a manual check.
- 19. 2025-1159** Approve Lease Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Hattiesburg Tourism Commission for property located at 300 Hardy Street as per attached Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- 20. 2025-1142** Acknowledge bids received on December 4, 2025, for the Grace Avenue Sidewalk Project and accept the bid from R & J Construction, Inc. as the best and lowest bid and authorize the Mayor to execute contracts upon preparation.
- 21. 2025-1143** Acknowledge bids received on December 4, 2025, for the Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Hanger Taxilane Project and accept the bid from J.W. Chain Contractors,

LLC as the best and lowest bid and authorize the Mayor to execute contracts upon preparation.

- 22. **2025-1128** Acknowledge bids received on December 11, 2025, for the Camp Street Lighting Project and accept the base bid and alternate from Weaver Electric Inc. as the best and lowest bid and authorize the Mayor to execute contracts upon preparation.
- 23. **2025-1100** Ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hattiesburg and Mississippi Army National Guard related to a training operation at Hattiesburg Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.
- 24. **2026-2** Adopt a Resolution appointing Christopher Carr as Fire Chief for the City of Hattiesburg.

ROUTINE AGENDA

- 1. **2025-1152** Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
- 2. **2025-1139** Acknowledge the 2025 Expenditure Report from HubCity Lacrosse.
- 3. **2025-1160** Acknowledge the Acceptance of Bid Withdrawal from J.W. Chain Contractors in relation to the FTA Sidewalk Project for Grace Avenue.
- 4. **2025-1144** Ratify a Letter Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Mississippi Power related to utilities on Hardy Street.
- 5. **2025-1150** Authorize the disposal of Code Enforcement records from and to 2020 to include code enforcement files without fines (GSM 10-05) and code enforcement files with fines (GSM 10-06) in accordance with Ordinance #3342 and the State of Mississippi Records Retention Schedule for Municipalities General Schedule as provided for in MS Code Ann. § 21-15-37.
- 6. **2025-1129** Approve and Authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
- 7. **2025-1140** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
- 8. **2025-1156** Approve claims docket for the period ending December 31, 2025.

In Memoriam:

- Dr. Joseph B. Parker
- Mr. Charles H. (Charles) Carter, Jr.
- Ms. Patricia H. (Pat) Yelverton
- Ms. Hannah Hopkins
- Dr. James C. Bishop, III
- Mr. Edgar Jackson (Ed) Walker

Meeting Adjourn