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Monday, February 2, 2026
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

12026-50

Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state ofuncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-1 I.

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Work Session

12026-69

Tax Abatement Cost Benefit Review, presented by Alex Pickle.

22026-70

Central Business District Proposal, presented by Todd Jackson, ADP.

32026-71

Opioid Update, presented by Administration.

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026**, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting convenedfollowing the Council's adjourned scheduled regular meeting held on January 20, 2026.

***In attendance were** Mayor Toby Barker and members ofthe City Council Jeffrey George, Ward J; Eric Boney, Ward 2; LeAnn Vance, Ward 3; Dave Ware, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5*

***Others in attendance were** Director ofAdministration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk ofCouncil, Ronda S Kennedy; Deputy Clerk ofCouncil, Lisa Luu Jolly; City staffmembers; media; and the public.*

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

Public BearJng

12026-50

Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state ofuncleanliness 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 02 02 2026

Dismissal Memo 02 02 2026 - 412 Magnolia Ave

1. 403 Miller St - Case History

2. 412 Magnolia Ave - Case History

3. 509 Buschman St - Case History

4. 721 Mobile St - Case History

5. 1100 Deason Ave - Case History

6. 1113 Scott St - Case History

7. 1715 River Ave - Case History

8. 38 McCall St - Case History

9. 112 Wisteria Dr - Case History

10. 3006 Prince George Rd - Case History

11. 4960 Hardy St - Case History

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

This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Resolution #2026-1, adopted on January 6, 2026, and recorded in Minute Book 2024, Pages 8 - 9, to determine whether the following properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community.

Code Enforcement Division Manager, Whit Sanguinetti, provided a case overview and the violations for each property listed for consideration. He recommended that the Council adopt resolutions determining that the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community. He further recommended that the resolutions specify a fifteen (15) day period for homeowners to remedy the violations and declared the City's intent to abate the violations and assess the cost, along with any applicable penalties, against the property if the violations were not resolved within that time frame.

Mr. Sanguinetti also requested that the following property be dismissed from consideration due to compliance:

- Case No. 2 - 412 Magnolia Avenue

Council President Ware called each listed property in order and first invited the property owner or their legal representative to speak on behalf of the property.

The following representatives spoke on behalf as the property was called:

- Case No. 6 - 1113 Scott St. [Theresa Smith, property owner]
- Case No. 10 - 3006 Prince George Rd. [Elise Blackwood, property representative]
- Case No. 11 - 4960 Hardy St. [Alfredo Gallardo, property representative]

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council regarding properties listed for the public hearing.

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:19 p.m.**

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.

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

Work Session

Council President Ware proceeded with the Work Session.

The following overview was provided:

1.	2026-69	Tax Abatement Cost Benefit Review, presented by Alex Pickle. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Hattiesburg 2025 Ad Valorem Abatements</u>
2.	2026-70	Central Business District Proposal, presented by ADP's Community Development Managers: Colby Bennett & Kaitlyn Smith <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Central Business District Summary</u> <u>Proposed Boundary Map - Broadway Drive</u> <u>Proposed Boundary Map - Hardy Street</u>
3.	2026-71	Opioid Update, presented by James Moore.

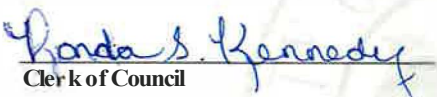
Meeting Recess

Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m. on this 5th day of January 2026, by unanimous consent, until the 6th day of January 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
