

Published Agenda



Monday, December 15, 2025
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

1. 2025-1078 Hold a public hearing for an appeal filed by Michael Bethley, Representative, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission action on the petition for a zoning change request from B-2 to B-3 for a property located at 110 Martin Luther King Avenue. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission voted to deny the petition on November 12th, 2025
2. 2025-1079 Hold a public hearing for an appeal filed by Michael Haddox, Property Owner/Applicant, to appeal the Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment action on the petition filed, for a variance request from the requirement of a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on street frontages for a property located at 135 Thornhill Drive. The Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment voted to deny the petition on November 5th, 2025.

Agenda Adjustments - Add Policy Items #33, #34, #35 and #36:

33. 2025-1125 Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Walters Construction Company, Inc., for the State Aide-EDH Highway 49 (Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO) to add 12 days to the contract; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
34. 2025-1126 Approve and Authorize the transfer of additional funds to complete the State Aid-Economic Development Highway 49 (Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO) in the amount of \$82,500.00. Authorize issuance of a manual check for the same.
35. 2025-1127 Authorize the Mayor to execute a Release of Maintenance to Walters Construction Company, Inc., in connection with State Aid -Hwy 49 Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO. The Release of Maintenance is conditioned upon the receipt of an executed Release from Walters Construction Company, Inc., in substantially the form attached.
36. 2025-1124 Approve a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Hattiesburg High School for Choral Arts advertisement sponsorship, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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, December 15, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, to consider an appeal filed by Michael Bethley, representative, appealing the Hattiesburg Planning Commission’s decision of November 12, 2025, denying a request for a zoning change from B-2 to B-3 for property located at 110 Martin Luther King Avenue.

Council President Ware called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing

1. 2025-1078 Hold a public hearing for an appeal filed by Michael Bethley, Representative, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission action on the petition for a zoning change request from B-2 to B-3 for a property located at 110 Martin Luther King Avenue. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission voted to deny the petition on November 12th, 2025.
- [TABLED]
until the 01/05/2026

Council President Ware stated that, based on discussions with the applicant, he requested that the Public Hearing be tabled to allow additional time.

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

to **TABLE** the Public Hearing for the appeal filed by Michael Bethley *until January 5, 2026*, to allow the applicant additional time.

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 on another appeal.

Council President Ware opened the Public Hearing at 4:04 p.m., for the Council to consider an appeal filed by Michael Haddox, property owner/applicant, appealing the Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment’s decision of November 5, 2025, denying a variance request from the requirement of a five-foot-wide sidewalk on street frontages for property located at 135 Thornhill Drive.

2. **2025-1079** Hold a public hearing for an appeal filed by Michael Haddox, Property Owner/Applicant, to appeal the Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment action on the petition filed, for a variance request from the requirement of a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on street frontages for a property located at 135 Thornhill Drive. The Hattiesburg Board of Adjustment voted to deny the petition on November 5th, 2025.
- [TABLED]
- until the 04/06/2026

Council President Ware called the Public Hearing to order and explained the procedures.

Council President Ware stated that, based on discussions with the applicant, he requested that the Public Hearing be tabled to allow additional time.

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

to **TABLE** the Public Hearing for the appeal filed by Michael Haddox *until April 6, 2026*, to allow the applicant additional time.

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 4:05 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:

- *Add Policy Items #33, #34, #35 and #36:*

33. **2025-1125** Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Walters Construction Company, Inc., for the State Aide-EDH Highway 49 (Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO) to add 12 days to the contract; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: SA5-Final Days Added to Contract - PE Signed

34. **2025-1126** Approve and Authorize the transfer of additional funds to complete the State Aid-Economic Development Highway 49 (Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO) in the amount of \$82,500.00. Authorize issuance of a manual check for the same.

Attachments: Council order #2 Adding Project Funds

35.

2025-1127

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Release of Maintenance to Walters Construction Company, Inc., in connection with State Aid -Hwy 49 Project No. DECD-0018(35)BO. The Release of Maintenance is conditioned upon the receipt of an executed Release from Walters Construction Company, Inc., in substantially the form attached.

Attachments: Release of Maintence - RP Draft
Release - Walters to City - final - 12 Dec 2025 - signed
36.

2025-1124

Approve a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Hattiesburg High School for Choral Arts advertisement sponsorship, in accordance with Mississippi 17-3-1, for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Attachments: sponsorship request - HHS choral arts

Agenda Review

Council President Ware proceeded with the Agenda Review.

Council President Ware requested that the wording “*in conjunction with Forrest County and the Hattiesburg Public School District Foundation*” be added to **Policy Item #36**.

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

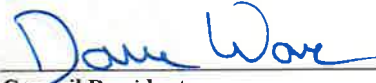
Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 5:22 p.m. on this 15th day of December 2025, by unanimous consent, until the 16th day of December 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

(Deputy) 
Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
