



Tuesday, April 21, 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

POLICY AGENDA

1. **2026-302** Adopt Resolutions condemning the following properties as unclean and a menace to the health and safety of the community.

2. **2025-1031** Take from the Table; An Appeal of the Board of Adjustment's November 5, 2025 decision, filed by Michael Haddox, Property Owner/Applicant, regarding a variance request from the requirement of a 5-foot-wide sidewalk along street frontages for the property located at 135 Thornhill Drive (PPIN 21511, Lamar County, Ward 3). The Board of Adjustment voted to deny the petition (*Tabled at the December 16, 2025 Council meeting*).

3. **2026-253** Adopt an Ordinance to apply zoning to recently annexed properties located along Hickory Hills Drive and Little Creek Drive, generally in the Hunter's Point Subdivision, to the R-1A (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. (Ward 1, Forrest County.) Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026.

4. **2026-251** Adopt an Ordinance for a zoning change from R-1C to B-2 for a property located at 622 New Orleans Street (PPIN 19025, Ward 2, Forrest County). The Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026.

5. **2026-252** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the conditional use request for a "Funeral Home" for a property zoned B-2 located at 622 New Orleans Street (PPIN 19025, Ward 2, Forrest County). The Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026, with the following conditions:

1. Any future expansion to include cremation and/or embalming services shall require an additional conditional use approval.
2. A traffic memo for the processional traffic shall be required as part of the site plan.

6. **2026-247** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the conditional use request for "dwelling, two-family" for a B-2 zoned property at 305 Rosa Avenue (PPIN 13844, Ward 2, Forrest County). The Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026.
7. **2026-249** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request for a major subdivision and to alter a platted subdivision known as "Mineral Creek Estates" that will amend lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 into lots 4,5, and 7 for property located along the western portion J Ed Turner near Jackson Road (PPIN 9505, Ward 1, Forrest County). The Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026.
8. **2026-250** Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request for a major subdivision and to alter a subdivision known as the "Mineral Creek Manor" subdivision for a property at 100 J Ed Turner Drive (PPIN 9505, Forrest County, Ward 1). The Planning Commission recommended approval on April 1, 2026.
9. **2026-311** Accept the Board of Adjustment's following recommendations for a property located at 5338 and 5340 Old Hwy 42 (PPINs 22194 & 22195, Ward 2, Forrest County):
 - Recommend denial of the sidewalk variance request along Hwy 42.
 - Recommend approval of the green space variance with the condition that they can maximize green space via raised beds or traditional green space landscaping along Hwy 42 and Stanley Street.
 - Recommend approval of the sidewalk variance request along Stanley Street.
10. **2026-312** Accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation to approve the following variances for property located at 3104 Hardy Street, with the added condition that there will be no amplified sound and that ordering will be face-to-face in the drive-thru (no speaker box or intercom):
 - Variance from the requirement of active use area of a drive-through area to be located closer than 300 feet to a residential use lot, to allow for 175ft.
 - Variance from the pole sign requirement of 150ft of lineal street frontage to allow for 140ft.
 - Variance from the green strip requirement of 10ft in width, to allow 8ft of green space.

- Variance from the one-way driveway requirement of a maximum of 14ft to allow for 16ft.

11. **2026-313** Accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation to approve the variance request from the fence height requirement of a maximum of 4ft in a front yard to instead allow for 5ft for a property located at 119 E Pine Street (PPIN 14623, Ward 4).
12. **2026-330** Adopt a Resolution amending the Central Business District footprint for tax exemptions, as adopted December 20, 2011, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 17-21-5, to expand said district to include the Hardy Street Central Business District and the Broadway Drive Central Business District.
13. **2026-303** 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 enclosed properties.
14. **2026-319** Adopt a Resolution approving the acquisition of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 15150 from Red Rising, LLC for the Edwards Street Improvement Project, accepting the negotiated purchase price, and authorize issuance of a manual check.
15. **2026-320** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for funding for the *2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Program* and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents related to the grant application.
16. **2026-322** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.
17. **2026-325** Adopt a Resolution declaring equipment surplus and authorizing the disposal of said equipment and authorizing removal of equipment from the city inventory of the Information Technology Department.
18. **2026-304** Approve Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo, authorize the Mayor to execute and record the same.
19. **2026-270** Approve Agreement with Granicus for the implementation of the short-term rental software in the amount of \$9,871.29 for the Department of Urban Development and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

20. **2026-305** Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

21. **2026-316** Approve extension of the Motorcycle Lease Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and EMAG Daytona HD, LLC (dba Teddy Morse's Daytona Harley-Davidson), extending the original lease dated May 30, 2023, for an additional term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, under the same terms and conditions, including monthly lease payments as provided therein; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

22. **2026-317** Approve letter agreement with Commercial Appraisals, LLC to provide appraisal services for the Gordon's Creek Ph II Pathway project (aka Gordon's Creek - Hutchinson Ave to Broad St) and authorize the Mayor to execute same.

23. **2026-321** Approve Contract Change Order No.1 with JW Chain Construction LLC for the HBG Taxilane Project SMIF-0031-0124 for a contract decrease of \$11,969.91 and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

24. **2026-315** Acknowledge receipt of Closeout Package for the 16th Avenue and Concart Street Improvements project; authorize publication of Notice of Final Settlement for the project; and authorize final acceptance of the project.

25. **2026-327** Acknowledge bids received on April 9, 2026, for Hattiesburg High Area Infrastructure Improvements – Phase I Project and accept the bid of Homestead Services, LLC as the best and lowest bid and authorize the Mayor to execute contracts upon preparation.

26. **2026-318** Ratify Agreed Final Judgement, Civil Action No. 25-752, filed in the Special Court of Eminent Domain related to the 4th Street Sidewalk Improvements - Ph IV project and establishing total just compensation for the acquisition of property described in Exhibit "A" of the attached document. Authorize issuance of a manual check in payment thereof.

ROUTINE AGENDA

1. **2026-310** Acknowledge receipt of request filed by Marilyn Livingston and Hope Bald, Applicants, to appeal the Hattiesburg Planning Commission's action on the petition filed by Marilyn Livingston and Hope Bald, Applicants, to close a 150-foot portion of an alley located between 409 and 407 Court Street. The Hattiesburg Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the petition on April 1, 2026. Set a public hearing before the City Council on May 4, 2026, at 4:00 pm, and authorize the publication of a Public Notice setting an Appeal Public Hearing.

2. **2026-308** Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending March 31, 2026.
3. **2026-323** Acknowledge receipt of Privilege Tax License Report for March 2026.
4. **2026-314** Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
5. **2026-306** Approve the City's purchase of (1) one grave space, located in Section 39, Lot 121, the South Half (S1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE (1/4) at Highland Cemetery, at Minute book# 2022 and page# 82, in the amount of \$175.00 from Beverly Wallace, Authorize manual check for the same.
6. **2026-307** Approve the City's purchase of (4) one grave, spaces located in Section 34, Lot 47, the East Half (E1/2), spaces 5–8 found in Minute book# 2014 and page# 334, in the amount of \$700.00 from Teresa A. Thornton, Authorize manual check for the same.
7. **2026-329** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
8. **2026-309** Approve claims docket for the period ending April 17, 2026.

In Memoriam:

- Dr. Shelby Freland Thames

Meeting Adjourn