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Monday, March 2, 2026

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

- Call to Order
- Agenda Review
- Citizens' Forum
- Work Session

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| 1. | 2026-157 | Midtown Merchants Association Presentation. |
| 2. | 2026-156 | Express Employment, presented by Administration and Human Resources. |
| 3. | 2026-153 | Proposed amendments to the Land Development Code, presented by Planning. |

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held an Agenda Review at 4:00 p.m. on

Monday, March 2, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting was convened following the Council's adjourned scheduled regular meeting held on February 17, 2026.

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.

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:

- Monique Jobe, 2306 Clayton Pl.
- Sharon Nichols, 1201 Maire St.
- Chad Edmonson, 509 Ronie St.
- Donna Sumrall, 1208 Carter Dr.
- Blaise M. Sonnier, 1206 Carter Dr.
- Gay Polk-Payton, 1204 Carter Dr.

- Wyatt McMunn, 103 Danbury Ln.

There being no other 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.	2026-157	Midtown Merchants Association, presented by representatives of the association: 2026 President, Ed Hargrove and Lora Lofton.
2.	2026-156	Express Employment, presented by HR Division Manager, Melvin Davis and Franchise Owner of Express Employment, Christian May.
3.	2026-153	Proposed amendments to the Land Development Code, presented by Senior Planner, Nathan Satcher.

Executive Session

Council Member Brown left the Council Chambers at 5:29 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George to **ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE**

THE NEED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:30 p.m.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Boney, Vance and Ware

Nays: - 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

Council President Ware requested that the Chambers be cleared at this time.

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

to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:31 p.m. to discuss transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands, pursuant to *Mississippi Code §25-41-7(4)(g)*.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Boney, Vance and Ware

Nays: - 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council had entered executive session to discuss economic development involving prospective land transactions.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members Jeffrey George, Eric Boney, LeAnn Vance and Dave Ware; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Attorney David Miller Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; and Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly.

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

to **EXIT** Executive Session and **RE-OPEN** the meeting to the public at 5:43 pm.

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

Yeas: 4 – George, Boney, Vance and Ware

Nays: - 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

Council President Ware called the meeting back to order in open session and reported that, during executive session, the Council discussed matters pertaining to economic development involving prospective land transactions and that no action was taken.

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
