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Monday, April 6, 2026
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

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The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on March 11, 2026.

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, April 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting convened following the Council's adjourned scheduled regular meeting held on March 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 opened the Public Hearing on the appeal at 4:00 p.m. and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing

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Attachments: Staff Report

Russell Archer, Historic Preservation Planner, presented an overview of the case.

Council President Ware called upon **the appellant, Ms. Mary Gail Wildman**, to present her appeal.

Council President Ware then invited any members of the public who wished to speak on the appeal.

- *Ladell Kraft, 105 Pearl St., Lumberton, MS, appeared on behalf of Ms. Wildman.*

No other citizens came forward to offer comments.

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:16 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

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:

- *Virginia Smith, 2404 W. 4th Street, Apt. B*

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

Executive Session

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

THE NEED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:24 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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

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

to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 4:25 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: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

The City Attorney stepped out into the hall and announced that the Council had entered executive session to discuss transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands.

Those present for the Executive Session were Mayor Toby Barker; Council members: Jeffrey George, Eric Boney, LeAnn Vance, Dave Ware and Nicholas Brown; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Attorney David Miller; Deputy Director of Transportation and Engineering, Hunter White; Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly and Marlo Dorsey, Executive Director of VistHattiesburg.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **APPROVE** the proposed 2028 VisitHattiesburg rate fees.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

Ms. Marlo Dorsey, left the Council Chambers at 5:02 p.m.

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

to AUTHORIZE the purchase of two properties in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all related documents.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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

to EXIT Executive Session and RE-OPEN the meeting to the public at 5:09 p.m.

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

Yeas: 5 – George, Boney, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 0

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.

Meeting Recess

Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m. on this 6th day of April 2026 by unanimous consent, until the 7th day of April 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

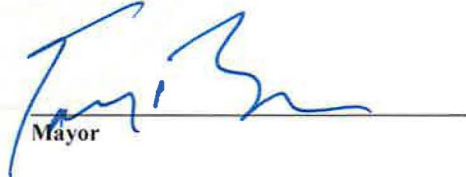

Clerk of Council


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:


City Clerk


Mayor
