



**Tuesday, April 7, 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

Approval of Minutes for March 2, 3, 16 & 17, 2026 meetings of the City Council.

POLICY AGENDA

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1. 2026-228

Accept the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's decision to deny a request by Mary Gail Wildman for roof material modifications at 421 S 22nd Avenue. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on March 11, 2026. Mary Gail Wildman, Owner/Petitioner, appealed the decision on March 12, 2026.
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2. 2026-243

Adopt a Resolution directing the settlement of the case styled City of Hattiesburg v. ARC-1, LLC, Special Court of Eminent Domain, Forrest County, Mississippi, No. CO-23-1209.
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3. 2026-234

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to 2027 SRLF-Katie-John-Dabbs, Hattiesburg High PH II and East Jerusalem PH I and III Projects; and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
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4. 2026-238

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to the Tipton St Phase I Lighting Project; and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
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5. 2026-239

Approve Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric to provide generator maintenance for City generators; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
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6. 2026-241

Approve Change Order #1 with MitchCo. Construction Inc. for the Fire Station #2 project with a contract increase of \$2,085.00; and authorize the mayor to execute same.
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7. 2026-229

Approve Renewal of Annual Maintenance Agreement with Business Information Systems, Inc., for DCR, (digital recording system) in the Council Chambers at a rate of \$1,051.25 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
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8. 2026-230

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.
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9. 2026-244

Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association (DHA), a designated Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) member to provide operational support for Downtown Hattiesburg Association's partnered events; and authorize manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.
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10. 2026-233

Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the City-Wide Water Meter Replacement project; Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Hudson Contracting, Inc. to record the project underrun, reducing the contract amount by \$138,949.42 to a final amount of \$7,513,733.60; and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Authorize payment of final pay application.
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11. 2026-246

Ratify a Sub-grant Agreement between the Mississippi State Department of Health and the City of Hattiesburg for the Hattiesburg Police Department Domestic Violence Program.

ROUTINE AGENDA

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1. 2026-237

Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
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2. 2026-231

Acknowledge receipt of a permanent utility and access easement from Land Management, LTD, Limited Partnership, for a portion of Forrest County tax parcel 2-040H-29-001.00 (PPIN 6976).
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3. 2026-232

Acknowledge Final Decree from the State of Mississippi, Secretary of State's Office, in the matter of the enlargement and extension of the municipal boundaries of the City of Hattiesburg, Hunter's Point and Sullivan Kilrain Areas.
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4. 2026-235

Acknowledge and accept Quitclaim Deed from the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation to the City of Hattiesburg for Forrest County property located at PPIN 40055, Parcel # 2-037E-14-010.00.

p. 87	5. 2026-242	Approve and authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG Public Services activities within the Community Development Division.
p. 88	6. 2026-225	Approve and authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing for the 2026/27 Annual Action Plan.
p. 88	7. 2026-226	Approve and authorize publication of a Request for Qualifications for Electrical Contractor Services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
p. 88	8. 2026-227	Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
p. 88	9. 2026-245	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
p. 88	10. 2026-240	Approve claims docket for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Memoriam:

- Judge Bob Helfrich
- Supervisor Burkett Ross

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **regular meeting at 5:00 PM on April 7, 2026**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**, *this being the reconvened session of the recessed meeting held on April 6, 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 at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by *Pastor Phillip McSwain, Pastor of Starlight Missionary Baptist Church.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by *City Clerk, Kermas Eaton.*

Presentation Agenda

The PRESENTATION AGENDA came before the Council.

There were no presentations at this time.

Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda

THE MATTER OF THE AGENDA ORDER was before the Council.

Council President Ware asked whether there were any adjustments to the agenda.

The Clerk of Council responded that there were none.

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

to **APPROVE** Agenda as presented.

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

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

Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes

Council President Ware asked whether there were any amendments to the minutes.

*There being none, the minutes were **APPROVED** as presented.*

- **2026-236** Approve the minutes for the March 2, 3, 16 & 17, 2026 meetings of the City Council.

Attachments: [03-02-2026 AR, WS, XS Mins.](#)
[03-03-2026 XS Mins.](#)
[03-16-2026 AR Mins.](#)
[03-17-2026 Mins.](#)

POLICY AGENDA

THE POLICY AGENDA was then considered.

1. **2026-228** Accept the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's decision to deny a request by Mary Gail Wildman for roof material modifications at 421 S 22nd Avenue. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on March 11, 2026. Mary Gail Wildman, Owner/Petitioner, appealed the decision on March 12, 2026.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Ware requested unanimous consent to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Mr. Wiley Quinn to provide a follow-up regarding the petition filed by Mary Gail Wildman.

There being no objection, Mr. Quinn provided the update.

Council President Ware then reinstated Robert's Rules of Order.

A MOTION was made by Council President Ware and seconded by Council Vice President George

to APPROVE the petition request of Mary Gail Wildman for roof material modification at 421 S. 22nd Avenue, thereby overturning the decision of the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission.

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

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

Nays: 0

2. **2026-243** Approve the settlement of the case styled City of Hattiesburg v. ARC-1, LLC, Special Court of Eminent Domain, Forrest County, Mississippi, No. CO-23-1209.

Attachments: [2026.03.30 AGREED JUDGMENT - Signed](#)
[AGREED JUDGMENT](#)
[Legal Description](#)

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

to APPROVE the settlement of the case styled City of Hattiesburg v. ARC-1, LLC, Special Court of Eminent Domain, Forrest County, Mississippi, No. CO-23-1209.

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

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

Nays: 0

3. **2026-234** Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to 2027 SRLF-Katie-John-Dabbs, Hattiesburg High PH II and East Jerusalem PH I and III Projects and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

Attachments: [SDW SLRF Agreement Various](#)

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

to **APPROVE** Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to 2027 SRLF-Katie-John-Dabbs, Hattiesburg High PH II and East Jerusalem PH I and III Projects;
and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

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

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

Nays: 0

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| 4. | 2026-238 | Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to the Tipton St Phase I Lighting Project and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
<u>Attachments:</u> <u>12256_Tipton St Ph I Lighting_Professional Services - SDW</u> |
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **APPROVE** Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to the Tipton St Phase I Lighting Project;
and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

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

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

Nays: 0

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| 2026-239 | Approve Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric to provide generator maintenance for City generators and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Proposal City Hattiesburg Generator Maint 2026</u> |
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Boney

to **APPROVE** Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Doleac Electric to provide generator maintenance for City generators;
and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

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| 6. | 2026-241 | Approve Change Order #1 with MitchCo Construction Inc. for the Fire Station #2 project with a contract increase of \$2,085.00 and authorize the mayor to execute same.
<u>Attachments:</u> <u>G701-2017_Change Order #01 - Signed</u> |
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **APPROVE** Change Order #1 with MitchCo Construction Inc. for the Fire Station #2 project with a contract increase of \$2,085.00; and **AUTHORIZE** the mayor to execute same.

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

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

Nays: 0

7. 2026-229 Approve Renewal of Annual Maintenance Agreement with Business Information Systems, Inc., for DCR, (digital recording system) in the Council Chambers at a rate of \$1,051.25 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
- Attachments: [BIS Annual renewal -June 2026 through May 2027](#)
[Renewal of Annual Maintenance Agreement with Business Information Systems, Inc. - DCR system in council chambers](#)

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

to **APPROVE** Renewal of Annual Maintenance Agreement with Business Information Systems, Inc., for DCR, (digital recording system) in the Council Chambers at a rate of \$1,051.25;

and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

8. 2026-230 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.
- Attachments: [Release of Lien Memo 04 07 2026](#)
[1. 68 Central School Rd - Release of Lien](#)
[2. 901 River Ave - Release of Lien](#)
[3. 907 River Ave - Release of Lien](#)

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

to **APPROVE** Release of Lien documents filed in relation to Code Enforcement clean-up assessments per attached memo, and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute and record the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

9. 2026-244 Approve Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association (DHA), a designated Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) member to provide operational support for Downtown Hattiesburg Association's partnered events; authorize manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.
- Attachments: [2026 DHA-CoH MOA_rev](#)

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

to **APPROVE** Agreement between City of Hattiesburg and Downtown Hattiesburg Association (DHA), a designated Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) member to provide operational support for Downtown Hattiesburg Association's partnered events; and **AUTHORIZE** manual check and the Mayor to execute the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

10. 2026-233 Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the City Wide Water Meter Replacement project; Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Hudson Contracting, Inc. to record the project underrun, reducing the contract amount by \$138,949.42 to a final amount of \$7,513,733.60 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Authorize payment of final pay application.
- Attachments: [12249 Closeout Docs trans wAttachments](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of closing documents for the City Wide Water Meter Replacement project; **APPROVE** Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Hudson Contracting, Inc. to record the project under run, reducing the contract amount by \$138,949.42 to a final amount of \$7,513,733.60;

and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the same. Authorize payment of final pay application.

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

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

Nays: 0

11.	2026-246	Ratify a Sub-grant Agreement between the Mississippi State Department of Health and the City of Hattiesburg for the Hattiesburg Police Department Domestic Violence Program.
		Attachments: <u>3111_001</u> <u>3111_036</u>

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

to **RATIFY** a Sub-grant Agreement between the Mississippi State Department of Health and the City of Hattiesburg for the Hattiesburg Police Department Domestic Violence Program.

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

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

Nays: 0

ROUTINE AGENDA

THE ROUTINE AGENDA came before the Council.

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President Jeffrey George and seconded by Council Member Nicholas Brown to **APPROVE** the Routine Agenda, including the claims docket.

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

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

Nays: 0

1.	2026-237	Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
		Attachments: <u>April 7, 2026 Council Agenda</u>
2.	2026-231	Acknowledge receipt of a permanent utility and access easement from Land Management, LTD, Limited Partnership, for a portion of Forrest County tax parcel 2-040H-29-001.00 (PPIN 6976).
		Attachments: <u>Utility Easement Tatum Park-Land Management, LTD.</u>
	2026-232	Acknowledge Final Decree from the State of Mississippi, Secretary of State's Office, in the matter of the enlargement and extension of the municipal boundaries of the City of Hattiesburg, Hunter's Point and Sullivan Kilrain Areas.
		Attachments: <u>2026-03-17 Secretary of State Filed Final Decree</u>
4.	2026-235	Acknowledge and accept Quitclaim Deed from the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation to the City of Hattiesburg for Forrest County property located at PPIN 40055, Parcel # 2-037E-14-010.00.
		Attachments: <u>Quit Claim Deed-USM Foundation</u>
5.	2026-242	Approve and authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG Public Services activities within the Community Development Division.
		Attachments: <u>Public Notice - Funding Availability Public Service_CDBG</u>

Public Services Application 3.30.26

- 6. **2026-225** Approve and authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing for the 2026/27 Annual Action Plan.
Attachments: 2026 AAP Public Notice
- 7. **2026-226** Approve and Authorize publication of a Request for Qualifications for Electrical Contractor Services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
Attachments: RFQ Electrical 4.23.26.docx
RFQ Public Notice - Licensed Specialty Electrical Contractors 4.9.26
- 8. **2026-227** Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
Attachments: McCarty Consulting - 2025 CAPER Invoice
Terracon Invoice - 403 Dixie Avenue
Terracon Invoice - 701 Lafayette Avenue
Terracon Invoice - 705 Parker Avenue
Terracon Invoice - 315 Pauline Avenue
Roofing Invoice - 3103 Jamestown Road
Frye Environmental Invoice 03.30.26
- 9. **2026-245** Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
Attachments: Bedwell
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LaDon Woullard
Esters
Emma Sims
S. Coleman
Mackey III
Ratliff
Reaves
D. Earl Jr
Robert Simmons
Alisha Barnes
Receipts
- 10. **2026-240** Approve claims docket for the period ending March 31, 2026.
Attachments: DOCKET 26.0331
DT 26.0331

In Memoriam:

A MOTION was made by Council President Ware to Adjourn the meeting in *memory of*:

- *Judge Bob Helfrich*
- *Supervisor Burkett Ross*

Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council President Ware declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on this 7th day of April 2026, by unanimous consent.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

<p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>Ronda S. Kennedy</i></u> Clerk of Council</p>	<p>APPROVE:</p> <p><u><i>Dave Ware</i></u> Council President</p>
<p>ATTEST AND CERTIFY:</p> <p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> City Clerk</p>	<p>APPROVE:</p> <p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Mayor</p>
