

Published Agenda



Monday, June 15, 2026
4:00 PM

City Council
Monday Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
200 Forrest Street

Call to Order

Public Hearing

1.

2026-440

Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.
- Attachments:

Hold Public Hearing Memo CE - 06 15 2026

1. 144 Geneva St - Case History

2. 210 & 212 Alcorn Ave - Case History

3. 404 E 7th St - Case History

4. 607 Hall Ave - Case History

5. 918 Mobile St - Case History

6. 920 Whitney St - Case History

7. 1009 Dewey St - Case History

8. 5422 Hwy 42 Bypass - Case History
2.

2026-455

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Filed Appeal

Exhibit B&C 1

Agenda Review

Citizens' Forum

Meeting Recess

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing at 4:00 PM on Monday, June 15, 2026**, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

This meeting convened following the Council's adjourned scheduled regular meeting held on June 9, 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 listed unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. and explained the procedures

Public Hearing

This Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-98, adopted on May 19, 2026, and recorded in Minute Book 2024, Page 126, to determine whether the following properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community.

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Code Enforcement Division Manager, Whit Sanguinetti, provided a case overview and the violations for each property listed for consideration. He recommended that the Council adopt resolutions determining that the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to constitute a menace to the health and safety of the community. He further recommended that the resolutions specify a fifteen (15) day period for homeowners to remedy the violations and declared the City's intent to abate the violations and assess the cost, along with any applicable penalties, against the property if the violations were not resolved within that time frame.

Council President Ware called each listed property in order and first invited the property owner or their legal representative to speak on behalf of the property.

The following representatives spoke on behalf as the property was called:

- Case No. 2 – 210 Alcorn Ave. [Michael Albanese, property owner]
- Case No. 8 – 5422 Highway 42 Bypass [Christopher Lee, inherited from property owner]

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council regarding properties listed for the public hearing.

By unanimous consent, Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:20 p.m. and proceeded with the Public Hearing for an Appeal filed by Louis Ganet.

Council President Ware opened the Public Hearing on the appeal at 4:21 p.m. and explained the procedures.

2.

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Nathan Satcher, Senior Planner, presented an overview of the case.

Council President Ware called upon **the appellant, Louis Gagnet**, to present his appeal.

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

- *Judy Mellard, 515 E 4th St., appeared on behalf of the Housing Authority [AGAINST THE APPELLANT].*
- *Michael Bowen appeared on behalf of the Housing Authority [AGAINST THE APPELLANT].*

No other citizens came forward to offer comments.

Council President Ware then asked the appellant, Mr. Gagnet, whether he wished to offer a rebuttal.

Mr. Gagnet provided rebuttal comments.

By unanimous consent, **Council President Ware closed the public hearing at 4:51 p.m. and proceeded with the Agenda Review.**

Agenda Review

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

The Clerk of Council responded that there were and read aloud the following agenda adjustment:

- **On Policy Item #11, remove the conditions that were included in error.**
- **Remove Policy Item #34 at the request of the Administration.**

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 citizens addressed the Council:

- *Samantha Phillips, [705 Adeline Ave.]*
- *Rebecca Hamilton, [Lundy Lane]*

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 5:45 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 George and seconded by Council Member Vance

to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:46 p.m. to discuss strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation, or the issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body; and the transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale, or leasing of lands, as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the City's litigating position, in accordance with *Mississippi Code Section § 25-41-7(4)(b) and (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 into the hallway and announced that the Council had entered Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and economic development.

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; Clerk of Council, Ronda Kennedy; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu Jolly; Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Chief Financial Officer, Malcolm Berch; Police Chief, Hardy Sims; Fire Chief, Chris Carr; Director of Urban Development, Wiley Quinn; Director of Water & Sewer, Alan Howe; Director of Transportation and Engineering, Marybeth Bergin; Deputy Director of Transportation and Engineering, Hunter White; Director of Parks and Recreation, Betsy Mercier; Chief Communications Officer, John Arender; and Attorney Keith Turner of Watkins & Eager law firm.

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104** to increase rates for sewer services provided to Lamar Park Water and Sewer Association.

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 Vance

to **RATIFY** the lease agreement executed by the Mayor for an additional acre under the lease agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the State of Mississippi Military Department, affirming that the property is not needed for governmental purposes or municipal operations.

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 Vance

to **EXIT** Executive Session and **RE-OPEN** the meeting to the public at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

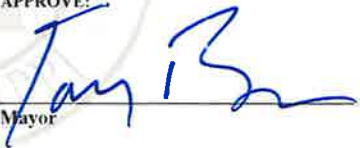
Nays: 0

Council President Ware called the meeting back to order in open session.

Meeting Recess

Council President Ware declared the meeting recessed at 6:03 PM on this 15th day of June 2026, by unanimous consent, until the 16th of June 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:	APPROVE:
 Clerk of Council	 Council President
ATTEST AND CERTIFY:	APPROVE:
 City Clerk	 Mayor
