

Published Agenda



Tuesday, July 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 the June 15, 16 & 26, 2026 meetings of the City Council.

POLICY AGENDA

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1. 2026-517

Approve Correction of April 6, 2026, Minutes Nunc Pro Tunc, previously approved on May 5, 2026.
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2. 2026-518

Accept the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission’s decision to deny a request to paint brick on a structure for a property located at 2010 Brooklane Drive. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on May 13th, 2026. The decision was appealed by Garrett and Devyn Wright on May 21, 2026.
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3. 2026-547

Adopt an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 3060, adopted December 7, 2010, regulating the use of City streets by commercial trucks and designating permitted truck routes in the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
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4. 2026-530

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 following properties.

Owner	Address	PPIN
Justin Powell	303 South 13th Avenue	24198
Willie Myers Jr and Ngozi Ngwu	313 Martin Luther King Avenue	21689
Kale Farms	315 May Avenue	13935
Ervin H Lopez Ailon	403 Miller Street	20563
Willis Jr, Lelia, & Nancy Carter C/O Johnny Jackson	509 Buschman Street	15820
The John L. Company, LLC Attn: T. Owen Beasley	901 River Avenue	14791
T. Owen Beasley	907 River Avenue	14793
Alan Enrique Prunera, Ava C Prunera, and Sophia E Prunera	86 Canal Drive	27700
Property Savers LLC	112 Kensington Drive	12743
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5. 2026-537

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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6. 2026-505

Adopt a Resolution approving the request for tax exemption filed by 28th Office, LLC for ad valorem tax exemption, except school district ad valorem taxes, for property located in the Historic Preservation District at 622 Corinne Street in the amount of \$70,959.02, for a period of seven (7) years, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2033; as authorized by Section 17-21-5 of the MS Code.
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7. 2026-558

Adopt a Resolution approving settlement of a doubtful and disputed claim at PPIN 14951as attached and authorize the issuance of a manual check for the same.
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8. 2026-543

Adopt a Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 39566 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Elks Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorize issuance of a manual check.
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9. 2026-544

Adopt a Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County parcels necessary for public use, establishing just compensation or waiver valuation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Sullivan Drive Bridge Replacement Project and authorize issuance of a manual check.
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10. 2026-541

Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 418 Mobile Street, Parcel # 2-029G-03-552.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with 21-17-1; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.
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11. 2026-546

Adopt a Resolution declaring Police Canine Ivy as surplus property, authorizing her removal from the Police Department Inventory and approving donation to her handler, Officer Austin Super.
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12. 2026-553

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the donation of two previously declared surplus vehicles to the City of Lumberton, Mississippi, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the transfer.

p. 177	13. 2026-528	Adopt a Resolution authorizing payment of additional funds for the acquisition of certain properties as ordered in the Agreed Final Judgment entered by the Forrest County Court in Civil Action No. 25-566 and authorize the issuance of a manual check in payment thereof.
p. 177 – 178	14. 2026-514	Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute the same in duplicate.
p. 178	15. 2026-549	Approve a Professional Service agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Allen Engineering and Science Inc. for services related to MS4 Compliance and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
p. 178	16. 2026-545	Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to the McLeod Street Bridge Repair Project and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
p. 178 – 179	17. 2026-533	Approve Supplemental Agreement No 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the West 7th Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$15,296.55 for a final contract amount of \$3,765,228.95 and authorize the Mayor to execute in multiples; authorize the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and authorize payments of the final pay applications.
p. 179	18. 2026-535	Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the East 2nd Street Area Infrastructure Improvements Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$169,227.18 for a final contract amount of \$2,155,555.82 and authorize the Mayor to execute in multiples; authorize the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and authorize payments of the final pay applications.
p. 179	19. 2026-536	Acknowledge bids received June 18, 2026, for the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge project; accept the bid from Chris Albritton Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$544,672.50, and authorize Mayor to execute the contract upon preparation.
p. 180	20. 2026-539	Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the Front Street Parklet project; approve Change Order No. 1 to adjust estimated quantities to actual quantities and reduce contract amount by \$14,958.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute it; approve payment of final pay application to Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety for Colony Construction, LLC; Authorize publication of Notice of Final Settlement; and authorize final acceptance of the project.
p. 180	21. 2026-507	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon Chemicals, L.P., for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$860,020.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 180 – 181	22. 2026-508	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$1,129,372.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 181	23. 2026-509	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$739,411.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 181	24. 2026-510	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank Company, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$167,533.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 181 – 182	25. 2026-511	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$4,132,782.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 182	26. 2026-512	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to BP Rex Closures, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$731,438.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
p. 182	27. 2026-540	Designate the Back Roads & Back Stories event, to be held July 18, 2026, at Midtown Green Park, as a city-approved event for the purposes described in Ordinance No. 3402.
p. 182	28. 2026-548	Authorize submission of a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY26 Treatment Drug Courts expansion program for \$400,000. No match is required.
p. 182 – 183	29. 2026-501	Authorize submission of grant application to the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) FY27 Building Fund for the Arts.
p. 183	30. 2026-557	Ratify and confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Eric Steele to the Hattiesburg School Board for a five (5) year term beginning March 7, 2026, and ending March 6, 2031.

ROUTINE AGENDA

p. 183	1. 2026-529	Ratification of an executed grant application submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Improvement Program.
p. 183	2. 2026-538	Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket.
p. 183	3. 2026-513	Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims attached.
p. 183	4. 2026-533	Approve plans and specifications for the Tipton Street Lighting Project and authorize advertisement for bids.

p. 184	5. 2026-534	Approve plans and specifications for the Gordon's Creek Linear Park - River District Project and authorize advertisement for bids.
p. 184	6. 2026-542	Approve claims docket or the period ending June 30, 2026.

Budget Presentation:

p. 184	1. 2026-559	Water & Sewer Department – presented by Alan Howe, Director.
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In Memoriam:

- Mrs. Lettie Lane Boney Taylor
- Mr. Richard C. Grant, Sr.
- Ms. Hilda Jeanette Carpenter
- Ms. Alaija Rahyn Brown
- Ms. Bernice Larkin
- Mrs. Linda Reed Johnson
- Mr. Jolly Walter Matthews, III
- Mr. John L. Dixon
- Ms. Andretta Marie English
- Mrs. Betty Lynn Jones Varner
- Mr. Charlie Vinson Jones

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

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

***In attendance** were 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.*

***Absent:** Mayor Toby Barker*

Council President Ware Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was given by *Interim Assistant Fire Chief, Kerry Hardges.*

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 Brown to APPROVE the 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

2026-449 Approve the minutes for the June 15, 16, & 26 2026 meetings of the City Council.
Attachments: DRAFT - 06-15-2026 PH, APH, AR, XS Mins.
DRAFT - 06-16-2026 Mins.
DRAFT - 06-26-2026 SCM - Acknowledging Receipt of the 2025 Audit

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

There being none, the minutes were APPROVED as presented.

POLICY AGENDA

THE POLICY AGENDA was then considered.

1.

2026-517

Approve Correction of April 6, 2026, Minutes Nunc Pro Tunc, previously approved on May 5, 2026.

Attachments: April 6, 2026 APH, AR, WS mins. corrected

A MOTION was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown to APPROVE Correction of April 6, 2026, Minutes Nunc Pro Tunc, previously approved on May 5, 2026.

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

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

Nays: 0

2.

2026-518

[Brick Painting Request – Approved]

Accept the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission’s decision to deny a request to paint the brick on a structure for a property located at 2010 Brooklane Drive. The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission voted to deny the petition on May 13th, 2026. The decision was appealed by Garrett and Devyn Wright on May 21, 2026.

Attachments: 2010 Brooklane Dr - Appeal and Letter
2010 Brooklane Dr - COA App - Garrett & Devyn Wright_May 2026
May 2026 HHCC Packet

A MOTION was made by Council President Ware and seconded by Council Vice President George to GRANT the appeal filed by Garrett and Devyn Wright, overturn the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission's May 13, 2026 decision, and APPROVE the request to paint the brick on the structure located at 2010 Brooklane Drive.

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

Yeas: 4 — George, Boney, Ware and Brown

Nays: 1 — Vance

3.

2026-547
[ORD#3417]

Adopt an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 3060, adopted December 7, 2010, regulating the use of City streets by commercial trucks and designating permitted truck routes in the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Attachments: City of Hattiesburg Truck Route Ordinance

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

to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3417** repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 3060, adopted December 7, 2010, regulating the use of City streets by commercial trucks and designating permitted truck routes in the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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

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

Nays: 0

4.	2026-530 [RES#2026-121-129]	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 following properties. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Adjudication Memo 07 07 2026 - CE</u> <u>1. 303 S 13th Ave - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>2. 313 Martin Luther King Ave - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>3. 315 May Ave - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>4. 403 Miller St - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>5. 509 Buschman St - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>6. 901 River Ave - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>7. 907 River Ave - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>8. 86 Canal Dr (LC) - Adjudication Resolution</u> <u>9. 112 Kensington Dr (LC) - Adjudication Resolution</u>
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2026-121 through NO. 2026-129** 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 following properties.

RES #	Owner	Address	PPIN
#2026-121	Justin Powell	303 South 13th Avenue	24198
#2026-122	Willie Myers Jr and Ngozi Ngwu	313 Martin Luther King Avenue	21689
#2026-123	Kale Farms	315 May Avenue	13935
#2026-124	Ervin H Lopez Ailon	403 Miller Street	20563
#2026-125	Willis Jr, Lelia, & Nancy Carter C/O Johnny Jackson	509 Buschman Street	15820
#2026-126	The John L. Company, LLC Attn: T. Owen Beasley	901 River Avenue	14791
#2026-127	T. Owen Beasley	907 River Avenue	14793
#2026-128	Alan Enrique Prunera, Ava C Prunera, and Sophia E Prunera	86 Canal Drive	27700
#2026-129	Property Savers LLC	112 Kensington Drive	12743

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

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

Nays: 0

5.	2026-537	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. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Release of Lien Memo 07 07 2026</u> <u>1. 1105 Cherry St - Release of Lien</u>
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

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

6.	2026-505 [RES #2026-130]	Adopt a Resolution approving the request for tax exemption filed by 28th Office, LLC for ad valorem tax exemption, except school district ad valorem taxes, for property located in the Historic Preservation District at 622 Corinne Street in the amount of \$70,959.02, for a period of seven (7) years, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2033; as authorized by Section 17-21-5 of the MS Code.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>622 Tax Abatement</u> <u>622 Invoices</u> <u>Before and After Pictures Exterior</u> <u>28th Office</u> <u>LLC Historic Resolution</u> <u>Memo- Eaton</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-130** approving the request for tax exemption filed by 28th Office, LLC for ad valorem tax exemption, except school district ad valorem taxes, for property located in the Historic Preservation District at 622 Corinne Street in the amount of \$70,959.02, for a period of seven (7) years, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2033; as authorized by Section 17-21-5 of the MS Code.

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

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

Nays: 0

7.	2026-558 [RES #2026-131]	Adopt a Resolution approving settlement of a doubtful and disputed claim at PPIN 14951as attached; and authorize the issuance of a manual check for the same.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Right of Entry 302 Park Ave</u> <u>RELEASE FROM LIABILITY</u> <u>Resolution Doubtful & Disputed Claim PPIN 14951</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131** approving settlement of a doubtful and disputed claim at PPIN 14951as attached; and **AUTHORIZE** the issuance of a manual check for 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.	2026-543 [RES #2026-132]	Adopt a Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 39566 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Elks Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorize issuance of a manual check.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>8185 - Elks Lake Rd - James</u> <u>Offer Resolution Elks Lake Road</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-132** declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 39566 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Elks Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project; and **AUTHORIZE** issuance of a manual check.

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

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

Nays: 0

9.	2026-544 [RES #2026-133]	Adopt a Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County parcels necessary for public use, establishing just compensation or waiver valuation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Sullivan Drive Bridge Replacement Project and authorize issuance of a manual check.	
		<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>8186 - Jackie Bailey</u> <u>Offer Resolution Sullivan Drive</u> <u>Waiver File - Baja Properties</u> <u>Waiver File - Discovery Energy</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-133** declaring a portion of Forrest County parcels necessary for public use, establishing just compensation or waiver valuation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Sullivan Drive Bridge Replacement Project; and **AUTHORIZE** issuance of a manual check.

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

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

Nays: 0

10.	2026-541 [RES #2026-134]	Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 418 Mobile Street, Parcel # 2-029G-03-552.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with 21-17-1; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.	
		<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>18855 deed</u> <u>3272 001</u> <u>3273 001</u> <u>SURPLUS RESOLUTION - PPIN 18855 418 Mobile Street</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-134** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 418 Mobile Street, Parcel # 2-029G-03-552.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with 21-17-1; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

11.	2026-546 [RES #2026-135]	Adopt a Resolution declaring Police Canine Ivy as surplus property, authorizing her removal from the Police Department Inventory and approving donation to her handler, Officer Austin Super.	
		<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>Resolution surplus Ivy</u> <u>Memo from Chief Sims</u> <u>Letter from Officers</u> <u>Letter from Veterinary Hospital</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-135** declaring Police Canine Ivy as surplus property, authorizing her removal from the Police Department Inventory and approving donation to her handler, Officer Austin Super.

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

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

Nays: 0

12.	2026-553 [RES #2026-136]	Adopt a Resolution authorizing the donation of two previously declared surplus vehicles to the City of Lumberton, Mississippi, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the transfer.	
		Attachments:	<u>Resolution Donation-Lumberton</u> <u>Vehicle Donation and Acceptance Agreement - Hattiesburg to Lumberton</u> <u>Unit Donation 1</u> <u>Unit donation 2</u> <u>surplus Resolution</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-136** authorizing the donation of two previously declared surplus vehicles to the City of Lumberton, Mississippi, and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the transfer.

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

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

Nays: 0

13.	2026-528 [RES #2026-137]	Adopt a Resolution authorizing payment of additional funds for the acquisition of certain properties as ordered in the Agreed Final Judgment entered by the Forrest County Court in Civil Action No. 25-566, and authorize the issuance of a manual check in payment thereof.	
		Attachments:	<u>PPIN 31828 Resolution (to Pay Additional \$90)</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-137** authorizing payment of additional funds for the acquisition of certain properties as ordered in the Agreed Final Judgment entered by the Forrest County Court in Civil Action No. 25-566; and **AUTHORIZE** the issuance of a manual check in payment thereof.

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

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

Nays: 0

14.	2026-514	Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute the same in duplicate.	
		Attachments:	<u>321 Emerson Drive - Grant Agreement Packet</u>

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

to **APPROVE** Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual;

and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same in duplicate.

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

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

Nays: 0

15.	2026-549	Approve a Professional Service agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Allen Engineering and Science Inc. for services related to MS4 Compliance and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Hattiesburg MS4 PSA – FINAL</u> <u>Fee Schedule - Standard Eff. 020126</u>

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

to APPROVE a Professional Service agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Allen Engineering and Science Inc. for services related to MS4 Compliance; 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

16.	2026-545	Approve Professional Services Agreement with Shows, Dearman and Waits, Inc. for engineering services related to the McLeod Street Bridge Repair Project and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>12267_McLeod St_Standard Form Agreement between Owner and Engineer</u>

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 the McLeod Street Bridge Repair 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

17.	2026-533	Approve Supplemental Agreement No 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the West 7th Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$15,296.55 for a final contract amount of \$3,765,228.95 and authorize the Mayor to execute in multiples; authorize the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and authorize payments of the final pay applications.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>12220-007_Closeout Docs Transmittal wAttachments</u>

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

to APPROVE Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the West 7th Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$15,296.55 for a final contract amount of \$3,765,228.95; and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute in multiples; the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and payments of the final pay applications.

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

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

Nays: 0

18.	2026-535	Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the East 2nd Street Area Infrastructure Improvements Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$169,227.18 for a final contract amount of \$2,155,555.82 and authorize the Mayor to execute in multiples; authorize the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and authorize payments of the final pay applications.
	Attachments:	1273-S014_Closeout Documents Transmittal wAttachments

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

to **APPROVE** Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Grady Crawford Construction Co. for the East 2nd Street Area Infrastructure Improvements Project to adjust quantities to actuals and reduce the contract amount by \$169,227.18 for a final contract amount of \$2,155,555.82; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute in multiples; the final acceptance, publication and closeout of the project; and payments of the final pay applications.

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

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

Nays: 0

19.	2026-536	Acknowledge bids received June 18, 2026, for the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge project; accept the bid from Chris Albritton Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$544,672.50, and authorize Mayor to execute the contract upon preparation.
	Attachments:	12254_Recommend Award_(Owner) 12254_Bid Tab_w Add Alts_signed 2026-06-18 12254_Albritton Bid_River Ave Pedestrian Bridge 12254_Southern Road & Bridge, LLC

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

to **AMEND** the bid award language to read:

*"Accept the bid from Chris Albritton Construction Company, Inc.
in the amount of \$544,672.50, as the lowest and best bid."*

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 Brown to **ACKNOWLEDGE** bids received June 18, 2026, for the River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge project; **ACCEPT** the bid from Chris Albritton Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$544,672.50, as the lowest and best bid; and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute the contract upon preparation.

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

Yeas: 4 — George, Vance, Ware and Brown

Nays: 1 — Boney

20.	2026-539	Acknowledge receipt of closing documents for the Front Street Parklet project; approve Change Order No. 1 to adjust estimated quantities to actual quantities and reduce contract amount by \$14,958.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute it; approve payment of final pay application to Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety for Colony Construction, LLC; Authorize publication of Notice of Final Settlement; and authorize final acceptance of the project.
		Attachments: <u>Notice of Final Settlement - Front St Parklet Closeout</u> <u>Front Street Parklet - Closeout Package</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of closing documents for the Front Street Parklet project; **APPROVE** Change Order No. 1 to adjust estimated quantities to actual quantities and reduce contract amount by \$14,958.00 and **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to execute it; approve payment of final pay application to Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety for Colony Construction, LLC; Authorize publication of Notice of Final Settlement; and authorize final acceptance of the project.

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

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

Nays: 0

21.	2026-507	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon Chemicals, L.P., for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$860,020.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
		Attachments: <u>Zeon, Zeon Chemicals</u> <u>L.P. (City of Hattiesburg)(2025) 2026</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Zeon Chemicals, L.P., for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$860,020.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

22.	2026-508	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$1,129,372.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
		Attachments: <u>Wis-Pak</u> <u>Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC. (City of Hattiesburg)(2025) 2026</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Wis-Pak of Hattiesburg, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$1,129,372.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

23.	2026-509	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$739,411.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
	<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>Resinall Corp</u> <u>Resinall Corporation (City of Hattiesburg (2025) 2026</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Resinall Corporation, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$739,411.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

24.	2026-510	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank Company, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$167,533.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
	<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>Mississippi Tank</u> <u>Mississippi Tank Company (City of Hattiesburg) (2025) 2026</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Mississippi Tank Company, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$167,533.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

25.	2026-511	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$4,132,782.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
	<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations</u> <u>Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations 2024 (City of Hattiesburg)</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$4,132,782.00; and **ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

26.	2026-512	Acknowledge receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to BP Rex Closures, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$731,438.00; adopt the final order allowing the same.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>BP Rex</u> <u>BP Rex Closures, LLC. (City of Hattiesburg) (2025) 2026</u>

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

to **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of a letter received from the Department of Revenue granting ad valorem tax exemption to BP Rex Closures, LLC, for a period not to exceed nine (9) years, commencing December 31, 2025, with a true total value of \$731,438.00; **and ADOPT** the final order allowing the same.

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

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

Nays: 0

27.	2026-540	Designate the Back Roads & Back Stories event, to be held July 18, 2026, at Midtown Green Park, as a city-approved event for the purposes described in Ordinance No. 3402.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Back Roads & Back Stone Event</u> <u>3389_001</u>

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

to **DESIGNATE** the Back Roads & Back Stories event, to be held July 18, 2026, at Midtown Green Park, as a city-approved event for the purposes described in Ordinance No. 3402.

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

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

Nays: 0

28.	2026-548	Authorize submission of a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY26 Treatment Drug Courts expansion program for \$400,000. No match is required.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>fy-2026-NOFO Drug Court Grant</u>

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

to **AUTHORIZE** submission of a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY26 Treatment Drug Courts expansion program for \$400,000. No match is required.

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

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

Nays: 0

29.	2026-501	Authorize submission of grant application to the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) FY27 Building Fund for the Arts.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>FY27 BFA Grant Overview</u>

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

to **AUTHORIZE** submission of grant application to the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) FY27

Building Fund for the Arts.

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

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

Nays: 0

30.	2026-557	Ratify and confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Eric Steele to the Hattiesburg School Board for a five (5) year term beginning March 7, 2026, and ending March 6, 2031.
	<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>BOARD APPOINTMENT DATA SHEET-E Steele</u>

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

to **RATIFY and CONFIRM** the Mayor's re-appointment of Eric Steele to the Hattiesburg School Board

for a five (5) year term beginning March 7, 2026, and ending March 6, 2031.

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 George and seconded by Council Member 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.	2026-529	Ratification of an executed grant application submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Improvement Program. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Application for Federal Assistance</u> <u>Selection of Consultants AIP Sponsor Certification</u> <u>Certification of Disclosure Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest</u> <u>Certification Regarding Lobbying</u> <u>Drug-Free Workplace AIP Sponsor Certification</u>
2.	2026-538	Acknowledge receipt of the Two-Quote Docket. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>July 7, 2026 Council Agenda</u>
3.	2026-513	Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims attached. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>BCS - Invoice #2 Public Service - Utility Assistance</u> <u>Frye Environmental Invoice 6 - June 2026</u> <u>BCS - Invoice #3 Public Service - Utility Assistance</u> <u>BCS - Invoice #4 Public Service-Utility Assist</u> <u>13593 - Terracon Radon Invoice 7.7.26</u>
4.	2026-533	Approve plans and specifications for the Tipton Street Lighting Project and authorize advertisement for bids.

5.

2026-534

Approve plans and specifications for the Gordon's Creek Linear Park - River District Project and authorize advertisement for bids.

Attachments: 19831 Gordons Creek Linear Park Contract Documents – Bidding
19831-GC Linear Park Plans
6.

2026-542

Approve claims docket or the period ending June 30, 2026.

Attachments: DOCKET 26.0630
DT 26.0630

Budget Presentation

The following departmental budget presentations were given:

1.

2026-559

Water & Sewer Department – presented by Alan Howe, Director

Attachments: Budget Presentation - Water & Sewer fy2027

In Memoriam:

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

- Mrs. Lettie Lane Boney Taylor
- Mr. Richard C. Grant, Sr.
- Ms. Hilda Jeanette Carpenter
- Ms. Alaija Rahyn Brown
- Ms. Bernice Larkin
- Mrs. Linda Reed Johnson
- Mr. Jolly Walter Matthews, III
- Mr. John L. Dixon
- Ms. Andretta Marie English
- Mrs. Betty Lynn Jones Varner
- Mr. Charlie Vinson Jones

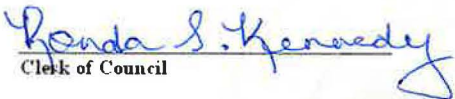
Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council President Ware declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. on this 7th day of July 2026, by unanimous consent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVE:


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:


City Clerk

APPROVE:


Mayor
