

Published Agenda



Tuesday, July 21, 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 July 6 & 7, 2026 meetings of the City Council.

POLICY AGENDA

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p. 195	13. 2026-596	Approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Geospatial Group for technical services related to upgrades to the ArcGIS system and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

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p. 195 – 196	15. 2026-550	Approve Agreement with Hattiesburg Arts Council to provide Art and Cultural programs for residents and authorize the Mayor to execute and issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$25,000.00.
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p. 196 – 197	18. 2026-594	Authorize the submission of a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$39,402.00 to purchase turnout gear for the Hattiesburg Fire Department.
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ROUTINE AGENDA

p. 197	1. 2026-589	Acknowledge receipt of FY 2026 audit for Hattiesburg Convention Commission.
p. 197	2. 2026-606	Acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Authority.
p. 198	3. 2026-552	Acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Arts Council Municipal Report.
p. 198	4. 2026-595	Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending June 30, 2026.
p. 198	5. 2026-607	Acknowledge receipt of Approved and Recorded Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Rawls Springs Utility District regarding services.
p. 198	6. 2026-616	Acknowledge receipt of Utility Easement from Bop's Frozen Custard for a section of 3104 Hardy St.
p. 198	7. 2026-618	Acknowledge receipt of the privilege tax license report for the month of June 2026.
p. 198	8. 2026-593	Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached.
p. 198	9. 2026-621	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts.
p. 198	10. 2026-617	Approve claims docket for the period ending July 17, 2026.

Budget Presentation:

p. 198	1. 2026-626	Parks and Recreation - presented by Betsy Mercier, Director.
p. 198	2. 2026-627	Administration - presented by Kermas Eaton, Director of Administration & Finance.

In Memoriam:

- *Mr. John Eddie Virgil*
- *Ms. Naomi Ruth Bell Roberts*
- *Mrs. Linda Reed Johnson*
- *Mr. Charlie Jones*
- *Mr. Stanely Newsome*
- *Ms. Bernice Brown Larkin*
- *Mrs. Michelle Lott*
- *Ms. Georgia Mae Stewart*
- *Dr. Deffene Beverly Curtis*
- *Mr. Nolan Wells*
- *Senator John Polk*
- *Mr. Rodney Gatlin*

Meeting Adjourn

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **regular meeting at 5:00 PM on July 21, 2026**, in the **Council Chambers at City Hall**, *this being the reconvened session of the recessed meeting held on July 20, 2026.*

In attendance were Mayor Toby Barker (entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m.) 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 *Officer David Matos.*

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

2026-450	Approve the minutes for the June 15, 16, & 26 2026 meetings of the City Council. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>draft - 07-06-2026 APH, AR, WS BPMins.</u> <u>draft - 07-07-2026 Mins.</u>
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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.	2026-560 [ORD #3418]	Adopt an Ordinance approving a request for rezoning from R-1B to R-3 for a property located at 307 Tommy King Drive (PPIN 13784, Forrest County, Ward 2). The Planning Commission recommended approval on July 1, 2026. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Staff Report Item A- 307 Tommy King WCU- Rezoning Request</u> <u>307 Tommy King Drive- Public Hearing Application</u>
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	<u>1600 Cherry Street-WCU Art Building-11-06-25-APPROVAL NOTES</u> <u>Cherry Street- WCU Art Building-09-04-25-NOTES</u> <u>Cherry Street- WCU Art Building-09-18-25-NOTES</u> <u>William Carey Arts Building-07-24-25-NOTES</u> <u>HPC Minutes - July 2026- edited</u> <u>ORD - Tommy King Drive (PPIN 13784) - Rezone from R-1B to R-3</u>
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3418** approving a request for rezoning from R-1B to R-3 for a property located at 307 Tommy King Drive (PPIN 13784).

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

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

Nays: 0

2.	2026-535	Approve a Master Services Agreement with CivicPlus to host the Land Development Code and Hattiesburg Form Based Code and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>CivicPlus Master Services Agreement -</u> <u>Hattiesburg MS FBC and LDC Publication agreement</u>
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **APPROVED** a Master Services Agreement with CivicPlus to host the Land Development Code and Hattiesburg Form Based Code; 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

3.	2026-609 [RES #2026-138]	Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a taxable promissory note (as defined herein) in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed fifteen million nine hundred forty thousand dollars (\$15,940,000), to secure a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank to the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; approving the form of an Indenture of Trust and the forms of and the execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement, a Placement Agreement, and Tax Intercept Agreement, in connection with the issuance of such note; and for related purposes. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>03. MDB Hattiesburg, MS Revenue Bonds 2026 (264690) - City Bond Sales</u> <u>Parameter Resolution (7 7 26 mtg)</u> <u>MDB Hattiesburg, MS 2026 - Taxable Revenue Bonds (Placement) (Draw Down)</u> <u>(264690) - Form of Indenture</u> <u>MDB - Hattiesburg, MS 2026 Taxable Revenue Bond (Placement) (Draw-</u> <u>Down)(264690) - form of Loan Agreement</u> <u>20. MDB Hattiesburg 2026 Taxable Revenue Bond (264690) - Form of Tax</u> <u>Intercept Agreement</u> <u>MDB Hattiesburg, MS 2026 Taxable Revenue Bonds (Placement) (264690) -</u> <u>Form of Private Placement Agreement</u>
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A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Brown

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-138** authorizing the execution and delivery of a taxable promissory note (as defined herein) in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed fifteen million nine hundred forty thousand dollars (\$15,940,000), to secure a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank to the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; approving the form of an Indenture of Trust and the forms of and the execution and delivery of a Loan

Agreement, a Placement Agreement, and Tax Intercept Agreement, in connection with the issuance of such note; and for related purposes.

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

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

Nays: 0

4.	2026-608	Adopt a Resolution appointing Randy Pope as City Attorney for the City of Hattiesburg.
	[RES #2026-139]	Attachments: <u>R. Pope</u> <u>Appointment- Pope</u>

A MOTION was made by Council Member Vance and seconded by Council Vice President George to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-139** appointing Randy Pope as City Attorney for the City of Hattiesburg.

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

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

Nays: 0

5.	2026-623	Adopt a Resolution authorizing an application for a loan through the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program for North Main Street Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phases 2 and 4 and Hattiesburg High Area Phase 2 Sewer Rehabilitation Project and naming the Mayor as the authorized representative of the City.
	[RES #2026-140]	Attachments: <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF PWFC74 Fed-State Procurement Certification</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF PWFC94 Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF PWFC95 GAAP Certification</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF PWFC98 Useful Life Certification</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF Sewer NPELF7 Resolution</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF NPELF11 Loan Application Form</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF NPELF69 Legal Certification Form</u> <u>N Main and HH2 SRLF NPELF76 Allowable Costs Certification Form</u>

A MOTION was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Brown to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-140** authorizing an application for a loan through the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program for North Main Street Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phases 2 and 4 and Hattiesburg High Area Phase 2 Sewer Rehabilitation Project and naming the Mayor as the authorized representative of the City.

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

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

Nays: 0

6.	2026-611	Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 310 West Street, Parcel #2-029k-09-158.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed to David Sandifer in the amount of \$1,250.00 in accordance with 21-17-1.
	[RES #2026-141]	Attachments: <u>SURPLUS RESOLUTION - PPIN 19641 a</u> <u>19641 quitclaim deed</u> <u>Appraisal Report Part 1</u> <u>Appraisal Report Part 2</u>

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-141** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 310 West Street, Parcel #2-029k-09-158.00; and **AUTHORIZE** sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed to David Sandifer in the amount of \$1,250.00 in accordance with 21-17-1.

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

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

Nays: 0

7.	2026-612 [RES #2026-142]	Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 448 Buschman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-157.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 21-17-1; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.
		<u>Attachments:</u> PPIN 15815 - Surplus Resolution a PPIN 15815 - Appraisal Report II PPIN 15815 - Appraisal Report I

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-142** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 448 Buschman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-157.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 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

8.	2026-613 [RES #2026-143]	Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 446 Buschman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-156.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,650.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 21-17-1; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.
		<u>Attachments:</u> PPIN 21914 - Surplus Resolution a PPIN 21914 - Appraisal Report II PPIN 21914 - Appraisal Report I

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-143** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 446 Buschman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-156.00, authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$2,650.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 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

9.	2026-614 [RES #2026-144]	Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 415 Newman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-113.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$9,500.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 21-17-1; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary documentation for the same.
		<u>Attachments:</u> PPIN 18508 - Surplus Resolution PPIN 18508 - Appraisal Report I

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-144** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 415 Newman Street, Parcel # 2-029I-10-113.00, authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed in the amount of \$9,500.00 in accordance with Mississippi Code 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

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| <p>10. 2026-615
[RES #2026-145]</p> | <p>Adopt a Resolution declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 513 Perry Street, Parcel #2-04E-26-044.00, and authorize sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed to Sandra Willis in the amount of \$3,256.00 in accordance with 21-17-1.</p> |
| | <p><u>Attachments:</u> <u>Appraisal Report Part 1</u>
 <u>12380 deed corrected</u>
 <u>SURPLUS RESOLUTION PPIN 12380 a</u>
 <u>Appraisal Report Part 2</u></p> |

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-145** declaring surplus a certain parcel of City-owned property located at 513 Perry Street, Parcel #2-04E-26-044.00; **and AUTHORIZE** sale and execution of a Quitclaim Deed to Sandra Willis in the amount of \$3,256.00 in accordance with 21-17-1.

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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| <p>11.</p> <p>2026-620</p> <p>[RES #2026-146]</p> | <p>Adopt a Resolution declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 19761 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Gordon's Creek Phase II project and authorize issuance of a manual check.</p> |
| | <p><u>Attachments:</u> <u>Offer Resolution Gordons Creek at Broad St</u>
 <u>Establishment of Just Comp. Offer - Parcel No. 2-029K-09-247.00 PPIN 19761</u>
 <u>Combined Appr. Rev. and Appr</u></p> |

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

to **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-146** declaring a portion of Forrest County Parcel PPIN 19761 necessary for public use, establishing just compensation, authorizing the Mayor to make a fair market value offer related to the Gordon's Creek Phase II 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

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| 12. | 2026-415 | Adopt Resolutions amending clerical errors in Resolution Nos. 2025-263- 2025-267, adopted December 16, 2025, to accurately reflect the entity performing the property abatement. |
| | [RES #2026-147-151] | |
| | <u>Attachments:</u> | <u>Correction of Contractor Memo 06 02 2026</u>
Tipton St |

0 N 31st Ave
102 Brentwood
809 Myrtle
112 Kensington

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Vance
to **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2026-147 through NO. 2026-151**, amending clerical errors in

Resolution Nos. 2025-263- 2025-267, adopted December 16, 2025, to accurately reflect the entity performing the
property abatement.

RES #	Amending RES#	Address	PPIN
#2026-147	#2025-263	208 Tipton Street	21161
#2026-148	#2025-264	0 N 31st Avenue, PPIN 47277	47277
#2026-149	#2025-265	809 Myrtle Street	22958
#2026-150	#2025-266	102 Brentwood Place	03667
#2026-151	#2025-267	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

13.

2026-596

Approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Geospatial Group for technical services related to upgrades to the ArcGIS system and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Attachments: Professional Services Agreement The Geospatial Group

A **MOTION** was made by Council Vice President George and seconded by Council Member Brown
to **APPROVE** a Professional Services Agreement with The Geospatial Group for technical services related

to upgrades to the ArcGIS system; 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

14.

2026-592

Approve Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative Manual and authorize the Mayor to execute in duplicate.

Attachments: 725 Grace Avenue - Signed Grant Agreement Packet
 400 S 22nd Avenue - Signed Grant Agreement Packet
 704 Walnut Street - Signed Grant Agreement Packet
 144 W. 5th Street - Signed Grant Agreement Packet

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Boney and seconded by Council Member Vance
to **APPROVE** Contractor and Owner Agreements according to the Emergency Roof Repair Initiative
Manual; 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

15.

2026-550

Approve Agreement with Hattiesburg Arts Council to provide Art and Cultural programs for residents and authorize the Mayor to execute and issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Attachments: Hattiesburg Arts Council City Report Images
 HAC Municipal Projections for FY27

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

to APPROVE an Agreement with Hattiesburg Arts Council to provide Art and Cultural programs for residents; and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute and issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

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

Nays: 0

16.	2026-484	Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Mississippi Power for the Airport Underground Conversion Project associated with the Hangar Taxiway Project at the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>MS Power</u> <u>Bobby L. Chain Airport Underground Project-Contract Draft_07-02-2026</u>

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

to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute a contract with Mississippi Power for the Airport Underground Conversion Project associated with the Hangar Taxiway Project at the Bobby L. Chain Municipal Airport.

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

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

Nays: 0

17.	2026-628	Approve and declare sole source purchase of Printquest Automated Fingerprint/palm (AFIS) Print Identification System Desktop-hardware and software upgrade in the amount of \$18,745.00.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Sole Source</u> <u>Quote from vendor</u> <u>Letterhead-Horiba-Spex</u>

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

to APPROVE and DECLARE sole source purchase of Printquest Automated Fingerprint/palm (AFIS) Print Identification System Desktop-hardware and software upgrade in the amount of \$18,745.00.

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

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

Nays: 0

18.	2026-594	Authorize the submission of a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$39,402.00 to purchase turnout gear for the Hattiesburg Fire Department.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Grant Application Checklist Example</u> <u>Turnout Gear Quote - Hattiesburg FD</u>

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

to AUTHORIZE the submission of a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$39,402.00 to purchase turnout gear for the Hattiesburg Fire Department.

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

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

Nays: 0

19.	2026-597	Ratification of an executed grant application submitted to the FY27 Visit Mississippi Tourism Development Grant for \$10,000.00 for the Midnight on Front Street event.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>FY27-TDG-Media-Breakout Filled - Hattiesburg</u> <u>FY27-TDG-Guidelines</u>

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

to RATIFY executed grant application submitted to the FY27 Visit Mississippi Tourism Development Grant for \$10,000.00 for the Midnight on Front Street event.

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

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

Nays: 0

20.	2026-610	Declare repairs to the Mcleod Street Bridge in the amount of \$115,395.00 as an emergency purchase due to damage to the abutment and gabion baskets of the bridge in accordance with MS Code 31-7-13 (k) and authorize payment upon receipt of invoice.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Executed Mcleod St Bridge Repair Specs and Contract</u> <u>Memo- Eaton</u>

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

to DECLARE the repairs to the Mcleod Street Bridge in the amount of \$115,395.00 as an emergency purchase due to damage to the abutment and gabion baskets of the bridge in accordance with MS Code 31-7-13 (k); and AUTHORIZE payment upon receipt of invoice.

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.	2026-589	Acknowledge receipt of FY 2026 audit for Hattiesburg Convention Commission.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>2025 HCC Financial Statements</u>
2.	2026-606	Acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Authority.
		<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Pinebelt Solid Waste 2027</u>

3.	2026-552	Acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Expenditure Report from Hattiesburg Arts Council Municipal Report. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>HAC Municipal Report FY 2025</u>
4.	2026-595	Acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget report for the month ending June 30, 2026. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>EXP 0626</u> <u>REV 0626</u>
5.	2026-607	Acknowledge receipt of Approved and Recorded Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and Rawls Springs Utility District regarding services. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Rawls Spring Interlocal</u>
6.	2026-616	Acknowledge receipt of Utility Easement from Bop's Frozen Custard for a section of 3104 Hardy St. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Bop's Frozen Custard Utility Easement</u>
7.	2026-618	Acknowledge receipt of the privilege tax license report for the month of June 2026. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>June 2026</u>
8.	2026-593	Approve and authorize issuance of manual checks for CDBG/HOME Claims per attached. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Hburg Tracking log - Emergency Repair Program - July 8 2026 - Frye Environ</u> <u>BCS - Invoice #5 Public Service-Utility Assistance</u> <u>BCS - Invoice #6 Public Service-Utility Assistance</u> <u>Roofing Invoice - 321 Emerson Drive</u> <u>Hburg Environmtl Review Services - Frye Environmtl Invoice 7 - July 14 2026</u>
9.	2026-621	Approve the sale of grave spaces per attached receipts. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Receipts 7/2026</u> <u>Deeds</u> <u>Pearson Deed</u> <u>Pearson Receipt</u>
10.	2026-617	Approve claims docket for the period ending July 17, 2026. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>DT 26.0717</u> <u>DOCKET 26.0717</u>

Budget Presentations

The following departmental budget presentations were given:

1.	2026-626	Parks and Recreation - presented by Betsy Mercier, Director. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Budget Presentation – Parks & Recreation FY2027</u>
2.	2026-627	Administration - presented by Kermas Eaton, Director of Administration & Finance. <u>Attachments:</u> <u>Budget Presentation – Administration FY2027</u>

In Memoriam:

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

- *Mr. John Eddie Virgil*
- *Ms. Naomi Ruth Bell Roberts*
- *Mrs. Linda Reed Johnson*
- *Mr. Charlie Jones*
- *Mr. Stanely Newsome*
- *Ms. Bernice Brown Larkin*
- *Mrs. Michelle Lott*

- Ms. Georgia Mae Stewart
- Dr. Deffene Beverly Curtis
- Mr. Nolan Wells
- Senator John Polk
- Mr. Rodney Gatlin

Meeting Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, Council President Ware declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. on this 21st day of July 2026, by unanimous consent.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

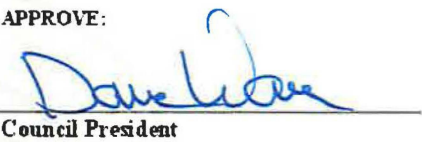
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CERTIFICATION

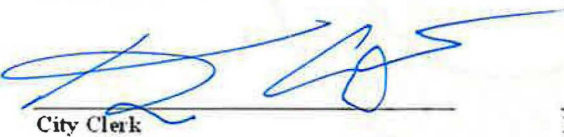
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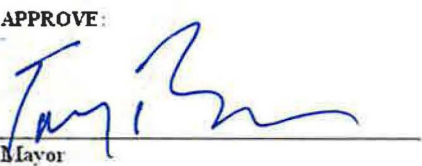
APPROVE:


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:


City Clerk

APPROVE:


Mayor
