

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the **Hattiesburg City Council held a Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 16, 2019**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted , November 5, 2019, at Minute Book 2019 Pages 261, to determine if the following properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; City staff members; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing

1. **2019-371** Hold Public Hearing on Monday, December 16, 2019 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 provisions of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.

Urban Development Director Andrew Ellard presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Ellard recommended the that the Council adopt resolutions determining the properties are in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, providing a specified period of time to remove the violations, and declaring the City's intent to take action to clear violations and charge the cost plus penalty against the property if the violations are not resolved in the specified period of time. He recommended resolutions allowing homeowners 15 days to resolve violations.

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

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll **closed the public hearing at 4:04 p.m.** and proceeded with the Agenda Adjustments.

Agenda Adjustments

The Clerk of Council read aloud amendments to the agenda as follows:

Add Policy Items #37 and #38 at the request of the Administration.

1. **2019-427** Acknowledge and accept amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

2. 2019-428 Approve letter of engagement from Montague, Pittman, Varnado & Hall to provide legal counsel to the Civil Service Commission and attend monthly meetings.

Agenda Review

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

Regarding Policy Agenda Items #22-#34, Markus Simmons of the Area Development Partnership provided an overview on the Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions.

Following discussion of agenda items, Council President Carroll closed the Agenda Review.

Citizens' Forum

Council Vice President Dryden proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

She stated the procedures and invited members of the public to speak.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Beverly Shaw, 814 Martin Luther King Ave.
- Roger McDowell, 1904 Fuller St.

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council.

Council Vice President Dryden closed the Citizen Forum.

1. 2019-450 Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet, 12-16-19.

Attachments: 12-16-19 Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Recess

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the **meeting recessed at 4:35 p.m., this the 16th day of December, 2019.**

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVE:


Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:


City Clerk

APPROVE:


Mayor