

## **REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2020**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular Meeting at Civic Center in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on August 5, 2020. The Mayor Pro-tempore Authement presiding, Aldermen Gill, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman and Impey were present. Mayor Dobson was absent. Also present were City Attorney Nicole Sullivan, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Meggan Brown.

The Mayor Pro-tempore called the meeting to order.

Alderman Papania gave the invocation and the Mayor Pro-tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to accept the agenda and addendum.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing for sketch plat approval for Savannah Estates Subdivision was deferred to the September 1, 2020 meeting.

### **AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Scharr, agenda item 8-d, requested the Board table approval of the job description for the Mary C. Coordinator until public discussions on the Mary C. future can take place.

Bianca Wooden, no agenda item, discussed the contract with the Friends of the Mary C. (FMCOK), requested a plan and more discussion before a final decision is made.

Jill Hindon, no agenda item, discussed the contract with the FMCOK and requested more details be released for an open discussion.

Brianna Young, no agenda item, expressed concern about recent agenda items during a pandemic that make residents lives harder, like the chicken restrictions and the FMCOK changes.

Pat Joachim, agenda item 8-d, requested the Board table approval of the job description for the Mary C. Coordinator until public discussions regarding Parks & Recreation and the Mary C. contract in general can take place.

Jason Grabar asked if a motion and vote could be made after Public Comment. The Deputy City Clerk said that motions and votes can be made in Alderman's Forum.

The Mayor Pro-tempore welcomed the new Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso to the City of Ocean Springs family.

Alderman Impey stated that misinformation has been circulated, the FMCOK have not been asked to vacate the building and the City has no plans for programs to be eliminated. He said the City is in hopes to grow the programs and hopes to work with the FMCOK.

The Mayor Pro-tempore said there are a lot of people misinformed about the Mary C. He said he feels the process should slow down and there should be some public meetings for discussion and to stop the misinformation. He requested a Special Call Meeting to present a plan and to meet with the public and different organizations like FMCOK, Historic Ocean Springs Association (HOSA), Public Art Project Ocean Springs (PAPOS) and Ocean Springs Art Association (OSAA).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Bellman to adopt an Ordinance amending zoning and subdivisions; to revise Chapter 14 Article 1 Section 14-10(a)(3) regarding speed limit on Government Street near the intersection of Ocean Springs Road and Pabst Road (Exhibit 5-a).

The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Bellman	Aye
Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Nay
Alderman Impey	Nay

## **NEW BUSINESS**

John Lockard from Lockard & Williams Insurance gave the Board an update on the City health insurance renewal. He explained that the renewal offering for the current level of coverage with United Health Care is increasing by 10.2%. He said he is meeting with the

Human Resources Director and the City Clerk to discuss further options available which he will present final options to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to authorize payments for the Mississippi Power Franchise Election held on August 4, 2020 in the amount of \$9,290.40 to be reimbursed by Mississippi Power Co.

The Planning & Grants Administrator said only one bid was received for the Front Beach Living Shoreline project and it was over budget. She requested the funds to be reallocated from Tidelands awards not spent to Living Shoreline Phase 1 project if needed once final costs are determined. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to authorize to award Twin L Construction the construction contract for the OS Front Beach Living Shoreline, Tidelands project FY18-P501-05OS and to request reallocation as described if needed (Exhibit 6-c).

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a) Approve special event – The Blood Center Blood Drive; Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ocean Springs Civic Center; no cost to the City, applicant pays associated cost (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Approve special event permit application for Luther Dickinson’s 5th Annual “Music Inspired by the Seven Climates”; Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Walter Anderson Museum of Art; road closure from Senior Center to Joseph Street; no cost to the City, applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve Run/Walk permit application for Shepherd of the Gulf 5K; Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. OS Beach/Bride run route; no cost to the City, applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Adopt Resolution extending Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Authorize to extend the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency enacted March 11, 2019 for Front Beach Drive due to the incapacitation of street lights along Front Beach Drive; extend for 30 days (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Ratify check for City credit card charges to Hancock Whitney Bank in the amount of \$2,415.38 (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting July 7, 2020 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting July 21, 2020 (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Authorize to declare items surplus, of no value to the City, remove from inventory and dispose – 30 desk chairs from EOC and 2 portable wobble lights (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Accept Minutes: Human Resources Committee Meeting July 27, 2020 (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Human Resources Action Items (Exhibit 7-k):

- a) Authorize removal of Patrolmen Gregory McClellon and Demarion Williams from probationary status to full time status effective July 22, 2020
- b) Authorize employment of Taylor Lunsford, Deputy Court Clerk, \$13.00 hourly rate, effective August 10, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- c) Authorize removal of Firefighter Adam Johnson from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- l) Approve request for Residential Short Term Rental (STR) permit – 1017 Lafontaine Street PID#601337480.000 (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Authorization to establish selection committee (Mayor, Aldermen Authement and Impey, Planning Administrator, and Public Works Director) for related planning engineering services – MDOT Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Downtown OS Traffic/Travel/Parking Study (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorization to establish selection committee (Mayor, Aldermen Cox and Blackman, Planning Administrator, and Public Works Director) for related planning engineering services – MDOT Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) South Ocean Springs Road/Steelman Lane Traffic Study (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Authorization to establish selection committee (Mayor, Aldermen Authement and Papania, Planning Administrator, and Public Works Director) for related planning engineering services – Tidelands Project: East Beach Accessibility (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Accept Code Enforcement Report through July 31, 2020 (Exhibit 7-p)
- q) Approve Tree Protection Department recommendations – Tree Application through July 29, 2020 (Exhibit 7-q)

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### City Clerk:

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania and unanimously carried to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 8-a).

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 8-b).

### Police Department:

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to authorize to execute a General Agreement between OSPD and the US Department of Interior National Park Service Gulf National Seashore (Exhibit 8-c).

### Human Resources/Risk:

The Human Resources Director presented the job description for the Art & Culture Coordinator which was discussed by at the HR Committee meeting. It was also discussed

to remove the position from Civil Service which would require an ordinance. Motion was made by Alderman Bellman and seconded by Alderman Cox to authorize the job description for the Art & Culture Coordinator (Exhibit 8-d) and to advertise the open position. Motion carries with Aldermen Gill, Bellman, Cox and Impey voting aye and Aldermen Papania and Blackman voting nay.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leigh Ann Scharr expressed concern that the Board just voted to authorize the Art & Culture Coordinator position without giving the FMCOK or community a plan. She said the community built the Mary C. and should know the reason for the change of supervision.

Donald Scharr said it appears that the decisions regarding the Mary C. have already been made. He requested the public be given a real opportunity to hear the plan before decisions are made. He asked if the new agreement with the FMCOK is available for viewing. Alderman Cox said the details are still being worked out with the FMCOK. He asked when the City budget will be available for the public to view. The City Clerk said the public hearing for the budget will be at the end of August.

Lisa Authement said during this pandemic, the City has already lost \$65,000 in sales tax revenue. She added, the Board previously said they could not afford to fix the roof or fire alarm and sprinkler system, could not afford custodial services and could not make the theater ADA compliant. She said the FMCOK pays out approximately \$200,000 per year on contract employees and instructors. She said "Becky's Kitchen" has moved to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum.

Matt Lott said he sent a letter but didn't get a response from the Board regarding the FMCOK issues. He said sending the City Attorney to discuss contracts was a slap in the face. Alderman Cox explained there has been a meeting with three representatives from the FMCOK, the Mayor and the City Attorney who planned to work with the FMCOK to form an agreement with an advisory committee. Matt Lott said the City does not have a right to the information in their contracts. He said the City's actions don't seem like the City wants to work with the FMCOK.

Clay Williams said he was part of the onset of the Mary C. and it has been a success with the non-profit. He asked why change something, that doesn't seem to be broken. Why spend taxpayer dollars when a non-profit is capable and willing to continue management.

Dr. Bill Moore thanked the Aldermen that tried to slow down the process of the change of management for the Mary C. He said businesses and citizens have signed a letter in support of the FMCOK. He said the Board needs to work on their communication skills.

Alderman Blackman agreed it may have been abrupt to make a decision tonight but the City has reached out requesting meetings before the letters were sent to the FMCOK and

were denied. He said at the meeting held after the letter was sent, that Alderman Cox just spoke about, everyone left on the same page to work together. After that there has been no contact, just denial of further meetings.

Jason Grabor asked why the City is moving forward with this without an open meeting with the community. He urged to allow the intent of the City to be given to the community before moving forward.

### **ALDERMAN'S FORUM**

Alderman Gill requested Public Works finish landscaping in Ward 1. The Public Works Director said municipal buildings needed attention and there has not been an opportunity to go back to Ward 1.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2020.

Meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Patty Gaston  
City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Shea Doherty 9/2/2020  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Ocean Springs Civic Center – 3730 Bienville Blvd.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

a) PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Savannah Estates Subdivision - Southwest Corner of Riley Rd. and Old CCC Camp Rd., Parcel Identification no. 601123050.000 - Request Approval of a Sketch Plat – DEFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AGENDA

**4. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** \*\* *The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, **ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda.** The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. Please identify yourself and agenda item.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

a) Adopt proposed Ordinance amending zoning and subdivisions; to revise Chapter 14 Article 1 Section 14-10(a)(3) regarding speed limit on Government Street near the intersection of Ocean Springs Road and Pabst Road (Exhibit 5-a)

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Update and discussion of City Health Insurance – John Lockard

~~b) Adopt proposed Ordinance amending zoning and subdivisions; to revise Chapter 5 animal control to include sections related to governing and controlling the keeping of livestock and fowl (Exhibit 6-b)~~

c) Authorize to award construction – OS Front Beach Living Shoreline, Tidelands project FY18-P501-05OS (Exhibit 6-c)

**7. CONSENT AGENDA** \* *All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

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Police Department:

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**Planning Commission:**

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**Grants Administration:**

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**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk:**

- d) Discussion to authorize the job description for the Art & Culture Coordinator (Exhibit 8-d)

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Recreation:**

**City Attorney:**

- 9. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** *The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement to take potential action at a later date if warranted. Priority will be given to Ocean Springs residents and Business Owners.*
  - Please identify yourself before speaking into the microphone.

**10. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

**ADDENDUM TO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN • CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
AUGUST 5, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. at CIVIC CENTER**

**1) NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) **Remove item 6-b from Agenda** for further research by the Planning Department and City Attorney. Agenda item 6-b: Adopt proposed Ordinance amending zoning and subdivisions; to revise Chapter 5 animal control to include sections related to governing and controlling the keeping of livestock and fowl
- b.) Authorize payments for the Mississippi Power Franchise Election held on August 4, 2020 in the amount of \$9,290.40 to be reimbursed by Mississippi Power Co.