

## **RECESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 2021. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Authement, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Nicole Sullivan, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Meggan Brown.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

### **AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor said the MOU for the Biloxi Bay Bridge lighting has been discussed previously. He said the original agreement was for Ocean Springs and Biloxi to maintain the lights and landscaping (Exhibit 4-a). MDOT has agreed to repair all of the lights before maintenance is transferred. Alderman Gill asked if the original agreement was approved by the Board of Aldermen or just the Mayor at the time. The City Attorney said she will research for an answer and that Biloxi has accepted and signed the agreement. Alderman Papania said he considers this a double taxation, he said MDOT should have to maintain roads and bridges, not the City. He also expressed concern about the unknown cost of the electric bill, maintenance bill, and if lights are destroyed or damaged in a storm who has the responsibility to repair or replace them. Alderman Cox replied that he has met with MS Power to establish an agreement for maintaining the lights in the center of the bridge, which is reasonable, but they do not have a truck to maintain the sidelights. Alderman Papania said he thinks MDOT is letting the lights go out to pressure the City to take over due to safety concerns. Alderman Impey asked the City Attorney to request the 15-day provision for any work done by the City be removed from the agreement. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Authement to approve an MOU with the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the City of Biloxi regarding the Biloxi Bay Bridge Lighting and Landscape area maintenance and operations contingent upon the 15-day provision being removed. The motion carried with Aldermen Authement, Gill, Bellman, Cox, Blackman, and Impey voting aye; and Aldermen Papania abstaining from the vote.

**EXHIBIT #8-c**

The Mayor said the City's engineering contracts will be expiring soon and would like them to be extended for another year (Exhibit 4-b). Motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Impey to extend the City's engineering contracts until June 30, 2021. The motion carried with Aldermen Authement, Bellman, Papania, Cox, Blackman, and Impey voting aye; and Aldermen Gill voting nay.

Motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Cox to adopt a Resolution to create a school speed zone near Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia on Ward Avenue from Government Street to Porter Avenue (Exhibit 4-c).

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	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

Alderman Authement asked if the Arts & Culture Coordinator position was accepted by the candidate the Board agreed upon. The Mayor replied yes, she agreed to accept the position at Step 2. The City Clerk said the previous motion was to offer the position and specified Step 1, no negotiation. Motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Impey to offer the Arts & Culture Coordinator position at Step 2. The motion carried with Aldermen Papania, Cox, Blackman, and Impey voting aye; and Aldermen Gill, Authement, and Bellman voting nay.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the MOU with the Art Association for the use of the Community Center the last two weeks of October and the first week of November with first right of refusal (Exhibit 5-a).

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution requesting the legislature enact legislation designating the Old Fort Bayou Bridge in Jackson County as the "Mark M. Seymour, Sr., Memorial Bridge" (Exhibit 5-b).

The Fire Chief said the Fire Department requests the Training Tower be dedicated to previous Ocean Springs Fire Chief Pat Williams. Motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried granting authorization to dedicate the Fire Department Training Tower in honor of Fire Chief Patrick "Pat" Williams (Exhibit 5-c).

Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board said the League of Women Voters has requested the use of a city building free of charge and to place up to twenty signs around the city (Exhibit 5-

d). Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the request of the League of Women Voters.

Alderman Impey requested the April Regular Board meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 7th due to the City Primary Election being held on Tuesday, April 6th. The City Attorney said the rescheduling would need to be advertised for 3 consecutive weeks. Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to reschedule the April 6, 2021, Regular meeting to the following day, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, due to the Municipal Primary Election and to advertise the change for 3 consecutive weeks.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a) Approve Special Event permit application for a Crawfish Cook-off on Saturday, May 29, 2021, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm at Pleasant's BBQ & Pleasant-Fallo Parking Lot; no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Approve Special Event permit application for the 1st Annual Supply the City Bash on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm at MLK Park; no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Special Event permit application for the Ocean Springs Art Association p'ARTake Annual Show and Sale; October 20, 2021, until November 15, 2021, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily at the Ocean Springs Community Center; no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Ratify check to Easypermit Postage Pitney Bowes for \$2,020.99 paid to avoid late fees and penalties (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Adopt Resolution terminating existence of a local emergency due to Hurricane Zeta (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting January 19, 2021 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting January 26, 2021 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting February 2, 2021 (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Accept monthly OSPD Report for January 2021 (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Accept monthly Fire Department Report for January 2021 (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Authorize to declare the following items surplus, no use to the city and dispose of: Asset #4306 Sharp AR-M237 Copier SER#6502139X, Asset #6111 Lanier 4D 430C Copier SER#L3785000085, Asset #3683 Dell Printer/Scanner, and Asset #3099 Stairmaster Step Mill SER#632601107020 (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Human Resources Action items (Exhibit 6-l):
  - a. Authorize employment of certified Patrolman Archie Wallace, Step 4, \$19.67 hourly rate; effective on or about February 17, 2021; one year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
  - b. Accept resignation of Lieutenant Brandon Bloodworth, effective February 23, 2021; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

- c. Authorize removal of Firefighter Samantha Guthrie from probationary status to full-time status effective immediately
- d. Authorize removal of Street Laborer Cody Hickman from probationary status to full-time status effective immediately
- e. Authorize promotion of Parks Maintenance Assistant Supervisor Scott Dossett to Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Step 1, \$19.55 hourly rate; effective February 20, 2021; one-year probationary status
- f. Authorize promotion of Parks Maintenance Worker John Williams to Parks Grounds Supervisor, Step 1, \$19.55 hourly rate; effective February 20, 2021; one-year probationary status
- m) Approve license to encroach for construction of a concrete driveway at 324 Magnolia Avenue PID #61011108.000 (Exhibit 6-m)
- n) Approve lot split 3701 Bienville Blvd PID #60127280.000 including the condition that Parcels A and B share a driveway onto Bienville Blvd through a shared access easement; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Approve Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a crushed limestone driveway to Front Beach Drive at 160 Washington Ave. PID#60137504.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 6-o)
- p) Approve Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior repairs and modifications at 515 Rayburn Ave. PID# 60127596.000; Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Deny variance from the C-H District parking space dimension requirement at 1501 Bienville Blvd. PID #61265014.000; ZAB recommends denial of the variance (Exhibit 6-q)
- r) Approve appeal of the Planning Dept. decision regarding the C-H District minimum building setback requirement at 3701 Bienville Blvd. PID #60127280.000; ZAB recommends approval of appeal (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Approve demolition of the structure at 2109 Bienville Blvd., over 50 years old (Exhibit 6-s)
- t) Accept Building Department January 2021 Permit Report (Exhibit 6-t)
- u) Approve Tree Department recommendations – Tree Applications through February 10, 2021 (Exhibit 6-u)
- v) Approve Code Enforcement Report through February 11, 2021 (Exhibit 6-v)
- w) Approve Facility Use Agreement for OS Baseball Organization for use of Hwy 57 Sports Complex, Pine Street, and Clay Boyd small field (Plus Alice Str. Facility depending on availability) February 1 – July 30, 2021 (Exhibit 6-w)
- x) Adopt Resolution to purchase replacement lights for the Ryan Youth Center (Exhibit 6-x)
- y) Adopt Resolution to purchase batting cage carpet for Hwy 57 Sports Complex (Exhibit 6-y)
- z) Adopt Resolution to purchase supplies to finish parking lot at Hwy 57 Sports Complex (Exhibit 6-z)
- aa) Adopt Resolution to sell surplus personal property (scrap metal) with value less than \$1,000.00 (Exhibit 6-aa)

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **MAYOR:**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Bellman to authorize the designation of City Clerk Patty Gaston as the Applicant Agent for Hurricane Zeta FEMA/MEMA Project reimbursement and to execute the State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement (Exhibit 7-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	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

### **CITY CLERK:**

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims; the Board finds that all expenses are lawful and appropriate (Exhibit 7-b).

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jon Rivera, Secretary of the Ocean Springs Republican Executive Committee (OSREC), said Paul Gergin the Treasurer of the OSREC was also present. He said they wanted to compliment the City staff for working and cooperating with the committee to certify the Republican candidates for the primary. He said they will be coming back before the Board to request support to change the Attorney General's opinion on what the Executive Committee's duties and qualifying criteria are.

Summer Devrow, Ocean Spring's Mayoral candidate and Beautification Laborer in Public Works, said she will resign from Public Works in order to continue running for Mayor.

## **ALDERMAN'S FORUM**

Alderman Gill said each summer there is a youth fishing rodeo at the fishing bridge in Ocean Springs by the Biloxi Bay Bridge and requested the Planning & Grants Administrator to contact DMR or obtain a grant to plant a reef at the fishing bridge. She responded she would research and determine what is available.

Alderman Authement asked the Planning & Grants Administrator why Gulf Oaks Condominiums would have to go through Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to replace the fence, with

the same fence, that was damaged during Hurricane Zeta. She said if it is exactly the same it would not have to be approved but if there are any changes, they would need to have approval from HPC. He requested that they be allowed to move forward quickly since it is identical. She said she would follow up.

Alderman Cox asked the Parks & Recreation Director to get the lights at Freedom Field on a better schedule. He said he would handle it tomorrow.

Alderman Papania asked Jason Overstreet, City Engineer, for an update of the Monster Ditch project. He said the design is 90% complete and will check on the status of the contract tomorrow. Alderman Papania said Jackson County should begin paving in Ocean Springs in March. He said he has been approached by citizens to have a decorative post added to the new stop sign at La Branche Avenue and Siowan Avenue and he has received an estimate. Motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the use of Ward 3 funds up to \$1,650.00 to purchase three decorative posts for stop signs.

Alderman Blackman requested Public Works mow the hill south of the Still Water Bluff Subdivision entrance. He asked the Public Works Director for an update on 3 mailboxes that need repair or replacement. The Public Works Director responded that once the weather improves, they will be addressed. Alderman Blackman asked the Fire Chief to work with the City Attorney to develop a fire burn ordinance that was previously discussed. He asked the Parks & Recreation Director if the possible leak at the Dog Park has been addressed yet. The Parks & Recreation Director replied he would check it out tomorrow. Alderman Blackman asked the Building Official to give him an update tomorrow regarding a lot clearing on Eagle Point Road.

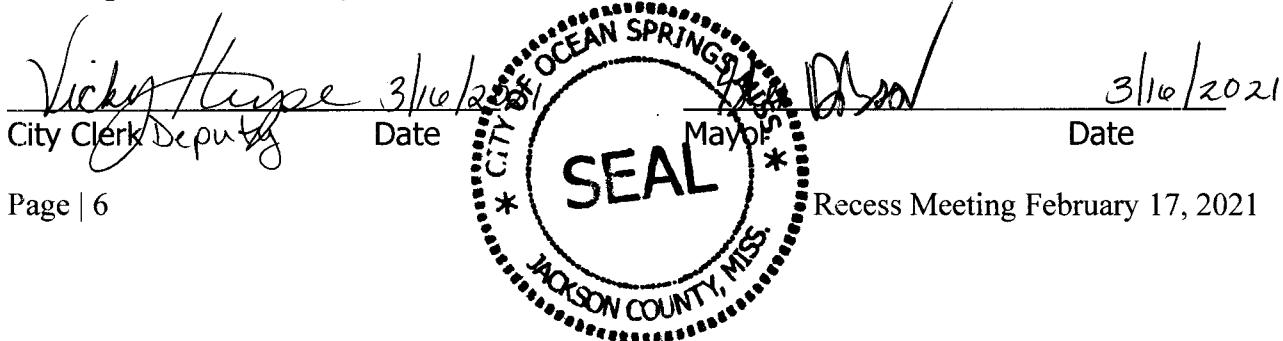
Alderman Impey asked the Planning & Grants Administrator for an update on the Trentwood/Parktown drainage project. She said it is still under review by the Army Corps of Engineers. She said the permits should be received soon but doesn't have them yet and should have them and be ready to advertise within 30-60 days.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on March 2, 2021.

Meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.



**RECESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN • CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. 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 the agenda item.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discuss MOU with Mississippi Transportation Commission and the City of Biloxi regarding the Biloxi Bay Bridge Lighting and Landscape area maintenance and operations (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Discuss Engineering Contracts extension with BMA and Overstreet – Addendum 2 and Resolutions to Extend (Exhibit 4-b)
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- d) Discuss Arts & Culture Coordinator position update – *Alderman Authement*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

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- d) Discuss request from League of Women Voters of MS Gulf Coast regarding an event in a city building and placing signs in the city (Exhibit 5-d)
- e) Discuss holding the Regular April 2021 on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, due to the primary election being on April 6<sup>th</sup> – *Alderman Impey*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA\*** *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 a separate discussion of these items. If a discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

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**Community Development & Planning:**

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**City Clerk:**

- b) Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 7-b)

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk Manager:**

**City Engineer:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

**Grants Administration:**

**Public Works:**

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Recreation:**

**City Attorney:**

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**9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021**