

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
June 20, 2017
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened, via skype, the June 20, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, City Attorney Jerry Mills and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wes Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the May 2016 Financial Statement and the June 2016 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 5, 2017 Work Session and the June 6, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the public hearing to Public Hearing for the Consideration of Ordinance to Amend the Township at Colony Park TND Overlay District. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

The meeting was recessed at 6:05 pm due to the loss of skype connection with Mayor McGee and reopened at 6:06 pm when the connection was restored.

Clint Herring made a presentation to the Board of Aldermen supporting the Ordinance to Amend the Township at Colony Park TND Overlay District. Mr. Herring provided the Board of Aldermen a copy of the Petition, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; a copy of the elevations, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”; and a copy of the proposed Ordinance, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”. Alderman Ken Heard inquired as to whether there would be parking on the top of the parking garage and Mr. Herring confirmed that there would be available uncovered parking on the top floor and that there would be barriers to keep an individual from driving off. Mr. Randy King, President of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce, along with Mark Beyea and John Dorsa, made a presentation supporting the Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “E”. Next Jan Collins of the Madison County Business League and Foundation made comments supporting the Ordinance. Next Ms. Joell Escude made comments and stated concerns regarding traffic. Next Barney Robinson made comments and stated concerns regarding parking. The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit “F”. Mr. Clint Herring then made closing comments and provided some clarification. The Mayor then closed the pubic hearing.

Next came the consideration of the Ordinance to Amend the Township at Colony Park TND Overlay District - Amendment No. 6. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder. Alderman Ken Heard made comments that he was supporting the Ordinance because he felt confident that Mr. Herring would take a second look at traffic and parking issues as related to the project at the time of submitting a site plan. After Alderman Heard's comments, a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance to Amend the Township at Colony Park TND Overlay District is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

(Aldermen Chuck Gautier re-entered the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan/Architectural Review for Dollar General - Highway 51. Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, reiterated the comments made during the Work Session regarding the right in/right out access to the project. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to deny. Alderman Scott Jones raised the issue of fairness and stated that there are businesses up and down Highway 51 that were approved with full access. Alderman Ramsey made comments regarding the difference in land use and higher traffic for this particular request. Mike McCollum, Public Works Director, made comments about the right in/right out access safety and the close proximity to Lake Harbour Drive. Alderman Ken Heard asked City Attorney Jerry Mills what jurisdiction did the City of Ridgeland have in the matter and Mr. Mills advised that the City of Ridgeland had authority to restrict right in/right out access. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Scott Jones
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for International Church of God of Prophecy. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Scott Jones
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as

Exhibit "H".

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Accept Withdrawal Email from Erik Valderhaug, Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Pinebrook Apartments, Requesting Withdrawal of their Architectural Review Pending Application So That They Can Return to the Architectural Review Board for Reconsideration - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- b) Approve Site Plant/Architectural Review for Gilchrist Donnell Law Office - Steed Road - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- c) Authorization to Advertise for Public Work Term Bids - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- d) Accept Insurance Check in the Amount of \$10,863.00 for Public Works Mower that Burned and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Street Department (001-201-730) for the Same Amount to Purchase New Mower - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- e) Approve Craft Center Parking Lot CE&I Final Invoice, Non-Participating - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- f) Approve Craft Center Parking Lot, MDOT Final Settlement Statement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- g) Approve Special Event Permit for Ella Armstrong Triathlon - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- h) Approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$968.00 from Donation Fund Account (010-000-348) to Capital Machinery Equipment (001-100-730) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- i) Declare Patrol Units 243, 279 and 250 as Surplus Property - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- j) Receive Insurance Proceeds/Approve Budget Amendment - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- k) Budget Transfer Decreasing Samuels Lane Water Well Fund Balance \$1,521.00 and Increasing Accounts 474-000-390 (Loan Proceeds) and 474-650-750 (Contractor) \$1,521.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- l) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$1,500.00 and Increasing 001-094-600 (General Engineering) \$1,500.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- m) Budget Amendment Decreasing 392-601-900 (Transfer Out) \$11,278.06, Increasing 392-601-750 (Contractor) \$11,278.06, Decreasing 378-000-380 (Lake Harbour Extension Transfer In) \$11,278.06, and Decreasing 378-000-192 (Lake Harbour Drive Extension Fund Balance) \$11,278.07 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- n) Budget Transfer Decreasing 366-601-750 (County Line Milling/Overlay Contractor) \$1,000.00 and Increasing 366-601-601 (County Line Milling/Overlay Legal) \$1,000.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*

- o) Budget Amendment Decreasing 217-000-192 (County Line TIF Fund Balance) \$13,000 and Increasing 217-450-810 (Interest Paid) \$13,000 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- p) Interlocal Agreement Between City of Ridgeland and City of Jackson for West County Line Road - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- q) Approve Alderman Wes Hamlin's Appointment to Zoning Board - Jim Collette - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*

The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of claims 139068 - 139455 and the June 9, 2017 Payroll. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Kevin Holder seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Scott Jones moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Scott Jones moved to leave Executive Session. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened and Mayor McGee announced that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

The Mayor announced that the swearing in ceremony would be at 2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2017 at Colonial Height Baptist Church and that there would be not a Work Session on July 3, 2017.

The Mayor then announced that this was Alderman Scott Jones' last meeting as an Aldermen and thanked him for his 20 plus years of service to the City of Ridgeland. Aldermen Scott Jones followed with remarks to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding how much he had enjoyed working with the Mayor and Aldermen and his love for the City of Ridgeland.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, _____ day of June, 2017.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK