

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
July 18, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the July 18, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Brian Ramsey, 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 presented the June 2017 Financial Statement and the July 2017 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the recognition of Officer Justin Crawford for being selected "Officer of the Month" for April 2017. Mayor McGee informed the Board that on April 17, 2017 Officer Justin Crawford was dispatched to a petit larceny call at Drury Inn located at 610 East County Line Road where someone had stolen a television and shower head from one of the hotel rooms. Officer Crawford diligently interviewed staff and obtained surveillance footage which revealed two (2) suspects placing the stolen items in the suspect's vehicle. Officer Crawford immediately distributed the video within the department. One of the suspects was recognized by a RPD booking officer due to prior arrests through Ridgeland PD on unrelated charges. With this information, Officer Crawford was able to prepare arrest warrants for the suspects who were subsequently arrested. Officer Crawford interviewed both suspects and both confessed to committing the larceny. Officer Crawford performed his duties with dedication and diligence as he went above and beyond the call of duty to work this case from the initial report to issuance of warrants and arrest to interviewing of suspects. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Crawford for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work. Officer Justin Crawford then thanked Chief John Neal for the opportunity to be able to investigate crimes as a patrol officer.

Next came the recognition of Detective Don Martin for being selected "Officer of the Month" for May 2017. Mayor McGee informed the Board that on May 15, 2017 Detective Don Martin was driving through the Kroger parking lot located at 7045 Old Canton Road when he observed a truck occupied by three subjects pulled up to the front of the store. Detective Martin further observed as one of the occupants exited the vehicle, loaded eight (8) outdoor lawn chairs into the back of the truck and left the area. Detective Martin was able to catch up with the suspect vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. Upon further investigation, Detective Martin confirmed that the occupants of the truck did indeed steal the chairs from Kroger and all three suspects were subsequently arrested. After further investigation by Detective Martin, it was revealed that these same three suspects were responsible for the theft of approximately thirty packs of cigarettes from the Q&M Shell located across the street from Kroger that same date. The suspects were also charged with this theft. Detective Martin's observant behavior, attention to detail, experience and investigative skills these three suspects were arrested for committing thefts at two different Ridgeland businesses. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Martin for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the cleaning of private property located at 705 Greenbrook Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. City Clerk Paula Tierce adjudicated proper notice to the

landowner with Alan Hart, Community Development Director, stating that the matter did appear to be a foreclosure and that the land records would be checked again for property ownership before cleaning the property. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Chris Ramsey requested that the Board declare the property located at 705 Greenbrook Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Photographs were presented of the property, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Mayor asked if there was any person present who wanted to speak about the property and there was no response. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property located at 705 Greenbrook Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi a menace to the public health and safety of the community. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder 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, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for a Conditional Use for Daniel Freeman to operate an Internet-based car dealership in the interior of the building as well as a variance to the requirement to install a sprinkler system subject to receiving a Hold Harmless Agreement. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to grant the conditional use contingent upon the building being sprinkled within six (6) months. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): None
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

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

Next came the consideration of the Architectural Review for Pinebrook Apartments - Vinyl Siding Remodel. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to deny the Pinebrook Architectural Review request as submitted on the basis that the Architectural Review Board recommends the request be denied, on the basis that it lacks architectural appeal, and on the basis of the information submitted by the Community Development Department that demonstrates the Board's 14-year position that vinyl siding is not preferred siding material. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey 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, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use for Slim Chickens on Lake Harbour Drive. Alderman Kevin Holder 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

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

Next came the consideration of the Resolution to Amend Development and Reimbursement Agreement Between City of Ridgeland and Lake Harbour Crossing Investments, LLC. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman D.I. Smith
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting to recuse himself to avoid a conflict of interest.)

Next came the consideration to grant Moratorium Relief to Ridgeland Hospitality to seek approval of three new Hotels known as the Tru by Hilton, Holiday Inn, and Holiday Inn Express located at the intersection of I-55 Frontage Road and Ridgeland Avenue. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey for the purposes of discussion. After discussion and remarks by the Petitioners, Alderman Brian Ramsey made a substitute motion to approve the Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express. The motion died for a lack of a second. A vote was then taken on the original motion as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion denied.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan and Architectural Review for Ridgeland

Hospitality (Tru by Hilton, Holiday Inn, and Holiday Inn Express). Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to table the matter until the October 3, 2017 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Aldermen Chuck Gautier joined the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Site Architectural Review for 588 Highway 51 (formerly Johnson Law Building) - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"*
- b) Architectural Review for Maple Place, Phase 2 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- c) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Slim Chickens on Lake Harbour Drive - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"*
- d) Bridgewater 12A Subdivision Plat and Covenants - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- e) Architectural Review for Denny's on County Line Road - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"*
- f) Special Event for Olde Towne Community Church Fall Festival - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"*
- g) Special Event for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation Trunk or Treat - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"*
- h) Accept Donations for Clothes Closet Program - *Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"*
- i) Budget Amendment Decreasing 001-000-255 (Homeland Security Grant) \$29,943-48 and Increasing 001-100-540 (Operating Supplies) \$7,300.08 and Increasing 001-100-730 (Capital Machinery & Equipment) \$22,643.40 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- j) Declare Surplus Property (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- k) Accept Sewer Easement from Holmes Community College - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- l) Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Street Sweeping Services - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- m) Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Preliminary Engineering Pay Request #48 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- n) Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Preliminary Engineering Pay Request #49 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*

- o) Cspire Agreement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- p) Approve Mayor and Board of Aldermen attending the 2017 MML Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi beginning July 24, 2017 through July 27, 2017 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- q) Substitute Alderman Bell Lee for Alderman Scott Jones on the East Lake Harbour Overlay Project Selection Committee - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*

Alderman Wes Hamlin 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Claims 139771 - 140042 and July 7, 2017 Payroll (\$1,100,089.87). 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, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss an economic development. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss an economic development mater. 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, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, _____ day of July, 2017.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK