

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
July 19, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the second regular July 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Wes Hamlin, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by Boy Scout Clayton Mahaffey of St. James Episcopal Troop 1 who was working on his Communications Badge.

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

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the July 13, 2016 Special Work Session and the July 5, 2016 Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with the following corrections noted:

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the public hearing for the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan for Higginbotham Automotive Project. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised as required by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. Christiana Sugg of Gouris & Associates made a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Questions were asked by Aldermen Ken Heard and City Attorney Jerry Mills. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who would like to address the Board of Aldermen and there was no response. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of the Tax Increment Finance Plan for Higginbotham Automotive Project subject to approval of Rezoning and Conditional Use Petitions and Site Plan/Architectural Review. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the Tax Increment Finance Plan for Higginbotham Automotive Project. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Chuck Gautier and after discussion a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Nay
Alderman Ken Heard	Nay
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Nay
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

Next came the consideration of the Development Agreement for Higginbotham Automotive Project. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the Development Agreement for Higginbotham Automotive Project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and after discussion a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Nay
Alderman Ken Heard	Nay
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye

Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application to Rezone Real Property for Higginbotham Automobiles, LLC subject to transfer of title to a Higginbotham affiliated company for property situated south of Steed Road between I-55 Frontage Road and Sunnybrook Road more accurately described in the Petition and exhibits. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning real property for Higginbotham Automobiles, LLC subject to transfer of title to a Higginbotham affiliated company for property situated south of Steed Road between I-55 Frontage Road and Sunnybrook Road more accurately described in the Petition and exhibits. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Higginbotham Automobiles, LLC subject to transfer of title to a Higginbotham affiliated company for property situated south of Steed Road between I-55 Frontage Road and Sunnybrook Road more accurately described in the Petition and exhibits. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to adopt an Ordinance granting the Conditional Use Permit for Higginbotham Automobiles, LLC subject to transfer of title to a Higginbotham affiliated company for property situated south of Steed Road between I-55 Frontage Road and Sunnybrook Road more accurately described in the Petition and exhibits. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “E”.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan/Architectural Review for Higginbotham Automobiles, LLC – Mercedes-Benz Dealership. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Site Plan/Architectural Review. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the Site Plan/Architectural Review is attached hereto as Exhibit “F”.

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

- a) Budget Amendment for Jail Fee Reimbursement – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- b) Renewal of Harbour Drive & City Entrance Sign Landscaping Contract with U. S. Lawns – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- c) Renewal of Street Sweeping Contract with Crystal Clean – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- d) Lake Harbour Drive Extension Preliminary Engineering Pay Estimates #39, #40, #41, and #43 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- e) Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC to Perform FY2016 Annual Audit – **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**
- f) Advertising for RFP’s for HVAC Maintenance/Services Agreement – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- g) Accept Donation of 50” Television from the Senior Adult Program – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- h) Set Public Hearing for FY2017 Budget for August 16, 2016 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 131911 thru 132291and the July 8, 2016 Payroll be paid. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wes Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of July, 2016.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK