MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 19, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the September 19, 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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Next came the recognition of Detective Mike McGahey for being selected "Officer of the Month" for August 2017. Mayor McGee stated that Detective Mike McGahey received information on a possible shoplifting ring operating in the Floowood area and Ridgeland areas. Detective McGahey diligently researched recent shoplifint cases and was able to link the suspects to an unsolved shoplifting case that had occurred at Northpark Mall. Upon further investigation, Detective McGahey uncovered another incident that had occurred at the same location by the same suspected shoplifting ring. It was learned that this incident had not been reported to police due to lack of suspect information and evidence. Detective McGahey along with Flowood Police personnel apprehended and conducted an interview with one of the suspects. During this interview, Detective McGahey was able to obtain a confession from the suspect who also implicated four (4) other suspects in the shoplifting ring. One additional suspect was arrested and arrest warrants were issued for the three remaining suspects. Due to Detective McGahey's initiative, work ethic and diligence, two major theft cases were solved in the City of Ridgeland along with additional cases in neighboring jurisdictions. Detective McGahey has proven to be an asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Mike McGahey for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the August 2017 Financial Statement and the September 2017 Sales Tax Report.

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

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Alderman Bill Lee informed Mayor McGee that he wanted to add extending the Hotel Moratorium for 30 days to the agenda.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT NUMBER 5 OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND

Next came the public hearing to Public Hearing to Consider Amendment Number 5 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland. 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". Alan Hart, Community Development Director, presented an overview of the proposed Amendment Number 5 to the Official Zoning Ordinance. Alan Hart answered all questions asked by the Aldermen and added all recommended changes. 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. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of Amendment Number 5 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. 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. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a copy of Amendment Number 5 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland.

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Next came the cleaning of private property located at 501 Harvest Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. City Clerk Paula Tierce adjudicated proper notice to the landowner. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Inspector Officer Drew Smith provided photographs of the subject property, which was attached hereto as Exhibit "D", and requested that the property be declared a menace to the public health and safety of the community. 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 approve. 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.

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Next came the cleaning of private property located at 523 Sycamore Circle, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, which was continued from the September 5, 2017 meeting. Inspector Drew Smith advised that the property remained uncleaned. City Attorney Jerry Mills informed the Board of Aldermen that the City of Ridgeland had been served with a notice of a filing of bankruptcy. Gerald Giaggini, the attorney present representing J. P. Morgan, was present and stated that his client was unable to enter the property for cleaning until the property was surrendered through the bankruptcy. The matter was removed from the agenda with no action being taken.

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(Alderman Chuck Gautier announced that it was his intention to fully recuse himself of the matter pertaining to the extension of the Hotel Moratorium and left the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of extending the Hotel Moratorium for 30 days. Alderman Bill Lee moved extend the Hotel Moratorium for 30 days, which would be for the period beginning October 2, 2017 and end October 31, 2017. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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.

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(Alderman Chuck Gautier rejoined the meeting.)

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

a) Approve Special Event Permit for National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Ride - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*

b) Approve Special Event Permit for Christ Covenant School Fall Into Fun - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*

c) Approve Budget Amendment to Decrease 001-000-394 (Sale of Equipment) and Increase 001-100-730 (Capital Machinery Equipment) $1,581.75 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*

d) Approve Holder-Of-The-Record Agreement Between Ridgeland Police Department and Holmes Community College - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*

e) Approve Special Event Permit for St. Columb's Episcopal Church Annual Parish Fellowship and Fundraiser - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*

f) Declare Surplus Property and Authorize Sale of Service Weapon to Retiree Norman Sipp - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*

g) Approve Highland Colony Parkway/Old Agency Parkway Traffic Signal Change Order #1 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*

h) Approve Bid Award for Steel Sheet Piling for Old Agency Ditch and Approve Increasing Account 001-201-691 $105,000.00 for FY2018 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*

i) Approve Appointment of Rachel Bradley to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee by Alderman Kevin Holder - *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"*

j) Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-250-544 (Health & Welfare - Mosquito Control) $31,097.00, Decreasing Accounts 001-201-540 (Operating Supplies) $12,697.00 and 001-201-575 (Street Materials) $18,400.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*

k) Budget Amendment Increasing 317-601-600 (Engineering) $96,623.00, Increasing 317-601-601 (Legal) $100.00, Decreasing 317-000-192 (East Lake Harbour Overlay Fund Balance) for FY2017 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*

l) Budget Amendment Increasing 317-000-192 (East Lake Harbour Drive Overlay Fund Balance) $97,171.00, Decreasing 317-601-600 (Engineering) $100.00, and Decreasing 317-601-760 (Other Costs) $448.00 for FY2018 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

m) Receive August 2017 Privilege License Report - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*

n) Extend Current Contract With Terry Services for HVAC Maintenance for FY2018 -

Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

o) Appoint Michele Wallace to Court Clerk at Grade M6 Step 12 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*

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.

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Next came the payment of Claims #141076 - 141399 and September 15, 2017 Payroll ($1,499,703.90). 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.

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There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of September, 2017.

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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK