

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
February 19, 2019
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the February 19, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the January 2019 Financial Statement and the February 2019 Sales Tax Report.

The Mayor announced that the City has been awarded the MPO funds for the traffic signals associated with the Lake Harbour Extension Project, Highland Colony Parkway, and the upgrade to the existing traffic signals.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

Next came the recognition of Detective Erin Boyd being selected as "Officer of the Month" for January 2019. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on January 31, 2019, Detective Erin Boyd was assisting with an investigation in reference to armed robberies that had occurred at apartment complexes located on Pine Knoll Drive and East County Line Road by multiple black male suspects traveling in a silver compact sedan. During this time, Detective Boyd observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle in the area of the apartment complex located on Pine Knoll Drive displaying no tag and occupied by four black males. Detective Boyd immediately conducted a traffic stop for no tag and upon further investigation, discovered that each occupant was armed with a handgun, one of which was listed as stolen. She further discovered that one of the occupants had outstanding warrants with Ridgeland Police Department for auto theft and auto burglary and he was subsequently taken into custody. Even though these were not the robbery suspects, Detective Erin Boyd's attention to details and initiative led to the arrest of a wanted suspect. Mayor McGee also pointed out to the Board of Aldermen that Detective Boyd was promoted to detective on January 7, 2019 and has already displayed the qualities of a thorough and dedicated investigator. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Erin Boyd for her hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged her to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Work Session and the February 5, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the True Local Market of Ridgeland Management Agreement and associated budget amendment. Kelly Mott, a member of the True Local Market of Ridgeland Committee, made a presentation. After discussion and comments by D. J. Baker, also a member of the True Local Market of Ridgeland, Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the recommendation of the True Local Market of Ridgeland as well as the associated budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin

Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion failed.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Ali Jamila to operate Room by Room as a Retail Furniture Store in an I-1 District. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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 "A".

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

a) - Architectural Review for Shell Gas Station Canopy located at 6585 Old Canton Road - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

b) - Award Bid for Landscape Maintenance of Ridgeland & Parks Properties to Simmons Landscaping and Authorize Mayor to Execute Contract - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

c) - Approve FY20 Police Traffic Services Grant Application - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

d) - Approve FY20 DUI Grant Application - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

e) - Accept Donation from The Gertrude C Ford Foundation to the Ridgeland Police Department and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing 010-000-348 (Police Donations) \$15,000.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

f) - Approve Idemia Identity and Security Maintenance Agreement for Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

g) - Approve Special Event Permit for Hospice Ministries - 4th Annual Celebrate Life (A

Run to Remember) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

h) - Approve Homeland Security Grant Award and Agreement for the Ridgeland Police Department - Grant #17LE316M and Grant #M18LE316 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

i) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Preliminary Engineering Pay Estimate #63 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

j) - Approve Budget Transfer Increasing (Street - Capital Machinery & Equipment) 001-201-730 \$1,697.50 and Decreasing (Street - Equipment Repair & Maintenance) 001-201-635 \$1,697.50 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

k) - Award Bid to Service Printers for the Ridgeland Life Magazine - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

l) - Receive January 2019 Business License Report - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

m) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

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.

Next came the payment of Claims #151764 thru 152066 and February 15, 2019 Payroll. 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): None

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman D.

I. Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discussion potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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 potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting and recused himself from the discussion regarding the potential litigation.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

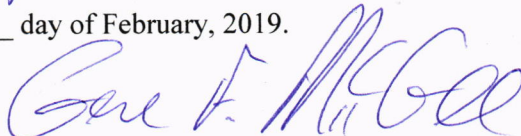
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

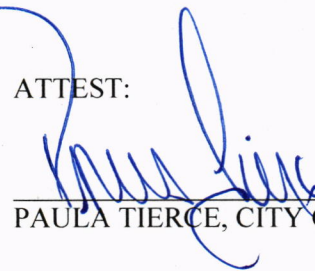
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of February, 2019.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

