

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 6, 2021
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the April 6, 2021 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 Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through March 30, 2021.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Work Session and the March 16, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin requested that item "e" be removed. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a) - Deny the Site Plan / Architectural Review request for Rice Road Place to eliminate the mansard roof element - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for Chick-Fil-A (Highland Colony Parkway) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for the Cadillac Dealership - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND FIXING THE DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI, AND FIXING POLLING PLACES FOR THE WARDS THEREIN TO INCULDE THE AREA ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF RIDGELAND IN MARCH 2021 - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Approve Special Event for McB's Bar and Grill- Crawfish Boil - Removed from Consent Agenda

f) - Approve Special Event for- Catholic Charities "Run Foster Run" - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

g) - Approve Special Event for Ardenland- Twilight Concert at Renaissance - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

h) - Approve Idemia Identity and Security Maintenance Agreement Addendum for the

Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"***i) - Approve Deputy Court Clerk Appointment - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"******j) - Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"******k) - Approve Service Contract with Star Service for Period 4/1/2021 through 3/31/2022 and Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund \$5,670 and Increase Account 001-092-637 \$5,670 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"******l) - Receive March 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"******m) - Declare Property Surplus (Administration) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"******n) - Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"***

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 Special Event Permit Application submitted by McB's Bar and Grill for a crawfish boil. After discussion, Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application. 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. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "N".

Next came payment of claims numbered 167158 - 167541 and the March 26, 2021 Payroll. 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discussion pending litigation and the sale of real estate. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the sale of real estate. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and the sale of real estate. 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 Chuck Gautier 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 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 there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved grant the Mayor the authority to enter into a contract to sell the property located at 304 Highway 51, Ridgeland, Mississippi and consummate the offer of \$1.8 Million. 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. A copy of the Letter of Intent to Purchase submitted by Speed Walker, LLC is attached hereto as Exhibit "O".

Aldermen Brian Ramsey moved to authorize the City Attorney to represent the City of Ridgeland as well as all listed defendants in the suit filed by Brookwood Development, LLC in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Civil Action # 3:21-cv-00219-KHJ-MTP. 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.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to set a Public Hearing for May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to Amend Section 600.14.F of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "O".

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of April, 2021.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

