

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 7, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the September 7, 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 Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the July 28, 2021 Community Awareness Committee Minutes and the City Attorney's statement for services through August 31, 2021.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 16, 2021 Work Session and the August 17, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the FY2022 Budget. Alderman Bill Lee 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 Fiscal Year 2022 budget is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of accepting the donation from Rishi Enterprises, Inc. of Parcels C, D and E, Harbour Pointe – Amended (formerly R & R Harbour Cove), a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi in Plat Cabinet F at Slide 96A, being an amendment of the plat on file and of record in Plat Cabinet E at Slide 200B, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve. 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 related documents are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) - Adopt 2021 Tax Rolls - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- b) - Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Jenny Tiblier (Hair Salon) at 272 S Perkins Street - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- c) - Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Parveen Kumar (Church) at 299 Highway 51 - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- d) - Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Infinity Volleyball (Infinity RE, LLC) at a portion of Parcels 072H-33B-141/01.11 and 072H-33B-141/07.00 - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- e) - Site Plan/Architectural Review for Infinity Volleyball - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- f) - Replat of Butler Drive Subdivision to Water Oak Place Subdivision (Name Change Only) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- g) - 197 Whipporwill Lane Truck Route (Old Agency Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- h) - 301 Highland Park Boulevard Truck Route (Old Agency Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- i) - 329 Blue Bird Lane Truck Route (Old Agency Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- j) - 293 Oakmont Trail Truck Route (Highland Colony Parkway) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- k) - Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Phillip McDade for Document Preparation and Consulting Services for the Baseball Core Area Safety Net - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- l) - Appoint Chris Bryson, Ben Mays, Paula Tierce, Alderman D. I. Smith and Alderman Bill Lee to the Selection Committee for Emergency Debris Removal and Emergency Debris Monitoring - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*

m) - Approve Term Bid Awards - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

n) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvements- Contractor Final Change Order #1 & MDOT Final Estimate Package - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

o) - Approve Authorization to Advertise for Bids for City of Ridgeland Traffic Signal Equipment Safety Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

p) - Accept Donation of Barricades for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

q) - Accept Donation of Exercise Equipment for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"

r) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland High School Homecoming Parade - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"

s) - Approve Special Event for Renaissance Euro Fest - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"

t) - Approve Special Event for MS Health Care Foundation 5k Run/Walk - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"

u) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Cycle Out Kids Cancer - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"

v) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Trunk or Treat - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"

w) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Cyclocross Festival - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"

x) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Christmas Tree Lighting - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"

y) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Christmas at City Hall - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "1"

z) - Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Christmas Parade - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "2"

aa) - Receive August 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "3"

bb) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "4"

cc) - Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing 2019 Bond Fund (315-000-102) \$75,000 and Increasing Land Expense (315-601-700) for Purchase of Five Lots for the Freedom Ridge

Park Expansion - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "5"

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 170387 - 170758 and the August 27, 2021 Payroll (\$3,939,830.64). Alderman Kevin Holder 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 closed session to discuss the need of going to executive session to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to allow the City Attorney, Jerry Mills, and Boty McDonald to file suit against the Red Roof Inn and the Roadway Inn. The motion was seconded 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.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to combine the Public Works Department and the Community Development Department and appoint Alan Hart the Public Works Director effective October 1, 2021. 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.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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 reopened the meeting and announced the 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 7:00 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 14th day of September, 2021.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

