

**MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
June 4, 2024  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the June 4, 2024 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.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through May 28, 2024.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Work Session and the May 21, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Alderman Bill Lee introduced Mr. Jim Powell as being his appointee to the Architectural Review Board and Alderman Wesley Hamlin introduced Kim Lovato as his appointee to the Zoning Board.

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan Review for Ridgeland Data Center - Phase 1 Grading - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 478-000-379 (Other Participation) \$2M, 478-650-750 (Contractor) \$1,749,000, 478-650-600 (Engineering) \$245,000, 478-650-601 (Legal) \$5,000, and 478-650-750 (Other Costs) \$1,000 for the Colony Park Area Water & Sewer Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve termination of contract with Utility Service Co., Inc. and authorize the Mayor

and City Clerk to sign the Notice of Termination Letter along with the signature of each Aldermen - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"

d) Approve CE&I Payment No. 3 for Neel Schaeffer for the East County Line Resurfacing Improvements Project - STP-7305-00(012) LPA 109160-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"

e) Approve an Agreement with Benchmark Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services for Colony Park Water and Sewer Improvements utilizing Madison County ARPA Transfer funds - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"

f) Approve Contractor Pay Estimate No. 1 for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Improvements Project STP-7305-00(012) LPA 109160-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"

g) Special Event - Fleet Feet - The Big Run (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

h) Budget Amendment - Insurance Check (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

i) Forfeited Vehicles (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

j) Virtual Academy Solutions Agreement (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

k) Special Event - Pearl River Valley Water Supply - Independence Day Celebration (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

l) Special Event - Balloon Glow (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

m) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

n) Designate Mayor Gene McGee Voting Delegate and Alderman D. I. Smith as Alternate Voting Delegate for MML 2024 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

o) Approve Alderman Bill Lee's Appointment of Jim Powell to Architectural Review Board - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

p) Accept Resignation of Tabatha Baum and Approve Alderman Wesley Hamlin's Appointment of Kim Lovato to Zoning Board - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

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.

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Next came the payment of claims numbered 190819 - 191035 and the May 31, 2024 Payroll. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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.

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The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and economic development. Alderman Bill Lee moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and economic development. 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 Brian Ramsey moved to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and economic development. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the motion 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 authorize the City Attorney to settle a lawsuit with no cost to the City of Ridgeland. 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.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken 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

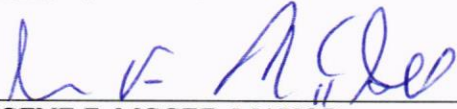
The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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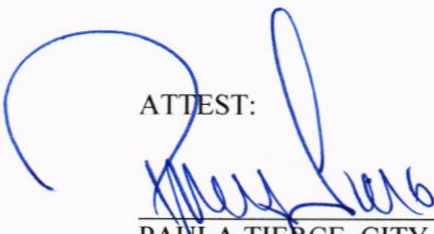
The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

