

BOARD AGENDA
August 24, 2020
4:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR	CHUCK ESPY	[]
COMMISSIONERS:	BO PLUNK	[]
	KEN MURPHEY	[]
	WILLIE TURNER, JR.	[]
	EDWARD SEALS	[]

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK	[]
POLICE CHIEF SANDRA WILLIAMS	[]
FIRE CHIEF ROCKY NABORS	[]
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD JONES	[]
CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER	[]

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.

ROLL CALL

STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Murphey

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED AUGUST 10, 2020, AUGUST 14, 2020 AND AUGUST 20, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2020, AUGUST 14, 2020 AND AUGUST 20, 2020 IN ITS PRESENT FORM;
Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Department Head Comments:
(2 minute time limit)

City Clerk -

Police -

Fire -

Public Works -

Personnel -

Grant Writer -

City Attorney -

**Commissioner's Comments:
(5 minute time limit)**

Ward 1 -

Ward 2 -

Ward 3 -

Ward 4 -

Mayor's Comments: -

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

(Must have request to be on the agenda)
5 minute time limit

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

William Moore - Discuss tree that fell on his vehicle on Sixth Street

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the City Attorney to re-file the claim submitted by William Moore with the insurance carrier; if the insurance carrier denies the claim then the Board authorizes the payment of the claim since more information has been submitted to show the doubtful claim

Johnnie Clark -

507 Grant - on the demolition list

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to hold off on the demolition of 507 Grant to allow Mr. Clark to present a plan for him fixing up the place

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to waive the agenda to bring up a Hearing for 37 East Second Street

After discussing the removal of debris and tires at 37 East Second Street, motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the matter to allow the property owner and its tenant to clean up the property and the property next door

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 565.44

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the City Clerk to pay the Park Commission miscellaneous claims

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Millicent Dixon	\$ 2,250.00
VISA	\$ 742.25
MIDCOM Service Group	\$ 2,298.00
Planters Bank	\$ 13,460.00
GO Bonds Series 2019	\$ 4,576.40
Interest and Bond Fund	\$ 29,742.00
Airport Board	\$ 2,291.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 4,166.67
Park Commission	\$ 11,166.67
Speech & Hearing	\$ 1,333.33
Housing Authority	\$ 1,250.00
CARES	\$ 4,166.67
Lillie Houston	\$ 2,250.00
Students	\$ 10,730.00
Jeff Young	\$ 11,400.00

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to pay the above miscellaneous claims

Permission for Warren Matthews to virtually attend the Deputy Municipal Clerk training in October

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing Warren Matthews to attend the virtual Deputy Municipal Clerk training

Permission for the City Clerk to virtually attend the Municipal Court Clerk training September 16-18, 2020;

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to attend the virtual Municipal Court Clerk training

Permission for the City Attorney to virtually attend the MMA Continuing Education class on August 21st

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner acknowledging that the City Attorney attended the virtual MMA Continuing Education class

Permission to prepare a Release of Lis Pendens for 228 Sixth Street and 1206 South Edwards since the owners have paid for the cleanup; further requesting the recording of said document

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to prepare a Release of Lis Pendens for 228 Sixth Street and 1206 South Edwards

City Clerk will be requesting the Mayor to execute the Sixth Amendment for tax collection services

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the Mayor to execute the Sixth Amendment for tax collection services

City Clerk will be requesting permission to purchase software for an agenda program for the Board to review their agenda packets

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to purchase software for an agenda program

City Clerk will be requesting authorization for line item budget changes

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to prepare line item budget changes

Board Appointments

Planning Commission

Rev L C Tyler, II Ward 3 Expires August 12, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to re-appoint Reverend L C Tyler II to the Planning Commission

Library Board

Chris Coleman Ward 2 Expires September 30, 2020

Cannot be reappointed

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to carry over the appointment of Chris Coleman to the Library Board

Park Commission

Melide Gaddy At Large Expires September 8, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to carry over the appointment of Melide Gaddy to the Park Commission

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

Permission to apply for MDEQ permit for the Pearson Street

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the Grant Writer to apply for MDEQ permit for the Pearson Street project; said motion authorizes the Mayor to execute the document

At this time the City Clerk announced that it was 5:15 and time for the 2020-2021 budget hearing. City Clerk reported information by the upcoming budget, and the 2020-2021 tax levy. Comments were heard from Jon Levingston, Chamber of Commerce; Charles

Meyers, Park Commission, Jennifer Walton and Emily Meredith, SLA Jones Center; Page Daugherty, Animal Shelter; Bianca Zaharescu, Spring Initiative; Shelley Ritter, Blues Museum; Jo Ann Blue, Library Board. Floor was open to the public for comments; then opened to the Board for comments.

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

Permission to extend the City's emergency orders to expire on Monday, September 14th (11th Order)

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the extension of the emergency orders to expire on Monday, September 14th

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Go into Closed Session for discussion to determine whether to go into Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

Return to open meeting to make the declaration of going into Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner

Go into Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals

Personnel - Legal Issues

Police Department - Resignations

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the resignations of Charles Hampton and Patrick Williams

Fire Department - Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the resignation of Roosevelt Smith

Public Works Department - Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the resignation of Parker Abney

Police Department - Status Change

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the longevity increase for Police Chief Sandra Williams

Public Works Department - Status Changes

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the longevity increase for Tommy Edwards, Laborer in the Public Works Department

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the salary increase for Johnnie Marshall, Laborer in the Public Works Department, for completion of introductory period

Public Works Department - Offer Employment

No Action

Fire Department - New Hire

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to hire Hunter Rybolt in the Fire Department as Training Officer

Police Department - Personnel Matter

No Action

City Clerks Office - Medical

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge those that are out on medical leave

Police Department - Medical

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Public Works Department - Medical

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge those that are out on medical leave

Fire Department - Medical

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge those that are out on medical leave

Legal Issues

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the payment to MDEQ in an amount not to exceed \$31,000

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to come out of executive session

BUDGET HEARING - 5:15

Recess to September 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to recess

[] THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS NEW OR OLD TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD THIS MEETING IS RECESSED.

Recessed at 6:14 p.m.