

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**May 24, 2021**  
**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	[ ]

*Robbie Linley*  
*Craig Amerson*

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.**

**ROLL CALL**

**STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Espy**

**HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED MAY 10, 2021 AND MAY 20, 2021. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2021 AND MAY 20, 2021 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

Jon Levingston

Request for tax exemption for People Shores

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the tax exemption request of People Shores for 2019, 2020 and 2021 contingent upon the City Clerk receiving the required forms**

Milton Gardner - 226 Yazoo Avenue

- Replacement of lights
- Storm Drain with no cover

Corderrick Simon - 220 Grace Street

Roundyard Day on June 25-26

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner acknowledging Roundyard Day on June 25-26, 2021**

Vanessa Taylor - 600 Ritchie  
Juneteenth celebration

Chandra Williams - 332 Delta Avenue

Requesting the City to declare the historic significance of Riverside Hotel and to report the recognition and celebration event on June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals approving a Resolution declaring the historic significance of Riverside Hotel and to acknowledge the recognition and celebration event on June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Roosevelt Smith

Downtown Day the first weekend in June (June 4-6); request to block off Sunflower Avenue

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge Downtown Weekend on June 4-6, 2021**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Re-zoning Hearing - Friars Point Road

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the hearing held today for the re-zoning and adopting an Ordinance that would change property located on Friars Point Road from an R-12 to a C-1 Floodplain Overlay District**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

C - O Request - Antonio Abram

Requesting donation of city lots to healthy Transitions Development Group for the purpose of building affordable single family homes for low to moderate income families

**CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:**

Authorization for the City Clerk to make line item budget changes

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the City Clerk to make line item budget changes**

Acknowledge the Sunflower River Blues Festival on August 13-15 and requesting permission for the City Clerk to issue a warrant in support of the festival for \$1,000

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals acknowledging the Sunflower River Blues Festival on August 13-15, 2021; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to issue a warrant in the amount of \$1,000 in support of the festival**

Permission to pay the following miscellaneous claims:

Cornerstone	\$ 2,626.00
Ivy Jones	\$ 545.00
JEG Ministries	\$ 400.00
Sundial Timekeeping	\$ 122.08
Clarksdale Park Commission	\$ 74,821.04
North Delta Planning & Development	\$ 2,500.00
Amanda Dear Jones	\$ 1,000.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 501.00
VISA	\$ 527.14
Lillie Houston	\$ 1,200.00
Mary Moore	\$ 185.00

**seconded by Commissioner Plunk approving the above miscellaneous claims**

ending the emergency declaration for COVID

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the 27<sup>th</sup> order extending the emergency declaration for**

**COVID**

Amendment for Neel-Schaffer on the Pearson Street - Levee System

**Seconded by Commissioner Turner approving Task Order - Contract Amendment for Neel-Schaffer on the Pearson Street - Levee System, which would authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement**

Requested quotes for a parking lot at the MLK Kaboom park

**Seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize a limestone parking lot for the MLK Kaboom Park, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00**

**Commissioner Turner rescinded his motion and requested quotes to pave a parking lot since it would require less maintenance by the Park Commission**

United Parcel Service to donate ammunition to the Clarksdale Police Department

**Seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the donation of ammunition from United Parcel Service**

GO Bonds Series 2011

City can save approximately \$55,193 over the next five years by refinancing this bond issue Interest rate would be going from 3.24% to 1.45%; requesting permission to start the process

**Seconded by Commissioner Plunk to proceed with the refinancing of the GO Bonds Series 2011**

Resigned 02-08-2021

At Large

Jones

Ward 2

under state contract

**Seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the Fire Department to purchase a lawnmower under state contract**

Asst Chiefs Rodney Jackson, Cliff Jordan, Charles Lane, Investigator Trey Gammill, Training Officer Hunter Rybolt, Fire Prevention Officer Frank Beasley to attend the Mississippi Firefighters and Fire Chiefs annual conference in Biloxi on June 25-27; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals

**Seconded by Commissioner Turner approving Chief Rocky Nabors, Asst Chiefs Rodney Jackson, Cliff Jordan, Charles Lane, Investigator Trey Gammill, Training Officer Hunter Rybolt, Fire Prevention Officer Frank Beasley to attend the Mississippi Firefighters and Fire Chiefs**

**annual conference in Biloxi on June 25-27; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals**

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**seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the waiver for 335 Monroe Avenue and authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with the demolition**

ne Police Department

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the Personnel Director to proceed with the entry level testing in the Police Department**

the Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program 2019 Grant Agreement

**seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the Mayor to execute the Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program 2019 grant agreement**

**CLER**

**on to determine whether to go into Executive Session**

**seconded by Commissioner Seals**

**declaration of going into Executive Session**

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey**

**seconded by Commissioner Turner**

y Increase

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the longevity increase for Cedric Richardson**

**seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the longevity increase for Duane Messenger**

**seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the salary increase for Christopher Terry due to his completion of two years in the Fire Department**

**seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the salary increase for Jameel Wallace due to his completion of**

**two years in the Fire Department**

**seconded by Commissioner Seals to hire Laterrance Moore as a Firefighter contingent upon the Personnel Director receiving all employment contingencies**

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the retirement of Ulyda Johnson in the Police Department**

**y seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the resignation of Mareisha James in the Police Department**

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**seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the disciplinary action taken on a Police Department employee**

**seconded by Commissioner Turner to come out of executive session**

**21 at 12:00 p.m.**

**seconded by Commissioner Seals to recess until Thursday, June 10th**

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