

**MINUTES OF THE RECESS
MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN
The City of Starkville, Mississippi
September
23, 2014**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in a Recess Meeting on September 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of City Hall, located at 101 E. Lampkin Street, Starkville, MS. There being present were Mayor Parker Wiseman, Aldermen Ben Carver, Lisa Wynn, David Little, Jason Walker, Scott Maynard and Henry Vaughn, Sr. Attending the Board were City Attorney Chris Latimer, CAO/CFO Taylor V. Adams and City Clerk Lesa Hardin.

Alderman Roy A. Perkins was present telephonically. All votes were taken by roll call and the meeting was halted at any time the telephone connection was lost.

Mayor Parker Wiseman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Parker Wiseman asked for any revisions to the Official Agenda.

REQUESTED REVISIONS TO THE OFFICIAL AGENDA:

Alderman David Little requested the following change to the published September 23, 2014 Official Agenda:

Revision to Agenda Item VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Request to revise Citizen Comment session to limit to fifteen (15) minute sessions: One fifteen minute session in favor of "Plus One" insurance, One fifteen minute session opposed to "Plus One" insurance and One fifteen minute session neutral (other) topics.

1. A MOTION TO REVISE CITIZEN COMMENT SECTION OF THE OFFICAL AGENDA.

Mayor Wiseman asked that a roll call vote be taken on this revision. The Board voted as follows to approve the motion offered by Alderman Little and seconded by Alderman Wynn to revise Citizen Comment session to limit to three fifteen (15) minute sessions: One fifteen minute session in favor of "Plus One" insurance, One fifteen minute session opposed to "Plus One" insurance and One fifteen minute session for neutral (other) topics.

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor asked for further revisions to the published September 23, 2014 Official Agenda. No further revisions were requested.

2. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICAL AGENDA.

There came for consideration the matter of approving and adopting the September 23, 2014, Official Agenda of the Recess Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, as revised. Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, to approve the September 23, 2014, Official Agenda with items listed as consent, the Board voted as follows to approve the motion:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

OFFICIAL AGENDA

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

OF THE

CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

RECESS MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
5:30 P.M., COURT ROOM, CITY HALL
101 EAST LAMPKIN STREET
WITH VICE MAYOR ROY A'. PERKINS ATTENDING TELEPHONICALLY.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND PROVIDED
AS APPENDIX A ATTACHED**

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL AGENDA**
 - APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.
- IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 17, 2014 MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF
STARKVILLE, MS AS REVIEWED BY THE CITY
ATTORNEY.**

CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 1, 2014 MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MS AS REVIEWED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

- MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

B. BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS:

VI. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

VII. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

A PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY PASTOR BERT MONTGOMERY.

A PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY PASTOR JOSEPH STONE, THE PASTOR OF 2ND BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKVILLE.

VIII. **PUBLIC HEARING**

IX. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

- **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OVERTURNING THE MAYORS VETO OF THE BOARDS AMENDING AND REDEFINITION OF THE PLUS ONE MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015.

XI. **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- AIRPORT
THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- PLANNING

- REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 AT 6:00 PM ON MAIN STREET.

- COURTS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- ENGINEERING

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING STARKVILLE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/14.

- REQUEST APPROVAL FOR JOANNA MCLAURIN TO TRAVEL TO OLIVE BRANCH, MS FOR MAGIC TRAINING-MISSISSIPPI'S ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND COLLABORATION WITH ADVANCE TRAVEL APPROVED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- PERSONNEL

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- POLICE DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- PUBLIC SERVICES
 - 1. REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FIRE HYDRANTS FROM SOURCE OF SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,950.00.

L. SANITATION DEPARTMENT
THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

XII. CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION

XIII. OPEN SESSION

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- PERSONNEL
- POTENTIAL LITIGATION

XV. OPEN SESSION

XVI. ADJOURN UNTIL OCTOBER 7, 2014 @ 5:30 IN THE COURT ROOM AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 101 EAST LAMPKIN STREET.

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**APPENDIX A
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VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

VII. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

IX. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- **BOARD BUSINESS**

XI. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- AIRPORT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

2. PLANNING

i. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 AT 6:00 PM ON MAIN STREET.

- COURTS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- ENGINEERING

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

- FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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- FIRE DEPARTMENT

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L. SANITATION DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS 3 – 7:

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 17, 2014 MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MS AS REVIEWED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, and adopted by the Board to approve the September 23, 2014 Official Agenda, and to accept items for Consent, whereby the “Approval of the June 17, 2014 minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, MS as reviewed by the City Attorney” is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 1, 2014 MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MS AS REVIEWED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, and adopted by the Board to approve the September 23, 2014 Official Agenda, and to accept items for Consent, whereby the “Approval of the July 1, 2014 minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, as reviewed by the City Attorney” is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 AT 6:00 PM ON MAIN STREET

Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, and adopted by the Board to approve the September 23, 2014 Official Agenda, and to accept items for Consent, whereby the “Approval of a special event permit for the Starkville High School homecoming parade on September 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm on Main Street ” is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR JOANNA MCLAURIN TO TRAVEL TO OLIVE BRANCH, MS FOR MAGIC TRAINING-MISSISSIPPI’S ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND COLLABORATION - WITH ADVANCE TRAVEL APPROVED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00.

Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, and adopted by the Board to approve the September 23, 2014 Official Agenda, and to accept items for Consent, whereby the “Approval for Joanna McLaurin to travel to Olive Branch, MS for Magic Training-Mississippi’s

Accountability System for government information and collaboration with advance travel approved in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 ” is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

7. REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FIRE HYDRANTS FROM SOURCE OF SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,950.00.

Upon the motion of Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr., duly seconded by Alderman Lisa Wynn, and adopted by the Board to approve the September 23, 2014 Official Agenda, and to accept items for Consent, whereby the “Approval to purchase fire hydrants from source of supply in the amount of \$52,950.00” is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Alderman Wynn apologized to the citizens of Ward 2 who she had not been able to return calls, texts or emails to due to large quantity received. She then recognized the clergy in attendance.

Alderman Carver recognized Starkville High Football as being undefeated and encouraged everyone to support them through the remainder of the season.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

The following citizens each spoke fifteen minutes or less in total on the positives of “Plus One” insurance coverage:

Milo Burnham, Rabbi Seth Oppenheimer, Richard Fairchild, Alice Ann Caldwell, Robbie Perry, Michael Waldrup, Melissa Grimes, and Patty Latham.

The following citizens each spoke fifteen minutes or less in total on the negatives of “Plus One” insurance coverage:

Rev. William Heard, Claude McKinney, Thomas Rogers, Alvin Turner and Jeff Artes and Johnny Buckner

The following citizens each spoke fifteen minutes or less in total on topics other than “Plus One” insurance coverage:

Grant Arender, noted that Starkville Yellowjackets are ranked 14th and MSU is ranked 14th. Also asked that in future all Aldermen carefully review all information before voting.

John Gaskin asked that costs of insurance to employees be kept as low as possible.

Johnny Buckner thanked the Mayor and Board for the opportunities to speak openly at meetings.

Chris Wilborn, Ward 4, asked that the helmet law be enforced and thanked the City for local bike paths recently constructed and encouraged more be built as well as more bike racks, especially on Main Street.

Sandra Sistrunk, Ward 2, suggested \$136,000 in expense cuts which could be used for pay raises and library expenses.

Richard Fairchild, Ward 2, noted that Hwy 182 and University Drive is exceptionally dark in rainy weather and asked if reflective markings could be installed by City.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Pastor Bert Montgomery

Pastor Montgomery presented his views on separation of church and state and that the bible should not be used to discriminate. He noted that everyone has friends or family that are gay and asked that they think of them as they vote. He noted that God is merciful to all and asked that the Board not overturn the Mayor’s veto and that they allow Plus One insurance to be offered.

Pastor Joseph Stone

Pastor of Second Baptist Church Stone stated that he does not lend his voice to government issues lightly. He then read the section of the Constitution stating that all men are created equally. He felt that the city will thrive regardless of Plus One insurance, and feels that Second Baptist Church assists all people, not just Christians. But he reminded the Aldermen that standing on their convictions do not make them bad people or wrong.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OVERTURNING THE MAYORS VETO OF THE BOARDS AMENDING AND REDEFINITION OF THE PLUS ONE MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

Alderman Wynn presented her views on the Plus One issue. She requested Joel Clements pull up the City website on the overhead projector. She then had the January 21, 2014 agenda and Resolution displayed and asked the Clerk to read the minutes of January 21, 2014 from a handout. Following other observations, Alderman Wynn read the Oath of office she took July 1, 2013 and then recused herself from the meeting.

Alderman Carver inquired of the Board Attorney as to the reasons one can recuse themselves. The Board Attorney stated the law is silent as to requirement or a reason but that a recusal does not count towards either side of a vote.

Mayor Wiseman then asked Mr. Clements to play the seven minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting discussion of insurance. Mayor Wiseman then presented his view as to why Plus One should be offered and reasons for his Veto. Following discussion of various related items by several Aldermen, Alderman Perkins called for a motion.

Upon the motion of Alderman Little , pursuant to Mississippi Code section 21-3-15, to override the Mayor’s veto dated September 19, 2014, to Amend the Employee + 1 Adult Coverage provision under the City’s Medical Insurance Benefit Plan to include coverage for only legally married spouses as defined in Article 14, Section 263A of the Mississippi Constitution. Alderman Carver seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows:

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| Alderman Ben Carver | Voted: Yea |
| Alderman Lisa Wynn | Voted: Recused |
| Alderman David Little | Voted: Yea |
| Alderman Jason Walker | Voted: Nay |
| Alderman Scott Maynard | Voted: Nay |
| Alderman Roy A’ Perkins | Voted: Yea |
| Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr. | Voted: Yea |

The result being 4 aye, 2 nay and 1 recusal and 5 ayes needed to override a veto, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Alderman Wynn re-entered the meeting.

9. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015.

Alderman Maynard offered a motion to approve the FY 2015 Budget as presented at the public hearing with Alderman Little seconding the motion. Alderman Wynn offered the following as amendment to the motion: “ Move approval of adding 1.5% to the budgeted rate of pay for all City employees effective October 1, 2014 with funds to be taken from the budgeted \$750,000 ending fund balance and that all FY 2014 surplus ad valorem tax collections be used to restore the ending fund balance”. The Mayor declared this motion to amend dead for lack of a second. Alderman Maynard noted this budget may not be perfect but feels it will serve the City productively. Alderman Walker agreed that employees deserve raises but would like more involvement in budget discussion. Alderman Little noted a budget must be in place by September 30 and that budget adjustments could be made throughout the year. Following additional discussion, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Nay
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Nay
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Nay
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A’ Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

10. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/14.

Upon the motion of Alderman Carver to move approval of the City of Starkville Claims Docket for all departments as of September 12, 2014 for fiscal year ending 9/30/14, duly seconded by Alderman Wynn, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A’ Perkins	Voted: Nay
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Nay

Having received a majority affirmative vote of those members present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

General Fund	001	\$ 185,517.10
Airport Fund	015	3,013.04
Sanitation	022	4,534.04
Landfill	023	70.00

Parking Garage Project	311	561,147.74
Water/Sewer	400	87,605.77
Trust & Agency	610	34,719.20
Tourism & Convention	630	62,792.97
Sub Total Before SED		939,399.86
Electric Dept	SED	-0-
Total Claims	Total	\$ 939,399.86

CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

Alderman Perkins thanked staff for their work in allowing him to attend the meeting telephonically.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL OCTOBER 7, 2014 @ 5:30 IN THE COURT ROOM AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 101 EAST LAMPKIN STREET.

Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, duly seconded by Alderman Maynard, for the Board of Aldermen to adjourn the meeting until October 7, 2014 @ 5:30 at 101 E. Lampkin Street in the City Hall Courtroom, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Attest:

LESA HARDIN, CITY CLERK
WISEMAN, MAYOR

PARKER