

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR APRIL 2009 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 21, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular April 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Aldermen Chuck Gautier and Kevin Holder were absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were furnished copies of the April 14, 2009 minutes of the Architectural Review Board meeting and financial statements for the periods ending February 28, 2009 and March 31, 2009.

The Mayor announced that the Ridgeland Area Master Plan won a Merit Award from the Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The Plan received attention for its redevelopment strategies including a new city center, cluster housing and the opportunity for enhanced parks and trail system. The recipient of the award is Moore Planning Group, LLC, the City's consultant for the RAMP project. The Mayor further stated that the City of Ridgeland was named by Business Week.com as the Best Small City for Startups in Mississippi for factors such as affordability, availability of talent, existence of a thriving business community and quality of life.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

PUBLIC HEARING/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Mayor announced that the public hearing regarding revisions to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan was open. The City Clerk adjudicated that a notice of public hearing was published in the Clarion Ledger with publication being made April 6, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

At this time, Chris Watson, an urban planning consultant, came forward and explained the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and answered questions from the Board.

Next, the Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Board and there was no response, whereupon, Alderman Jones moved to approve said revised plan with an increase in the size of the Old Agency Preservation District. Alderman Steen seconded the Motion. After discussion, Alderman Heard moved to continue the consideration of the adoption of the revised Comprehensive Plan until May 19, 2009.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Steen moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Lake Harbour Drive Extension/Revised Memorandum of Understanding with MDOT-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Initiate the Project Activation Request for Lake Harbour Extension Project-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Request Authorization to Bid Tapping Machine/Public Works Department Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Approve Five Year Overlay List/Public Works Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Amended Final Plat for Creston Court-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Madison-Ridgeland Medical Clinic/Site Plan-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Special Event Permits-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
 - i. The Club Fitness 8K Run on the Parkway
 - ii. Pepsi Pops/Waive Fees
 - iii. March of Dimes March for Babies-Three Mile Walk/Waive Fees
- (h) Cleaning of Private Property-Set Hearing-May 19, 2009/2 O'Clock Bayou

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Linda Davis left the meeting because she is employed by MEMA.

MEMA MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

There next came for consideration the matter of a recommendation by the Public Works Director to approve a maintenance agreement that MEMA requires if the City receives any Federal Aid for School Creek. Alderman Jones moved to accept said recommendation. A copy of the project application is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Absent
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Davis returned to the meeting.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 76065 through 76359 with the exception of claim number 76117 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated April 21, 2009 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Alderman Roberts left the meeting because his wife is employed by Cellular South.

Alderman Jones moved to pay claim number 76117 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated April 21, 2009.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Davis and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Jones moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Alderman Steen left the meeting.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss economic development and purchase of property.

Alderman Davis moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that, by unanimous vote, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were going into executive session to discuss economic development and purchase of property.

The meeting was then closed and the Board went into executive session.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

After discussion, Alderman Jones moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a General Services Agreement with Moore Planning Group, LLC, Barber and Mann Planning Consultants, and Waggoner Engineering, Inc. in regards to developing a Schematic Cottage Development Plan, a copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "J"; and to approve an \$80,000 budget amendment to fund said services.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion

Alderman Steen moved that the Board come out of executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye

Alderman Jones

Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened, whereupon the Mayor informed the public of the action during executive session.

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Alderman Steen moved to negotiate the purchase of Lot 11 located in Brame Addition; and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,000.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk