# Agenda

# Regular Meeting of The Board of Mayor & Aldermen Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:30 pm.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. a. Roll Call
- 4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Motion to amend and finalize the agenda with the addition of item(s) 4 (\_) under Mayor's Comments, Item(s) 7 (\_) under Board Business and item 8(\_) under Consent Agenda. (Place Holders only)
  - b. Motion to open Requests for Qualifications for Auditing Services and take under advisement pending review and evaluation of those received by Board members.
- 5. Aldermen's Comments:
- 6. Public Comments:
  - a. Mr. Jason Chiniche, Chiniche Engineering & Surveying to speak about ARPA engineering and project(s).

### 7. BOARD BUSINESS:

- a. Motion to approve the Depository Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$316,968.05.
- b. Motion to approve the Operating Utilities Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$82,247.33.
- c. Motion to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on a Resolution requesting use of the City of Pass Christian's reviewing stands for the Nereids Parade to be held February 4, 2024.
- d. Motion to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on the Grass Cutting Services contract with Steve Lombardo, Jr., Lombardo Industries, LLC. as prepared by City Attorney, Ronnie Artigues. (Note: currently being prepared)
- e. Motion to approve and authorize Katharine Corr, as alternate Applicant Agent (formerly Mickey Lagasse), to sign the letter to Mike Siler, MEMA Director, requesting Small Project Final Inspection and to sign the Request for Small Project Final Inspection for Project #4528 (Covid), PW# 74 (Cat B).
- f. Motion to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on the Interlocal Governmental Agreement by and between Hancock County, MS. and the Cities of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Diamondhead for the years 2024-2027.
- g. Motion to approve Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission dated Thursday, December 28, 2023.
- h. Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the MS. Department of Marine Resources Request for Reallocation of Funds, Tidelands Trust Fund Program. This will be transferring the balance of \$16,444.89 from Project FY20-P646-01 (Handicap Accessible Walkway and Ramp to Water) to Project FY21-P646-03 (Pagodas and Showers).

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#### **PLANNING & ZONING:**

**Spring Murphy, owner of the property commonly known as 1902/1904 Nicholson Ave.,** parcel #137N-0-35-030.001, has made an application for a Variance in order to divide the property into 2 separate parcels. The property is Zoned R-1: Single Family Residential District. Each parcel will have a preexisting house on it. A variance is being requested for +/-3.52 shortage on road frontage for each parcel. Parcel "A" will have 9,492 square feet, Parcel "B" will have 5,226. The applicant is requesting an area size variance, and on Parcel "B" variances of 1.9 feet on the side and 19.3 feet on the front setback.

Chairman Frater asked if anyone was present to comment on the case. Mike Murphy came forward to answer any questions. He explained that the property were separate at one time, then combined later. They have owned the property for 2 years, but this all happened before they purchased it. They now want to divide the properties which have their own utilities, and sell at least 1 of the properties.

Chairman Frater asked if anyone had any questions, and Commissioner Cornfoot verified that they have owned the property at least 2 years and that the property was all one piece before they purchased it and Mr. Murphy replied "Yes".

Commissioner Romero had some questions concerning the survey and whether the property lines could be moved. There was some discussion, about modifying lines regarding the side and front variances. Mr. Frater mentioned the West side 15 foot Right of Way and the East side 30 foot Right of Way from the property line concerning the front variance.

Chairman Frater asked if there were any comments from the audience. No one came forward. Chairman Frater asked if there was any correspondence. Mrs. Bouchie answered "yes" and read:

CALLER: George Fitzpatrick

MESSAGE: Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that he is against the Variance. He would rather see someone else purchase the property "AS IS", then take care of it. He is afraid that the property needing the major Variances will never be fixed to code, then the property owner will demo the house and rebuild on a noncompliant lot. He stated that the property owner is a "slumlord" from New Orleans and is not interested in fixing up anything correctly.

At that time, Cynthia (Murphy's Realtor) came forward and disputed the conflict with the correspondence. Chairman Frater stated that decisions aren't made from conjecture.

Commissioner Romero reiterated that it is 2 dwellings on 1 property in an R-1.

Commissioner Romero moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornfoot to approve the Variance to split the property at 1902& 1904 Nicholson Ave.

After a unanimous vote by all commissioners present in favor of the motion, Chairman Frater declared the motion passed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 8. Motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items as numbered Items (a-i):
- a. Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting dated December 18, 2023.

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- b. Hire/Promote/Transfer/Resignations of the following for various positions, as listed: **None received.**
- c. Approve monthly Utility Customer Deposit refund checks totaling \$3,895.00 numbered #7370 to #7384 as submitted by Utility Office Manager Julie Bromwell. Note: \$2,523.57 is due to the City of Waveland and \$1,371.43 is due to customers.
- d. Spread on the Minutes the Mayor's letter dated 12/20/23 addressed to the City of Pass Christian's Board of Mayor and Aldermen requesting use of their reviewing stands for Waveland's Nereids Parade scheduled for February 4, 2024 at 10:00 am.
- e. Travel for Janita Cole and Kyleigh Seale to attend the MS. Municipal Service Company's 'Advanced Municipal Liability and Worker's Compensation Risk Management' Educational program in Flowood, MS. on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. Cost to the City will be mileage reimbursement for one vehicle. There will be no lodging, meals or registration costs associated with this.
- f. Approve the Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (removing Good Friday and substituting Mardi Gras).
- g. Spread on the Minutes the City of Waveland Fund Balances at 12/1/24.
- h. Spread on the Minutes the Revenue & Expenditures Report dated 11/30/24.
- i. Approve Mr. Bo Humphrey, Public Works manager, to take 39 mandatory online federal pipeline safety courses re: gas certification at a total cost of \$2,145.00, (\$55.00 each) as budgeted for.

# END CONSENT AGENDA

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 9. Motion to consider entering a closed session for discussion related to
- 10. Motion to enter an executive session for discussion related to
- 11. Motion to come out of executive session with/without action taken.

## **ADJOURN**

12. Motion to Adjourn