

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Of The City of Starkville, Mississippi
October 13, 2017**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a Work Session on October 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor D. Lynn Spruill, Aldermen Sandra Sistrunk, David Little, Jason Walker, Patrick Miller, and Henry Vaughn, Sr. Aldermen Ben Caver and Roy A'. Perkins were unable to attend. Attending the Board were Attorney Chris Latimer and City Clerk / CFO Lesa Hardin.

Mayor Spruill opened the work session. The work session was properly noticed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-13 and a copy of that notice is included in the minutes. The meeting was live streamed on Facebook. The public and media were welcomed and attended. The session is also available for viewing on the City website.

Mayor Spruill noted that the landfill had been closed until MDEQ approval. The employees at the landfill will continue grubbing cell five and Neel Schaffer will conduct testing per their contract. An outline of the recommendations from Neel Schaffer Engineering was distributed.

Scott vonCannon, Joe Strauss and John Jackson of Retail Strategy Group discussed what the group does for the City of Starkville. They are currently showing properties to prospective developers with the help of some City personnel. The largest obstacle they have encountered is availability of property for sale. City officials asked that the group stay in contact with the City on a regular basis and offered any resources the City has to offer.

During the work session, the Mayor and Board discussed items on the upcoming October 17, 2017 agenda. Department Directors were available to answer questions related to the items. All agenda items were discussed. The agenda was finalized and items were recommended for the consent agenda.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2017.

MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL

Attest:

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LESA HARDIN, CITY CLERK



WORK SESSION

CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

October 13, 2017

1:00 p.m.

- A. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- B. PRESENTATION BY RETAIL STRATEGIES FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE RETAIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUS.**
- C. BRIEFING ON THE LANDFILL AND CURRENT OPERATIONS WORK PER ENGINEERS RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- D. DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2017, RECESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.**
- E. ADJOURN MEETING**



Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017
To: City of Starkville, Attn: Honorable Lynn Spruill, Mayor
Cc: Saunders Ramsey, P.E., NSI
From: John G. Cunningham, P.E.
RE: Starkville Rubbish Site

Mayor,

I have attached the agenda from our meeting yesterday and will expand more on the task updates and compliance items below.

Tasks Update

Slope Stability Analysis – drilling on site completed 10/5/17; there will be a 2-3 weeks turnaround on findings report. The analysis will determine if the areas where the permitted height limit has been exceeded on Cell 1 may be left in place or not; plus, show maximum buildout heights for future areas in Cells 3 and 4.

Cell 5 Investigation – this task was started 10/5/17 and will be completed 10/10/17; Visual inspection on top of Cell 5 indicated debris (wire, concrete, other) without cover prior to performing hand auger work to document if final cover exists at all. Condition of site is heavily vegetated with small trees growing throughout

Items 1 through 7 are prioritized needs we see for the City returning the rubbish site back into compliance with the MDEQ General Permit, which grants the City a Certificate of Coverage to operate the rubbish site under said permit.

Item 1 will be needed to move forward with the expansion to allow areas of Cell 1 and 5 that are outside of the permitted limits to remain totally or partially in place as determined with the slope stability analysis.

Item 2 addresses areas where our survey showed slopes are too steep and do not meet the permit requirement of a 1 foot rise for every 4 feet of horizontal distance. This may require some side slope material from the top down to be relocated to Cell 2 to get the slopes into compliance prior to installing final cover material. Cell 5 has the same situation.

Once side slopes are correct, the final cover installation can be performed. State regulations require 24 inches of compacted, low permeable soil be placed as final cover on areas to be closed. Topsoil (Item 4) with seed and mulch will be needed to establish vegetation for future maintenance of closed areas.

Items 5 through 7 are the steps mentioned, if the City desires to close Cell 2.

As mentioned, yesterday, both Cells 1 and 5 have heavy vegetation in areas. The desired state for maintenance, prior to final cover, would be a stand of grass that can be mowed. That may be a task that staff could better use City forces. If City forces can be used to clear vegetation along the property line where waste slid over on private property, that effort may allow pulling some of the waste back on City property for disposal into Cell 2. Right of entry is a concern that may be better addressed by the City Attorney. If right of entry is a problem, the waste could be relocated once the property for the expansion is secured.

As discussed, some of the needs regarding closure of Cell 5 could be addressed during the time required to secure the property for expansion. Once we have the report of the investigation complete, we can provide a more detailed recommendation and discuss how the City moves forward with accomplishing that work, by City forces and/or by contract.

If you have any further questions in the meantime, please let me know.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Curi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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For Compliance

1. Need property acquisition for Cells 1 and 5 for expansion to include a new 150 ft buffer
 - a. 3-6 months
2. Shape sides on Cells 1 and 5 to meet 4:1 slope requirement
3. Add final cover to Cells 1 and 5
4. Add topsoil, seed & mulch Cells 1 and 5
5. Cover Cell 2 open face area
6. Final Cover for Cell 2 area
7. Add topsoil, seed & mulch Cells 1 and 5

For Items 2 – 7: Estimate volume of 100,000 CY for relocation of waste, placement of final cover and establishment of vegetation under a 90 – 120 day contract.



**THERE WILL BE A WORK SESSION OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017
AT 1:00 PM IN THE STARKVILLE CITY HALL
LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET
IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

The public and media are invited to attend.

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