MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
The City of Starkville, Mississippi
January 7, 2025

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in a Regular Meeting on January 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor Lynn Spruill, Aldermen Kim Moreland, Sandra Sistrunk, Jeffrey Rupp, Mike Brooks, Hamp Beatty, Roy A'. Perkins and Henry Vaughn, Sr. as well as City Attorney Berk Huskison and City Clerk / CFO Lesa Hardin.

Mayor Lynn Spruill opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

REQUESTED REVISIONS TO THE OFFICIAL AGENDA:

There being no changes requested; the Mayor called for a motion to approve the agenda with consent items.

1. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS.

Alderman Rupp offered a motion, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda as amended. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	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 and then read the consented items.

OFFICIAL AGENDA OF
THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025
5:30 P.M., COURT ROOM, CITY HALL - 110 WEST MAIN STREET

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENTED ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

B. BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS:

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

VII. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF VA 24-05: A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM BUILDING SETBACKS FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED EAST OF 521 S MONTGOMERY STREET IN A C ZONING DISTRICT.

IX. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

X. BOARD BUSINESS

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO FIVE (5) CIVIL DEFENSE SIRENS UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION COMMUNICATIONS AT A COST OF $9,660.00.

XI. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. AIRPORT

1. REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025 THAT WILL ALLOW NOAA CONTRACTORS ACCESS TO A SELECTED AREA OF AIRPORT PROPERTY TO OPERATE THEIR WEATHER STATION AT GEORGE M. BRYAN FIELD.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

C. COURTS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

D. ENGINEERING

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

E. FINANCE

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPT AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2024 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/25, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE CITY CLERK HAS ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED ON THE COVER OF THE CLAIMS DOCKET THAT ALL CLAIMS ON THE DOCKET ARE TRUE, ACCURATE, LAWFUL AND PROPER TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO HER DUTIES UNDER MISS. CODE SECTIONS 21-39-5, 21-39-7, 21-39-9, 21-39-17 AND 21-15-21.

2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2024.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE LOWER QUOTE FROM SMITH AC & HEATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,900.00 TO REMOVE THE INOPERABLE UNIT AND INSTALL A NEW 5-TON HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM AT STATION 4 WITH WARRANTY.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE BECKETT LESLEY AS A STUDENT INTERN FOR THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE JACOB LEE AS SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

3. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HIRE FELISHA ELLISON AS A CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER IN THE STARKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ROOSEVELT HARRIS, TRENT HELMS, WADE JONES, TODD PALMER, NICHOLAS PEARSON AND CHASE TAYLOR AS RESERVE FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE STARKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK JOANNA MCLAURIN, EXPANDING IT TO ROLE TITLED ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CARSON DISHON, LUCAS EVERIT, AND JAYLEN FLOWERS AS SEASONAL METER TECHNICIANS FOR THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

H. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE OF 5 CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE CAMERA PROJECT FOR THE LOWEST QUOTE AMOUNT OF $19,940.00.

2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FROM NEXTSTEP FOR THE LOWEST QUOTE PRICE OF $19,260.00 PER YEAR.

I. PARKS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

J. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. POLICE

   a. REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE K9 AND TRAINING AT A COST OF $14,648.00 FROM VOHNE LICHE KENNELS, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE FOR NATIONAL POLICE DOG CERTIFICATIONS IN NARCOTICS DETECTION AND TRACKING WITH PERMISSION FOR CORPORAL PARKER MADEEN TO ATTEND TRAINING IN DENVER, INDIANA WITH ADVANCE TRAVEL IF NEEDED.

2. CODE ENFORCEMENT

   THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

K. SANITATION DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

L. UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE A 2002 GMC BUCKET TRUCK (VIN LAST 4 DIGITS: 7107) AS SURPLUS AND SELL ON GOVDEALS OR ANOTHER SURPLUS VENUE.

2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A DELL SERVER REPLACEMENT FROM STATE CONTRACT MS EPL 3760, IN THE AMOUNT OF $26,215.00 FROM ENDEAVOR IT WITH THE CONFIGURATION OF SAID SERVER TO BE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE, AS PER MISSISSIPPI CODE SECTION 31-7-13 (K) THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS SUCH THAT THE DELAY INCIDENT TO GIVING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

3. APPROVAL OF WORK AUTHORIZATION 25-01 WITH CLEARWATER CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500.00 FOR THE STARK ROAD WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS.

XII. <u>CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION</u>

XIII. <u>OPEN SESSION</u>

XIV. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

- Litigation

XV. <u>OPEN SESSION</u>

XVI. <u>RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2025 @ 5:30 IN THE COURT ROOM AT 110 W MAIN ST.</u>

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Consent items 2 – 19:

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2024 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2024 work session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPAIRS TO FIVE (5) CIVIL DEFENSE SIRENS UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION COMMUNICATIONS AT A COST OF $9,660.00.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the repairs to five (5) civil defense sirens under the maintenance agreement with Precision Communications at a cost of $9,660.00" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

5. CONSIDERATION TO EXTEND THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025 THAT WILL ALLOW NOAA CONTRACTORS ACCESS TO A SELECTED AREA OF AIRPORT PROPERTY TO OPERATE THEIR WEATHER STATION AT GEORGE M. BRYAN FIELD.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to extend the license agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Atmospheric Research from November 30, 2024 through November 30, 2025 that will allow NOAA Contractors access to a selected area of airport property to operate their weather station at George M. Bryan Field" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved. The agreement follows this page.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of Budget Adjustments for fiscal year 9-30-25 effective December 31, 2024" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

Account	Debit	Credit
250 Federal Grants Revenue		$ 10,000.00
500 IT Supplies	1,750.00	
800 IT Debt Service		140,975.00
900 IT Capital Outlay	139,225.00	
990 Transfers		7,700.00
700 Fire Dept Grants	10,000.00	
600 Civil Defense Contract Services	7,700.00	
380 – Fund 002 Police Revenue		5,000.00
900 – Police Capital Outlay	5,000.00	
380 – Fund 15 Non Rev Receipts	42,500.00	
900 – Fund 15 Capital Outlay		42,500.00
380 - Fund 22 Non Revenue Receipts		10,000.00
900 – Fund 22 Capital Outlay	10,000.00	
380 – Fund 120 Non Rev Receipts		4,000.00
900 – Fund 120 Capital outlay	4,000.00	
380 – Fund 300 Non Rev Receipts		470,000.00
900 – Fund 300 Capital Outlay	470,000.00	
380 – Fund 301 Transfers		510,500.00
900 - Fund 301 Capital Outlay	510,500.00	
380 - Fund 303 Transfers		12,500.00
380 – Fund 303 Contract Services	12,500.00	
250 – Fund 305 Intergov Revenues		33,100.00
340 – Fund 305 Misc Revenue		8,000.00
380 – Fund 305 Transfer In		2,035,000.00
600 – Fund 305 Contract Services	30,000.00	
900 - Fund 305 Capital Outlay	2,046,100.00	
380 - Fund 312 Non Rev Receipts		450,000.00
900 - Fund 312 Capital Outlay	450,000.00	
380 – Fund 700 Transfer In	495,226.00	
600 0 Fund 700 Contract Services		495,226.00

LICENSE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT # 22WSR0201N
BETWEEN THE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH
AND
CITY OF STARKVILLE

Whereas, the parties hereto desire to amend the above License.

Now therefore, the parties, hereinafter mentioned, covenant and agree as follows:

Paragraph 8, is hereby amended to read:

The term of this License continues through November 30, 2025, subject to the termination and other rights as may be hereinafter set forth.

This License is revocable at will by either party. Should this License be revoked prior to the agreed upon expiration date, then, the parties will coordinate the removal of the Government's equipment.

All other terms and conditions of the License shall remain in force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, the parties to this License Amendment evidence their agreement to all terms and conditions set forth herein by their signatures below.

FOR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:	FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE:
Signed electronically	
THOMAS AYERS, Electronic Engineer	(Name & Title)
Office of Atmospheric Research, ESRL, PSL	D. Lynn Spruill Mayor- City of Starkville, MS
1-8-2025	1-7-2025
DATE	DATE

7. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE LOWER QUOTE FROM SMITH AC & HEATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,900.00 TO REMOVE THE INOPERABLE UNIT AND INSTALL A NEW 5-TON HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM AT STATION 4 WITH WARRANTY.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the low quote from Smith AC & Heating in the amount of $8,900.00 for the 5-ton heating and cooling system" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

Two quotes received: Smith AC & Heating - $8,900.00 and R & F Comfort Systems - $11,250.00

8. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE BECKETT LESLEY AS A STUDENT INTERN FOR THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Beckett Lesley as a student intern for Starkville Utilities" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

9. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE JACOB LEE AS SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Jacob Lee as a Sanitation worker in Sanitation & Environmental Services" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

10. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE FELISHA ELLISON AS A CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER IN THE STARKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Felisha Ellison as a Certified Starkville Police Officer" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

11. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE ROOSEVELT HARRIS, TRENT HELMS, WADE JONES, TODD PALMER, NICHOLAS PEARSON AND CHASE TAYLOR AS RESERVE FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE STARKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Roosevelt Harris, Trent Helms, Wade Jones, Todd Palmer, Nicholas Pearson and Chase Taylor as Reserve Fire Fighters in the Starkville Fire Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

12. CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK JOANNA MCLAURIN, EXPANDING IT TO ROLE TITLED ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to update the job description and duties of Deputy City Clerk Joanna McLaurin, expanding it to the role titles Assistant City Clerk" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

13. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE CARSON DISHON, LUCAS EVERIT AND JAYLEN FLOWERS AS SEASONAL METER TECHNICIANS FOR THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Carson Dishon, Lucas Everit and Jaylen Flowers as seasonal meter technicians for Starkville Utilities" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE OF 5 CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE CAMERA PROJECT FOR THE LOWEST QUOTE AMOUNT OF $19,940.00.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to purchase 5 (five) cameras for the police camera project for the lowest quote of $19,940.00" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved. Two quotes received: Active Solutions - $30,343.37 and Security Solutions - $19,940.00

15. CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FROM NEXTSTEP FOR THE LOWEST QUOTE PRICE OF $19,260.00 PER YEAR.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of purchase of software from NextStep for the lower quote price of $19,260 per year" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved. Two quotes received: NextStep - $19,260 per year and Howard - $19,290 per year

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE K9 AND TRAINING AT A COST OF $14,648.00 FROM VOHNE LICHE KENNELS, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE FOR NATIONAL POLICE DOG CERTIFICATIONS IN NARCOTICS DETECTION AND TRACKING WITH PERMISSION FOR CORPORAL PARKER MADEEN TO ATTEND TRAINING IN DENVER, INDIANA WITH ADVANCE TRAVEL IF NEEDED.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the purchase of a police K9 and training from Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. as a sole source for national police dog certifications in narcotics detection and tracking with permission for Corporal Parker Madeen to attend training in Denver, Indiana with advance travel if needed" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

17. CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE A 2002 GMC BUCKET TRUCK (VIN LAST 4 DIGITS: 7107) AS SURPLUS AND SELL ON GOVDEALS OR ANOTHER SURPLUS VENUE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to declare a 2002 GMC Bucket Truck (VIN Last 4 digits: 7107) as surplus and sell on Govdeals or another surplus venue" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

18. CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A DELL SERVER REPLACEMENT FROM STATE CONTRACT MS EPL 3760, IN THE AMOUNT OF $26,215.00 FROM ENDEAVOR IT WITH THE CONFIGURATION OF SAID SERVER TO BE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE, AS PER MISSISSIPPI CODE SECTION 31-7-13 (K) THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS SUCH THAT THE DELAY INCIDENT TO GIVING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to purchase a dell server replacement from State Contract MS EPL 3760, in the amount of $26,215.00 from Endeavor IT with the configuration of said server to be declared an emergency purchase, as per Mississippi code section 31-7-13 (k) that an emergency exists such that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

19. CONSIDERATION OF WORK AUTHORIZATION 25-01 WITH CLEARWATER CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500.00 FOR THE STARK ROAD WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, and adopted by the Board to approve the January 7, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of Work Authorization 25-01 with Clearwater Consultants, Inc. to provide engineering services in the amount of $7,500.00 for the Stark Road Wastewater Improvements" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Spruill invited everyone to the January 9 "Coffee with a Cop" to be held at Arepas Coffee Shop. She also invited the community to participate in the MLK Unity Walk on January 20 at 2 p.m. which will start at the County Courthouse and go to the Library.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Alvin Turner, Ward 7, noted that the local NAACP has new officers and invited citizens to join.
Patti Drapula, Ward 4, thanked the City on behalf of Dr. Ronnie Tucker, the local NAACP President, for their cooperation with the Unity Walk and invited everyone to participate.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF VA 24-05: A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM BUILDING SETBACKS FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED EAST OF 521 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET IN A C ZONING DISTRICT.

City Planner Daniel Havelin presented VA request 24-05: a request for a variance from building setbacks for a proposed development located east of 521 South Montgomery Street in a C zoning district. This request was tabled at the December 3, 2024, Board of Aldermen meeting due to a lack of representation for the applicant. The hearing was rescheduled at the owner's request for January 7, 2025. Letters were mailed on December 6, 2024, to property owners within the notification area notifying them of the new hearing date. The applicant, James Wier of WBA Architecture on behalf of Jason Ishee, is seeking a variance from building setbacks for a proposed development located east of 521 South Montgomery Street in a C zoning district with the parcel number(s) 101D-00-240.00, 101D-00-241.00, 101D-00-242.03, and 101D-00-242.02. The applicant is requesting relief from side and rear setback requirements for a proposed condo and mixed-use development located directly east of 521 South Montgomery Street. Section 7.2.B7 requires that there be a 50' rear setback when commercial development occurs adjacent to parcels with existing detached residential. The request is for a variance from 50' to 20' for the northern and eastern property lines. They are also requesting a variance from 10' to 5' from the southern property line.

Mayor Spruill opened the Public Hearing.
Sandra Edmonds and her husband, Tyrone Edmonds, spoke against the request. She resides at an adjoining property, 414 Hancock Circle, and is concerned with more congestion in the area in the area in that the entrance / exit off South Montgomery is busy already.
There being no additional comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

20. CONSIDERATION OF VA 24-05: A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM BUILDING SETBACKS FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED EAST OF 521 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET IN A C ZONING DISTRICT.

Alderman Brooks, duly seconded by Alderman Sistrunk, offered a motion to approve request VA 24-05. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins Voted: Nay
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr. Voted: Nay

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

21. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon the motion of Alderman Sistrunk, duly seconded by Alderman Rupp, to approve the City of Starkville Claims Docket for all departments including Starkville Utilities, as of December 30, 2024 for fiscal year ending 9/30/25, acknowledging that the City Clerk has attested and certified on the cover of the claims docket that all claims on the docket are true, accurate, lawful and proper to the best of her knowledge, for payment pursuant to her duties under Miss. Code Sections 21-39-5, 21-39-7, 21-39-9, 21-39-17 and 21-15-21. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins Voted: Nay
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr. Voted: Nay

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

General Fund	001	$ 578,099.28
Airport Fund	015	48,908.09
Restricted Airport Fund	016	39,270.80
Sanitation / Environ Services	022	52,729.08
Modernization Use Tax	120	527,222.24
Capital Projects	300	20,040.00
2022 GO Bonds	305	390,034.62
Parks Capital Project Fund (2023)	312	678,365.89
Park and Rec Tourism	375	686,350.00
BUILD Grant/ MS 182/MLK Dr	377	859,020.93
Sub Total Before Utilities		$ 3,880,040.93
Utilities Dept.	SED	783,949.91
Total Claims	Total	$ 4,663,990.84

22. A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS PROPER CAUSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There came for consideration the matter of entering a Closed Session to determine if there is a proper cause for Executive Session. Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to enter into a Closed Session to determine if there is proper cause for Executive Session, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty 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. The Board entered closed session.

23. A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Alderman Vaughn offered a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on potential litigation. Following a second by Alderman Rupp, the Board voted as follows to enter Executive Session:

Alderman Kim Moreland Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty 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. The Mayor invited the public back in and then announced that the Board had decided to go into Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Board on potential litigation. The Mayor and Board then went into Executive Session.

24. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Alderman Rupp offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Vaughn, to exit executive session and return to open session. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty 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.

The Mayor invited the public back in and then announced that the Board had taken no action in Executive Session.

25. MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M. IN THE COURT ROOM AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET.

Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks, for the Board of Aldermen to recess the meeting until January 21, 2025 @ 5:30 at 110 West Main Street in the Court Room of City Hall, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

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

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

Attest:

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D. LYNN SPRUILL, MAYOR

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LESA HARDIN, CITY CLERK