MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
The City of Starkville, Mississippi
June 3, 2025

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in a Regular Meeting on June 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor Lynn Spruill, Aldermen Kim Moreland, Sandra Sistrunk, Jeffrey Rupp, Hamp Beatty, Roy A'. Perkins and Henry Vaughn, Sr. as well as City Attorney Berk Huskison and City Clerk / CFO Lesa Hardin. Alderman Brooks was absent.

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

REQUESTED REVISIONS TO THE OFFICIAL AGENDA:

Mayor Spruill called for any changes to the agenda as presented. 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 Moreland, to approve the June 3, 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: Absent
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, JUNE 3, 2025
5:30 P.M., CONFERENCE 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 MAY 16, 2025 WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 RECESS MEETING 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

IX. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING TWO APPRAISALS FOR MAIN STREET SIDEWALK LEASING OPPORTUNITIES.

X. BOARD BUSINESS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

XI. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. AIRPORT
THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. CONSIDERATION OF TRAVEL FOR CITY PLANNER DANIEL HAVELIN TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA, ON OCTOBER 10-13, 2025, WITH ADVANCED TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION COSTS NOT TO EXCEED $3,350.00.

C. COURTS
THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

D. ENGINEERING

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER FOR THE EAST GARRARD EMERGENCY SLOPE REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF A $16,468.20 INCREASE FOR THE ADDITION OF SLOPE REPAIR IN AN ADDITIONAL 21 FEET TO THE WEST.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT QUOTE FROM BURNS DIRT CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $73,584.97 TO RECTIFY THE SINKHOLE AT INTERSECTION OF CROSSGATE ST AND W. BOUND ST.

E. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AS OF MAY 27, 2025 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. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF CITY OF STARKVILLE UNMARKED CARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 UNDER SECTION 25-1-87.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ALAN KACHELMAN AS AN GIS COORDINATOR IN THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.
2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LUCAS EVERITT AS A METERING SUPPORT TECHNICIAN IN THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.
3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MARCO LOFTON AS SEASONAL SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ANTHONY HOUSE AS RESIDENTIAL DRIVER II IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MARCUS SMITH AS SEASONAL SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE KATELYNN SMITH AS A SUMMER INTERN FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.
7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LIBBY MITCHELL AS A SEASONAL INTERN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER HARPMAN AS A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER IN THE STARKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
9. CONSIDERATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION RECOMMENDED BY SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRIS SMILEY AS A RESULT OF I.A.# 05202025 FOR A SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE.

H. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

I. PARKS

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

J. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. POLICE

   THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

2. CODE ENFORCEMENT

   THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

K. SANITATION DEPARTMENT

THERE ARE NO ITEMS FOR THIS AGENDA

L. UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. APPROVAL OF LOW QUOTE FROM SMITH LAND IMPROVEMENTS, LLC FOR THE CREEK BANK STABILIZATION OF THE JOSEY CREEK TRIBUTARY IN THE AMOUNT OF $68,662.50.

XII. CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION
XIII. OPEN SESSION
XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XV. OPEN SESSION
XVI. RECESS UNTIL JUNE 17, 2025, 2025 @ 5:30 IN THE COURT ROOM AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET.

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Consent items 2 – 18:

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2025 WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2025 work session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING TWO APPRAISALS FOR MAIN STREET SIDEWALK LEASING OPPORTUNITIES.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of seeking two appraisals for the purpose of assigning a value to the per square foot lease space of the sidewalks on Main Street for the purpose of leasing sidewalk space along Main Street" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

5. CONSIDERATION OF TRAVEL FOR CITY PLANNER DANIEL HAVELIN TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA, ON OCTOBER 10-13, 2025, WITH ADVANCED TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION COSTS NOT TO EXCEED $3,350.00.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of travel for City Planner Daniel Havelin to attend the national Conference on Landscape Architecture in New Orleans, LA, on October 10-13, 2025, with advanced travel and registration costs not to exceed $3,350.00" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER FOR THE EAST GARRARD EMERGENCY SLOPE REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF A $16,468.20 INCREASE FOR THE ADDITION OF SLOPE REPAIR IN AN ADDITIONAL 21 FEET TO THE WEST.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of approving the summary change order for the E Garrard Emergency Slope Repair in the amount of a $16,468.20 increase with JE Shurden Construction for extending the extents of the slope repair an additional 21 feet to the west" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

Change Order

Summary Change Order

Date of Issuance: 5/22/25 Effective Date: 6/3/25

Project: E Garrard Slope Repair	Owner: City of Starkville	Owner's Contract No.: 25027
Contract: E Garrard Slope Repair		Date of Contract: 4/17/25
Contractor: JE Shurden Construction		Engineer's Project No.: 25027

The Contract Documents are modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

Description:
Summary Change Order

Reason for Change Order: Additional slope repair added to prevent future failures.

Attachments (list documents supporting change):

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:	CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIMES:
Original Estimated Contract Price: $184,312.60	Original Contract Times: ☐ Working days ☒ Calendar days Substantial completion (days or date): 21 Ready for final payment (days or date): 21
Increase from previously approved Contract to No. 1: $0.00	Increase from previously approved Change Orders to No. 1: Substantial completion (days): 0 Ready for final payment (days): 0
Contract Price prior to this Change Order: $184,312.60	Contract Times prior to this Change Order: Substantial completion (days or date): 0 Ready for final payment (days or date): 0
Increase of this Change Order: $16,468.20	Increase of this Change Order: Substantial completion (days or date): 0 Ready for final payment (days or date): 0
Contract Price incorporating Change Order: $200,780.80	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders: Substantial completion (days or date): 21 Ready for final payment (days or date): 21

RECOMMENDED:	ACCEPTED:	ACCEPTED:
By: Stephen Kaduhn	By: [signature]	By: [signature]
Engineer (Authorized Signature)	Owner (Authorized Signature)	Contractor (Authorized Signature)
Date: 5/27/25	Date: 6-3-2025	Date: May 22, 2025

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT QUOTE FROM BURNS DIRT CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $73,584.97 TO RECTIFY THE SINKHOLE AT INTERSECTION OF CROSSGATE ST AND W BOUND ST.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the quote from Burns Dirt Construction in the amount of $73,584.97 to rectify the sinkhole at intersection of Crossgate St and W. Bound St." is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

8. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF CITY OF STARKVILLE UNMARKED CARS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 UNDER SECTION 25-1-87.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the list of City of Starkville unmarked cars for Fiscal Year 2025 under MS Code Section 25-1-87" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

9. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE ALAN KACHELMAN AS AN GIS COORDINATOR IN THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Alan Kachelman as an GIS Coordinator in the Starkville Utilities Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

10. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE LUCAS EVERITT AS A METERING SUPPORT TECHNICIAN IN THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Lucas Everitt as a Metering Support Technician in the Starkville Utilities Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

11. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE MARCO LOFTON AS SEASONAL SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Marco Lofton as Seasonal Sanitation Worker in the Sanitation & Environmental Services Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

12. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE ANTHONY HOUSE AS RESIDENTIAL DRIVER II IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Anthony House as a Residential Driver II in Sanitation & Environmental Services" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

13. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE MARCUS SMITH AS SEASONAL SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Marcus Smith as Seasonal Sanitation Worker in the Sanitation & Environmental Services Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

14. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE KATELYNN SMITH AS A SUMMER INTERN FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Katelynn Smith as a Summer Intern for the Human Resources Department" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

15. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE LIBBY MITCHELL AS A SEASONAL INTERN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Libby Mitchell as a Seasonal Intern for the Community Development Dept" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

16. CONSIDERATION TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER HARPMAN AS A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER IN THE STARKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval to hire Christopher Harpman as a Reserve Police Officer" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

17. CONSIDERATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION RECOMMENDED BY SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRIS SMILEY AS A RESULT OF I.A.# 05202025 FOR A SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of disciplinary action recommended by Sanitation and Environmental Services Director Chris Smiley as a result of I.A.# 05202025 for a Sanitation and Environmental Services employee" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

18. CONSIDERATION OF LOW QUOTE FROM SMITH LAND IMPROVEMENTS, LLC FOR THE CREEK BANK STABILIZATION OF THE JOSEY CREEK TRIBUTARY IN THE AMOUNT OF $68,662.50.

Upon the motion of Alderman Rupp, duly seconded by Alderman Moreland, and adopted by the Board to approve the June 3, 2025 Official Agenda, and to accept items for consent, whereby the "approval of the lower quote from Smith Land Improvements, LLC for the creek bank stabilization of the Josey Creek tributary in the amount of $68,662.50" is enumerated, this consent item is thereby approved.

Two quotes received: Smith Land Improvements, LLC - $68,662.50 and Burns Dirt Construction, Inc. - $69,184.67

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:</u>

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Spruill noted that voting is ongoing until 7:00 p.m. and encouraged anyone that had not voted to do so if possible. She invited everyone to take notice of the Airport Races coming to Starkville June 17, 2025. Volunteers are needed and can call the airport if they wish to assist. Cornerstone will host a seventy-team tournament this weekend which will bring many out-of-town visitors to Starkville. She also thanked the water department for work done after hours on four recent large water breaks.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS:
<u>Alderman Perkins</u> listed all the polling places for the upcoming Municipal elections and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Alvin Turner, Ward 7, stated some citizens are concerned with the upcoming Main Street construction and access to government buildings on Main Street.
Larry Johnson, owner of Touch of Luv Barber and Beauty Shop located at 249 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, appeared before the Mayor and Board to inquire as to why a residential driveway near his business was being paved as part of the highway renovation project and his was not being paved into his business. Following discussion, the Mayor stated she would investigate and meet with Mr. Johnson.
Stanley Higgens, Touch of Luv Barber and Beauty Shop, stated that the extended construction along with the entrance to the highway being blocked off had hurt his business.
Yolanda Haddix, thanked the City for their support of the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration and noted the events starting Thursday, June 19, 2025 and concluding Sunday, June 22, 2025. The public is invited to attend any and all events.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon the motion of Alderman Beatty, duly seconded by Alderman Rupp, to approve the City of Starkville Claims Docket for all departments including Starkville Utilities, as of May 28, 2025 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: Absent
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	$ 159,082.08
Airport Fund	015	27,577.23
Sanitation / Environ Services	022	105,563.40
Modernization Use Tax	120	121,677.95
Capital Projects Fund	300	277,583.26
2022 GO Public Improve Bonds	305	2,550.00
Parks Capital Project Fund (2023)	312	558,166.94
Park and Rec Tourism	375	6,733.84
BUILD Grant/ MS 182/MLK Dr	377	832,752.03
Sub Total Before Utilities		$ 2,091,686.73
Utilities Dept.	SED	220,617.20
Total Claims	Total	$ 2,312,303.93

18. MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL JUNE 17, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M. IN THE COURT ROOM AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET.

Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, duly seconded by Alderman Rupp, for the Board of Aldermen to recess the meeting until June 17, 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: Absent
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 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Attest:

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D. LYNN SPRUILL, MAYOR

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LESA HARDIN, CITY CLERK