

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI JANUARY 9, 2024**

Be it remembered that the Planning and Zoning Commission members of the City of Starkville held a meeting on January 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS.

There being physically present at the meeting were Chairman Jeremiah Dumas, Ward 6; Kim Moreland, Ward 1; Vicki West, Ward 3; Carl Smith, Ward 4; Alexis Gregory, Ward 5, and Tommy Verdell, Ward 7. Absent from the meeting was Kelly Prather Ward 2. Physically present were City Planner Daniel Havelin, Assistant City Planner Lyle McCaskey, and City Attorney Berk Huskison.

Chairman Dumas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE OFFICIAL AGENDA

There came for consideration the matter of the approval of the Official Agenda of the Planning and Zoning Commission of January 9, 2024, as presented.

**OFFICIAL AGENDA
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
1ST FLOOR CITY HALL – COURTROOM
110 WEST MAIN STREET AT 5:30 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE OFFICIAL AGENDA
- V. CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. CONSIDERATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023
- VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF SE 23-06, A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RELATED TO THE FAÇADE COLORS AT 732 WHITFIELD STREET IN A CN ZONING DISTRICT.
- VIII. ADJOURN

After discussion and upon the motion of Commissioner Gregory, duly seconded by Commissioner Verdell, the motion to approve the official agenda of the Planning and Zoning Commission for January 9, 2024, received unanimous approval.

V. CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023

After discussion and upon the motion of Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gregory, the motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission for December 12, 2023, received unanimous approval.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chair opened up the meeting for citizen comments.

Calling for and receiving no comments, the Commission moved to New Business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF SE 23-06, A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RELATED TO THE FAÇADE COLORS AT 732 WHITFIELD STREET IN A CN ZONING DISTRICT.

Assistant City Planner Lyle McCaskey presented the request by Martisa and Edwaldson Francois on behalf of Empowerment Station Academy to allow for an exception from development standards related to the façade colors at 732 Whitfield Street in a Commercial Neighborhood zoning district. Work was performed, and code enforcement contacted the owner. Upon notice, the Empowerment Station Academy requested a Special Exception. The applicant provided a statement that was included in the staff report. The criteria for review and approval were presented to the Commission.

The request was noticed per Section 3.4.3.E of the Unified Development Code. 19 Property owners of record within 160 feet of the subject property were notified directly by mail of the request. A legal ad was published in the Starkville Daily News on December 20, 2023. A sign was posted on the property in a conspicuous location. As of this date, the Planning Office has received one phone call supporting this request.

Chairman Dumas opened the public hearing.

Edwaldson Francois came forward to speak in favor of the request.

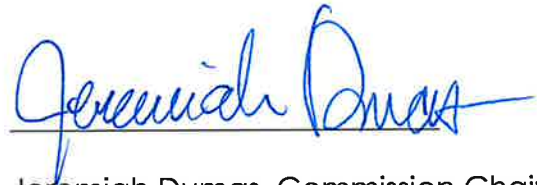
Calling for and receiving no comments, Chairman Dumas closed the public hearing.

After a discussion and upon the motion of Commissioner Gregory, duly seconded by Commissioner Verdell, the motion to approve SE 23-06 received unanimous approval.

VIII. ADJOURN

There came for consideration the matter of the approval of the motion to adjourn until 5:30 p.m. on February 13, 2024, in the Courtroom of City Hall located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS.

After discussion and upon the motion to adjourn until 5:30 p.m. on February 13, 2024, in the Courtroom located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS, by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gregory, the motion was unanimously approved.



Jeremiah Dumas, Commission Chair



Daniel Havelin, City Planner