

REGULAR THIRD TUESDAY OCTOBER 2022, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, October 18, 2022, being the third Tuesday of said month and the day fixed by Board order for holding the second monthly meeting, said meeting was held in the Boardroom in the Municipal Complex at 909 River Road in the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, beginning at 3:00 p.m. with the following present or absent as indicated below:

Mayor Andrew T. Dulaney	Present
Alderman Lee B. Turner	Present
Alderman Valerie Hartsfield	Present
Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe	Present
Alderman Adam Fullilove	Absent
Alderman Daniel M. Pierce	Present
Town Clerk Kate Scott Pennock	Present
Town Attorney Richard W. Ryals, II	Present
Police Chief Kevin Hatton	Present
Operations Manager Thomas J. Robinson, III	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Absent
*Via telephone.	

Others in attendance are listed on the attendance sheet.

APPENDIX A – ATTENDANCE SHEET

Mayor Dulaney called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Alderman Fyfe led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the September 20, and October 11, 2022, meetings. Alderman Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

REPORTS:

- Police Report: Police Chief Hatton informed the Board that the production of the new truck should begin December 1, 2022 with delivery sometime next year. Chief Hatton reviewed the operations since the last meeting. One patrol car is in the shop. Following a review of his report, Chief Hatton was thanked for the information.

- Public Works: Thomas Robinson and Reggie Griffin, reported on public works and other operations. Following their report, they were thanked for the information.
- Tunica Mainstreet: The Board received an update relating to the ongoing Main Street projects and programs. The Board was advised of the upcoming events. Small Town Saturday and Touch-a Truck will be Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:00-2:00 in Rivergate Park. The Holiday Shopping Social will be held November 10, 2022, and the Town Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 1, 2022.
- Community Events: The Board was advised of the upcoming Community Events. The next event will be the Veterans' Day Program to be held November 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. In particular, Mr. Graves discussed the issue with McConnell's Body Shop. This is being addressed. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman discussed and considered receiving and approving the Public Depositor Annual Report for FY 2022 which is required to be filed within 30 days of close of the fiscal year to the Mississippi State Treasurer. Alderman Pierce moved to approve and receive the Public Depositor Annual Report for FY 2022. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

APPENDIX B – FY 2022 PUBLIC DEPOSITOR ANNUAL REPORT

Next the Mayor and Board of Alderman discussed and considered approving the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for fiscal year 2022. After reviewing the completed questionnaire, Alderman Hartsfield moved to accept and approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for fiscal year 2022 as presented. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

APPENDIX C – FY 2022 MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next discussed and considered adopting the travel and meal reimbursement rate of \$46.00 per day, with the exception of high-cost areas of Southaven, Starkville, and Oxford at \$51.00 per day from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 as adopted by the State of Mississippi. Alderman Turner moved that the Town of Tunica adopt the travel and meal reimbursement rate of \$46.00 per day and \$51.00 per day for high-cost areas for all approved travel by Town employees and officials. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

The Mayor and Board discussed and considered a resolution authorizing the North Delta Planning and Development District (NDPDD) to prepare and submit a HOME application for the Town of Tunica. Alderman Fyfe moved to approve the resolution authorizing the NDPDD to prepare and submit a HOME application for the Town of Tunica. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

APPENDIX D – RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR HOME GRANT

The Board next considered and discussed appointment of a Commissioner to the Tunica County Tourism Commission as required the legislation which authorizes the creation of the Commission. Nolen Canon currently serves in said position and his term has recently or will short expire. Following the Board's discussion, the following individual was considered for the position as indicated effective November 1, 2022 until September 30, 2026 (or until his successor is appointed and qualifies):

Position:

Tunica County Tourism Commission

Name:

John Nolen Canon, Jr.

After a review of the position and proposed individual to fill said position, Alderman Turner moved that the individual named above be appointed to the position as indicated. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman discussed appointments for the Tunica Mainstreet Board as well as certain amendments to the bylaws. The bylaws currently provide for a seven member Board of Directors. The Mayor stated that after consultation with Ms. Withers, it was recommended that a five member Board be appointed. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen serve as the Executive Board and are responsible for appointing the Board of Directors. Additionally, the bylaws provide that regular meetings held monthly. Again, it was recommended that this be amended to provide for quarterly meetings. The Board of Alderman considered amending the bylaws to appoint five members for the board and hold regular meetings on a quarterly basis. Pursuant to Article VIII of the current bylaws, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have the authority to amend the bylaws. Based on the discussion and recommendations make, Alderman Turner moved that the Tunica Main Street, Inc. Bylaws be amended to provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members and not seven (7) members (Article V, Section 1 (C) and Article VI, Section 1), and that the Board of Directors shall hold regular quarterly meeting and not regular monthly meeting (Article VI Section 4). The terms shall be staggered based on five year terms. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and

the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman next considered and discussed appointments of the Tunica Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors. The following individuals were considered for the position as indicated effective October 18, 2022 to serve as indicated below:

Board Member:	Position:	Term Expires*:
• Jeannie Arnold	One	September 30, 2023
• Mollie Darby	Two	September 30, 2024
• Rob Earnheart	Three	September 30, 2025
• Angela Morris	Four	September 30, 2026
• Steve Sosebee	Five	September 30, 2027

*or until his/her successor is appointed

After a review of the proposed individuals to fill said position, Alderman Turner moved that the individuals named above be appointed to the position as indicated. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

APPENDIX E – RESOLUTION TO AMEND TUNICA MAINSTREET BYLAWS

The Mayor and Board next discussed and considered the following official travel requests:

- Keith Smith to attend Developing Effective Leaders training hosted by Tharpe Consulting at the Hattiesburg Police Department, in Hattiesburg, MS November 29-30, 2022.

Following a discussion of the travel and a finding that the best interest of the Town will be served and benefited from the educational opportunities afforded to the those traveling, Alderman Pierce moved that the reference travel request be approved. And, to the extent requested, a travel advance shall be made as authorized by law. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen next considered holding an Executive Session, as authorized pursuant to Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Alderman Fyfe moved that a closed determination be held to discuss whether an executive session is needed to be held and is appropriate. Alderman Pierce seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, absent; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, the Mayor declared

the motion carried and the Mayor and Board held a closed determination on the issue of whether an executive session is necessary. Mayor Dulaney stated that the purpose for holding the executive session would be to discuss negotiations relating to the possible acquisition of real estate (the “Executive Session Matter”).

Based on this, Alderman Turner moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hold an executive session to discuss, consider and act on the Executive Session Matter. Alderman Fyfe seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, absent; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board entered executive session to consider the Executive Session Matters. Present during the executive session were the Mayor, all members of the Board of Aldermen, Town Clerk Pennock, and Mr. Ryals.

The Board discussed the Executive Session Matter and took no action.

Following the discussion, Alderman Turner moved to leave executive session. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, yea; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, absent; and Alderman Pierce, yea. The matter having received the majority affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of Tunica, the Mayor declared the same carried and the Board ended the executive session and returned to open meeting. Mayor Dulaney announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

With no other business, Alderman Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hartsfield seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote and the same having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried and adopted, and the meeting adjourned this 18th day of October, 2022.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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