

REGULAR THIRD TUESDAY APRIL 2023, MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BE IT REMEMBERED that Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 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	Absent
Alderman Rebecca P. Fyfe	Present
Alderman Adam Fullilove	Present
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
Public Works Supervisor Reggie Griffin	Present
Town Chaplain Danny Smith	Present
*Participated via teleconference.	

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. Chaplain Smith led in prayer.

The Board considered the minutes from the April 4, 2023, meeting. Alderman Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written and previously provided to the Board of Aldermen. 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 reviewed the operations since the last meeting. Chief Hatton discussed the ongoing work to get the low-speed vehicles in Town registered and up to date so that they are compliant with the somewhat new State law. There are

approximately 50 LSV in Town and approximately 35 have been updated and registered. Following the report, Chief Hatton was thanked for the information.

- Public Works: Thomas Robinson updated the Board regarding the water and sewer. Reggie Griffin reported on public works and other operations. Mr. Griffin discussed the work being done to have Town looking nice for the River Gate Festival. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Griffin were thanked for their reports.
- Tunica Main Street: Ms. Withers updated the Board with regard to the ongoing preparation for River Gate. Following her report, she was thanked for the information.
- Code Enforcement: David Graves gave an update on code enforcement issues. Mr. Graves discussed his report and the ongoing actions for code enforcement. Mr. Graves was thanked for the information.

Mayor Dulaney advised the Board that he has had a call with representatives of the Mississippi Raiders. The Mississippi Raiders will be playing this season at the Paul Battle Jr. Arena. The Town has been requested to advertise with the Mississippi Raiders. The Board will consider this and discuss it further at a future meeting. The budget for the current year does not include any funds for this.

Mayor Dulaney called on Ms. Shelton for her appointment. Mr. Shelton addressed the Board and expressed concern over the safety of low-speed vehicles driving on the Town's streets. Following the discussion, Ms. Shelton was thanked for bring this matter to the Board's attention.

The Board was advised that Mr. Ryals is working on an amendment to the Town's low speed vehicle ordinance in order to bring it into compliance with the State's law relating to this issue. When Mr. Ryals has this prepared, it'll be brought back to the Board for its consideration.

The Board discussed advertising the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the Town of Tunica by sponsoring the Tunica River Gate Festival. The Town has budgeted \$10,000 for this. Alderman Turner moved that the Board authorize and approve sponsoring the Town of Tunica River Gate Festival for \$10,000 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to make the payment. 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 Aldermen discussed the tennis court project. Mayor Dulaney advised that at this point only one bid has been received. The engineers continue to work on the matter and are trying to get another bid. Following the discussion, the matter will be brought back to the Board at the Board's May, 2023 meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Dulaney stated that posters relating to this have previously been posted. Alderman Pierce moved that April be declared Fair Housing Month for the Town of Tunica and that resolutions as are attached hereto as Appendix B be adopted. Alderman Fullilove 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: RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING
MONTH FOR THE TOWN OF TUNICA

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

- Christy Young, 2023 MMCCA Summer Conference, June 26-27, 2023, Biloxi, MS

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 Fullilove moved that the reference travel request be approved. And, to the extent requested, a travel advance shall be made as authorized by law. 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 Aldermen discussed the DRA project relating to Beatline Road drainage. After a discussion, Alderman Turner moved that the Board approve a budget amendment for the project, requesting reimbursement for the amounts paid by the Town and closing out the project. 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 C: BUDGET AMENDMENT, ETC. RELATING TO DRA PROJECT

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 Turner seconded the motion. Thereupon, the matter was put to a vote with the results as follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, absent; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; 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 the Chief of Police (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, absent; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; 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, Board attorney, Clerk, and all members of the Board of Aldermen.

During the executive session, the Executive Session Matter was discussed the Chief of Police position. The Board approved receiving applications until May 15, 2023.

Following the discussion, Alderman Pierce moved to leave executive session. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote with the result follows: Alderman Turner, yea; Alderman Hartsfield, absent; Alderman Fyfe, yea; Alderman Fullilove, yea; 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 the actions discussed during executive session.

With no other business, Alderman Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Fullilove 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 April 2023.

Andrew T. Dulaney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kate Scott Pennock, Town Clerk

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