

**SECOND REGULAR JUNE 2007 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 19, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular June 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Kevin Holder was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished a list of the new businesses located in the City for the month of May 2007 and copies of the June 12, 2007 Architectural Review Board minutes.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the minutes from the June 12, 2007 special meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED SMOKING ORDINANCE

The Mayor announced that the public hearing regarding the adoption of an ordinance eliminating smoking in all workplaces and public places in the City of Ridgeland is open. The City Clerk adjudicated that notice of said hearing was published in the Madison County Journal with publication being made on May 31, 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Mayor introduced Dr. Ralph Vance, an expert in oncology and former national volunteer president for the American Cancer Society, who stated that there is sound science to support smoke free environments and that the proposed ordinance would protect the City of Ridgeland citizens by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

After numerous individuals came forward with comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

A copy of the court reporter's official transcript of this hearing, and the exhibits thereto, are made a part of these minutes by reference.

PROPOSED SMOKING ORDINANCE

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an Ordinance Eliminating Smoking in All Workplaces and Public Places. Alderman Steen moved to adopt said ordinance with the changes that the City Attorney has reduced to writing regarding outdoor smoking areas and enforcement of the proposed ordinance. A copy of said ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye

Alderman Jones

Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EMBASSY SUITES/SITE PLAN

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a site plan for Embassy Suites Hotel proposed to be located in the Township Colony Park. Alderman Steen moved to approve the plan contingent upon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen being satisfied with the accent color used on the building.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Jones moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Site Plans-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
 - i. Gathing Insurance
 - ii. State Bank
- (b) Renaissance at Colony Park/Sign Criteria Approval-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Police Department Job Description Revisions & Addition/Human Resources Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (d) Special Event Permit/Celebrate Balloon Glow-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (e) Surplus Property/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (f) Budget Amendment-Prisoner Housing Costs/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (g) Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project/Authorization to Set Public Hearing for July 26, 2007 & Publish Notice-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (h) MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks Amended Agreement (Old Canton Multi-Use Trail)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (i) Relocation of Harbor Drive/Sub-Contractor Requests 1-5-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (j) US Department of Interior Temporary Construction Easement-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (k) Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project/Amendment to Design Engineering Agreement-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye

Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 61274 through 61572 with the exception of claim numbers 61320 & 61321 (Cellular South) , and claim number 61573 (TCS Ware) on claims docket dated June 19, 2007 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Alderman Roberts left the meeting because his wife is employed by Cellular South.

Alderman Davis moved that claim numbers 21320 & 21321 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated June 19, 2007 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Roberts	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the second regular June 2007 meeting adjourned.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk