

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MARCH 2008 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
MARCH 27, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The hour of 6:30 p.m. having arrived being the time and date set by the Mayor of the City of Ridgeland as the time for a special meeting to be held at the Ridgeland High School Cafetorium for the presentation of the Ridgeland Area Master Plan (RAMP) and consideration of adoption. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney James Gabriel. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice of the special meeting was served upon the aldermen and that proper notice was posted in accordance with State statutes. Copies of the notices are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Mayor then thanked and recognized the following members of the Ridgeland Area Master Plan Steering Committee for their contributions and hours of hard work spent helping to develop RAMP. Listed are the members and who they represent: Bert Jackson, Chamber of Commerce; Bryan Carter, Mayor and Board of Aldermen; Deborah Martin, MCEDA; Elizabeth Raley, Madison County Foundation; Susan Haltom, Chairman, Mayor and Board of Aldermen; J. R. Hall, Community Awareness Committee (CAC); Jay Richardson, Religious, CAC; Lee Boozer, Education, CAC; Lyn Stabler, Technology, CAC; Mark Irby, Zoning Board, Pat Werne, Mayor and Board of Alderman; Peggy Gauthe, Mayor and Board of Aldermen; Polly Hammett, Architectural Review Committee; and Scott Higginbotham, Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. He also introduced and thanked Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, for his dedication to this project which will be used to help guide positive growth and promote quality of life improvements for the City of Ridgeland. Susan Haltom, chairman of the Steering Committee, came forward and thanked all the members for their efforts over the past year.

Next, the Mayor named the following organizations and businesses who made financial contributions toward the development of the Master Plan: Madison County Economic Development Authority; Madison County Foundation; Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce; BankPlus; Regions Bank; Entergy; Capstone Construction; Cress Development, LLC; D&H Properties; Grace Property, LLC (John Travis & Tim Weaver); Highland Colony Land Company; LLC Kerioth Corporation; Lee Hawkins Realty; Mattiace Properties; One 51, LLC; Adcamp; and Broderick Advertising, Inc..

The following members of the Community Awareness Committee were then thanked and recognized for their commitment and support during the development of this planning project: Janie Boyd, Peggy Gauthe, Shirley Gill, J.R. Hall, Stacy Howell, Perry Egger, Elizabeth Barber, Janet Shearer, Paula Loeb, Mike Smith, Jerry Thomas and Darlene Turner.

The Mayor announced that the public hearing regarding the adoption of the Ridgeland Area Master Plan is now open. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice and publication had been made. A copy of proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Then, Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, came forward and gave the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a document signed by all of the City of Ridgeland Department Heads unanimously recommending the adoption of RAMP, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". He thanked the Mayor and Board members for having the foresight and courage to undertake this very comprehensive planning project to ensure the protection of our outstanding education system, infrastructure, economic development, and livability of our community. Then, he introduced Patrick Moore and

Nathan Gaspard with the Moore Planning Group, at which time they presented the Master Plan. Copies of the plan are on file at City Hall.

After the presentation was completed, the Mayor invited the public to make comments or ask questions regarding RAMP, whereupon, Don Butler addressed the Mayor and Board with questions concerning how the Plan would affect the Rice Road area. The next individual to come forward was Nancy Batson who asked that the Mayor and Board keep in mind the disabled and elderly during the development of this Plan. The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to address the Board regarding the Master Plan. There being no response, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and recommended to the Board that the Master Plan be adopted. Alderman Jones then moved to adopt said plan.

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

There being a unanimous vote, the Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the first March 2008 Special Meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of _____.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk