

**FIRST REGULAR MAY 2007 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
MAY 1, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular May 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 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen were furnished copies of the minutes of the April 19, 2007 Zoning Board meeting and the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting of the Architectural Review Board.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the April 17, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**MOTOR HOMES VARIANCE REQUESTS**

There next came for consideration the matter of requests by Fred Ratliff, 146 McCormack Drive, Bruce McElveen, 718 Greenfield Drive, and Walter Johnston, 115 Brookfield Drive for variances to allow parking their motor homes in the driveway at their residences. Mr. Ratliff addressed the Mayor and Board, presented them with photographs of their residences, and explained that none of the abovementioned citizens have a location on their property that would allow them to be in compliance with the related ordinance. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to take the matter under advisement for a period of six (6) months.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder 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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**LAMAR SIGNS/REQUEST FOR PERMITS**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by Lamar Signs for permits to rebuild certain outdoor advertising structures located in Ridgeland and make them digital, and in return remove certain other outdoor sign structures located in the City. Alderman Steen moved to allow digital signs at I-55 North, 1500 feet north of Patty Peck and at Old Canton Road at Freshway Produce; and that the signs would be removed at Rice Road, 400 feet east of Old Canton Road, and Rice Road, 900 feet east of Old Canton Road as per Lamar's request.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**NORTHPARK ACURA**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by Northpark Acura, located at 828 Adcock Street, for an extension to the current 14 day limit on the usage of storage PODS. After discussion, the Mayor suggested that the matter be removed from the agenda and the Board unanimously agreed.

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**TRACE HARBOUR VILLAGE SITE PLAN**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving the amended site plan for Trace Harbour Village proposed to be located 7048 Old Canton Road. Alderman Davis moved to approve the amended site plan. The amended site plan is on file at Ridgeland City Hall in the Community Development Department.

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**AGREEMENT MODIFYING SCOPE OF SERVICES  
REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

There next came for consideration the matter of entering into an agreement with Bridge & Watson, Inc., planning consultants, to perform professional and technical services for updating the City's comprehensive plan. Alderman Davis moved to approve entering into said agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**TOURISM COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

There next came for consideration the matter of appointments to the Ridgeland Tourism Commission. Alderman Gautier moved to approve the nomination of Tim Cook submitted by the Ridgeland Restaurant Industry and the nomination of John McCommon submitted by the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce. Documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving the site plan for Christian Preparatory Nursery and Preschool proposed to be located at 363 Highland Colony Parkway. Alderman Holder moved to accept the recommendations of the Architectural Review Board and the Community Development Department and approve said plan. Copies of the said recommendations are attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving the site plan for Barnes and Noble, a retail store to be located at the Renaissance & Colony Park development. Alderman Steen moved to accept the recommendations of the Architectural Review Board, the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department and approve the plan. Copies of the recommendations are attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Community Development Director for a budget transfer to provide funding for Incode On-Site Training Services by Tyler Technologies to conduct an in-house training session in the Community Development Department. Alderman Davis moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Community Development Director to authorize E. J. Wilkerson to issue citations for Code Enforcement violations as related to his specific job function. Alderman Steen moved to grant the request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**TELEPAK NETWORKS AGREEMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter a request by the Public Works Director to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Telepak Networks for construction aid to install new fiber optic cable through the City of Ridgeland utilizing

City right-of-way on certain streets. Alderman Holder moved to grant the request. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts 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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

There next came for consideration the matter of renewing the Waste Management Contract for residential and commercial solid waste collection. Alderman Steen moved to grant the Public Works Director's request and extend the contract until September 30, 2008. A copy of the request is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts 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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**MASTER PLAN DONATIONS**

There next came for consideration the matter of accepting donations for the Master Plan. Alderman Gautier moved to accept a donation from H. C. Bailey (Highland Colony Land Company) in the amount of \$2,500.00 and a donation for Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) in the amount of \$70,790.47.

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	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 60216 through 60493 with the exception of claim numbers 60255 through 60258 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated May 1, 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	Aye
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 Steen moved that claim numbers 60255, 60256, 60257, and 60258 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated May 1, 2007 be paid.

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	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the first May 2007 meeting adjourned.

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2007.

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Gene F. McGee, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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David W. Overby, City Clerk

