

**RECESSED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017, AT 5:00 P. M.
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a recessed regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Blevins called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Harry J. Blevins
Councilman Burt Hill
Councilman Freddy Jackson
Councilwoman Brenda Simkins
Councilman David Tadlock
Councilman Marvin Pickett
Councilman Scott Tipton

City Manager Joe Huffman
City Attorney Eddie Williams
City Clerk/Comptroller Bobby Parker - absent
Asst. City Clerk Karen Kennedy

Mayor Blevins welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Hill. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tipton.

The following items were discussed:

1. County Bond Effort: Councilwoman Simkins made a motion to submit the following proposed projects: Riverfront Acquisition; Fletchas Acquisition; Lowry Island and Greenways (add connection to Depot and County pathways), to the County for inclusion for consideration of the projects they will be lobbying for and submitting at the Capitol this legislative session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins "AYE". Councilmen Hill "AYE", Jackson "AYE", Pickett "AYE", Simkins "AYE", Tadlock "AYE", and Tipton "AYE". (Approved 1-09-17)

2. RESTORE Submissions: Councilman Tadlock made a motion to approve the following projects as RESTORE submissions: Tillman Road widening and improvements; Washington Avenue Bridge; Martin Street Bridge; Inner Harbor Bulkhead; Parking Improvements associated with Beach Boulevard property; Depot Site Enhancements; Louise Street Bridge and Tillman Road Bridge. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins

“AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “AYE”, Pickett “AYE”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”. (Approved 1-09-17)

3. Market Street Design Specifics: No action was taken; however, it will be discussed at a workshop on January 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall.

4. Municipal Facility Needs: No action was taken; however, it will be discussed at a workshop on January 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall.

There was discussion concerning the parks and recreation improvements. Ms. Darcie Crew, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the SOAR Athletic Committee will be presenting their recommendations to move forward with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the recess meeting on January 17, 2017.

Councilman Hill made a motion to close the meeting to consider the need for an executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tipton and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins “AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “AYE”, Pickett “AYE”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”.

Councilman Hill made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation relative to a School District tax issue and the location of a business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pickett and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins “AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “AYE”, Pickett “AYE”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”, after which the Mayor announced to the public and to those in attendance that the Council had voted to hold an executive session for the purpose stated above. The Council then began the executive session.

Councilwoman Simkins made a motion to decline the offer to join the School District in seeking an Attorney General opinion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins “AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “AYE”, Pickett “AYE”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”.

Councilman Hill made a motion to end the executive session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simkins and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins “AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “AYE”, Pickett “AYE”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Hill made a motion to recess until Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins "AYE". Councilmen Hill "AYE", Jackson "AYE", Pickett "AYE", Simkins "AYE", Tadlock "AYE", and Tipton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE:

Harry J. Blevins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Kennedy, Asst. City Clerk