



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen having been given, the Mayor called the January 25, 2024, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. The Mayor presented the Notice of Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

Board Members Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Jayce Powell, Alderwoman Lisa Williams.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Deputy Clerk Scott Maugh, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, Planning and Zoning Director William Hall, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Executive Assistant Bridgette Smith, and City Attorney John Scanlon (via telephone).

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Janet Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.

Alderman Powell led the pledge of allegiance.

No action taken.

3. New Business

Consideration of 828 Sports Ventures, Mega Sports Complex & Destination

The Mayor addressed the public and welcomed representatives from 828 Sports Ventures and the property owners for this project. He then allowed representatives from 828 Sports Ventures to present their project via power point to the Board of Aldermen, and the public. (Exhibit "B").

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Representatives of 828 Sports Ventures:

- Mr. DeAngelo Simmons, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, 828 Sports Ventures
- Larry Fortune, Chief Investment Officer, 828 Sports Ventures

Gluckstadt Property Owners & Citizens:

- Stuart and Katie Warren, Property Owners of Prospective Gluckstadt Mega Dome Site

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Fortune addressed the board and presented the project to the Board of Aldermen. Discussing impacts to the following:

- Economic Impact to Gluckstadt's Tourism Market
- Connectivity to Markets in Atlanta, Dallas, Memphis, New Orleans, etc.
- Job Creation, Job training for Sports Mgmt., Sports Tourism, Sports Medicine
- Infrastructure / Transportation Impact
- Policing & Security
- Recreational Activities for the Children Annually

The representatives concluded their presentation and the Board of Aldermen asked questions related to the financing of the project, economic impacts, and infrastructure impacts.

No action taken.

4. Public Comment

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Mayor allowed for public comment:

The following members of the public addressed the board:

- Mr. Abe Scott, Citizen
- Faith Young, State Director for D1 Nation Mississippi
- Dr. Carla McCollum, Local Non-Profit Director

No action taken.

5. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

The Board then considered entering closed session to determine whether to go into executive session.

The Mayor requested a motion to enter closed determination. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to enter closed determination in consideration of going into executive session and seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Board entered closed determination.

The Board then considered entering executive session for personnel issues and economic development. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues related to disciplinary action concerning the job performance of an employee in the Public Works Department, as well as negotiations related to the location of a new business within the city, which would bring significant economic impact to the city; the motion was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Board entered executive session. Ms. Kellum announced to the public that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered executive session to discuss personnel issues related to disciplinary action concerning the job performance of an employee in the Public Works Department, as well as negotiations related to the location of a new business within the city, which would bring significant economic impact to the city.

Mr. Buckner and Ms. Kellum addressed the board to explain disciplinary corrective measures taken by the public works department and human resources department, related to a public works employee who was not following the city's attendance policy, and failed to show to work routinely. Mr. Buckner and Ms. Kellum recommended the employee be terminated from his current full-time position as Maintenance Worker II and moved to a part time contractual position, allowing for the employee to still have opportunities for part time work with the city, dependent upon the workload of the public works department and need. This employee would move to an hourly part-time position and compensation would be set at \$17.00 per hour and would not include health insurance or retirement benefits with the city.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Alderman Slay made a motion to terminate Montravious Lockett from his full time position of Maintenance Worker II and allow him to continue on a contractual employment basis, at \$17.00 an hour, not to include health insurance or retirement benefits paid for by the city; additionally, the Public Works Director, Chris Buckner, would have authority to set Mr. Lockett's weekly schedule or offer him hours, dependent upon the workload and needs of the Public Works Department. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mr. Buckner then requested approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to begin the interview process for the newly vacant position of Maintenance Worker II.

Alderwoman Williams made a motion for Mr. Buckner to begin the hiring and interview process to fill the Maintenance Worker II position with the Public Works Department. Alderman Powell seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen then brought the representatives in the room from the 828 Sports Ventures project to ask questions related to the project and prospective economic impact to the City of Gluckstadt.

No action taken.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session.

Within the executive session, Alderman Slay made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the board re-entered open session.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Powell made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

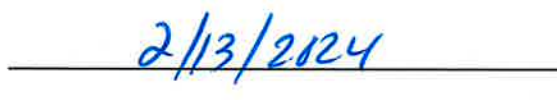
The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

