

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

APRIL 15, 2025

The Tupelo City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members attended: Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Buddy Palmer was absent. Council Member Travis Beard gave the invocation and Council Member Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance. Council President Nettie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to confirm the agenda, with the following addition:

- # 25 In the Matter of Change Order #2 for Veterans Park II
Playground for Bid # 2024-060PR

The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Public Works Director Kelly Knight read and accepted a proclamation of May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week. APPENDIX A

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Chad Mims commended Public Works Director Kelly Knight on his experience and the great job he does.

Council Member Rosie Jones also thanked Kelly Knight for always showing up when she calls.

Council Member Travis Beard congratulated the Tupelo High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams for winning the State Championship.

Council Member Nettie Davis said there was a great attendance at the Supervisors' Black Caucus held in Tupelo last week. She said the Link Centre received a grant to help renovate

their facility from T-Mobile. She thanked everyone who contributes to the success of the City of Tupelo.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said there was a great turnout at the Bud and Burgers event last weekend.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION

No one appeared to speak concerning the properties presented:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel</u>
2837 S Eason Blvd	113M0802400
508 Brown St	112A0400900
658 S Feemster Lake	112C0304900
2005 Wayne St	101B0214001

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to speak concerning the properties presented:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel</u>
Southside Dr	113A0607700
402 Robins St	089J3112500
337 Rankin Blvd	077M3600500

CITIZEN HEARING

STEVEN KOON – spoke concerning issues at Veterans Memorial Park and Chandler Park

At this time, City Attorney Ben Logan gave an overview of the issues for the next 5 speakers.

JANNA CROWE was unable to attend due to sickness but sent an email with her concerns.
APPENDIX B

The following each spoke about the location of a convenience store at Club Side.

NANCY LEIGH MCDADE
JOHN HINES
JUDY JONES

ROB CHAMBERS Council Member Chad Mims made the motion, seconded by Council Member Rosie Jones, to allow Mr. Chambers an additional 2 minutes to speak. The vote was as follows: AYE: Mims, Jones, Davis NAY: Beard, Gaston, Bryan. With the vote tied, Council Member changed his vote to AYE to allow Mr. Chambers two additional minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; ADJUDICATING INSUFFICIENT OBJECTION AT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; APPROVING AND ADOPTING SUCH THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

This item was moved from the Study Agenda on April 1, 2025, Council meeting. Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the resolution 'Finding and Determining that the Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed Third Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, was Duly Published as Required by Law; Adjudicating Insufficient Objection at a Public Hearing on the Third Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan; Approving and Adopting Such Third Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan; and for Related Purposes'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE DEVELOPMENT CODE

This item was moved from the Study Agenda on April 1, 2025, Council meeting. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to table this item. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2025, COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on April 1, 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Council Members Beard, Gaston, Davis and Bryan reviewed bills at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as follows:

ITEMS:

Timmons Electric (Clean up Event)	\$245.27	Electrical work in Fairpark for the Time for Tupelo
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Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 FOR FY 2025

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve budget amendment #5 for fiscal year 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.
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IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, LEE COUNTY MISSISSIPPI AND TARGET CORPORATION (TABLED AT APRIL 1, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING)

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to ratify the 'Development and Reimbursement Between the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, Lee County Mississippi and Target Corporation'. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.
APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR DEMOLITION

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve the properties on the demolition list, as follows:

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2837 S Eason Blvd	113M0802400
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Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

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Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 2025

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on March 3, 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FOR TRADE - ONE MOTORCYCLE

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the surplus of a 2012 Harley Davidson Road King Police Model – VIN 1HD1FHM14CB653247, no longer in service with the Police Motorcycle Unit. This motorcycle is for trade on the purchase of a new 2025 Harley Davidson Electra Glide. The trade will be with Southern Thunder Harley Davidson in Southaven, MS. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE ADDING SEIZED VEHICLE TO NMNU ASSET LIST

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the addition of a 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee – VIN #1C4RJFDJ1EC316586, to the North MS Narcotic's Asset List for undercover work. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the removal of certain assets from the Fire Department's asset list, no longer needed by the City. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER AWARD OF BID #2025-010PW - REPLACEMENT BOOM FOR KNUCKLEBOOM TRUCK

The city advertised for bids for bid # 2025-010PW – Removal of Existing Boom and Installation of New Boom for Knuckleboom Truck. One bid was received from Wren Body Works in the amount of \$110,821.00. Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to find the sole bid reasonable and award to Wren Body Works. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER 2 FINAL CLOSEOUT APPROVAL FOR WEST BRISTOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. 2024-005PW

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve final closeout change order #2 for bid # 2024-005PW – West Bristow Street Improvements. This change order will decrease the contract price by \$31,357.19 for a total of \$1,192,990.69. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF TUPELO SPORTS COUNCIL DONATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF TUPELO FOR A STATIONARY BIKE

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to accept the donation of \$4,995.00 for the purchase of 5 stationary bikes at the Tupelo Aquatic Center. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2025

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of April 3, 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

IN THE MATTER OF CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU BOARD MINUTES APRIL 1, 2025

Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to accept the minutes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau minutes of April 1, 2025. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING MARCH 2025 SEVERE WEATHER

Council Member Beard, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an order to extend the 'Declaration of State of Local Emergency Concerning March 2025 Sever Weather. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

IN THE MATTER OF DONATED LEAVE REQUEST FOR SHELIA LOGAN

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the donation of leave to employee Shelia Logan, due to illness. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

IN THE MATTER OF ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to approve an 'Order Agreeing to One-Year Renewal of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract with Waste Management of Mississippi. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

**IN THE MATTER OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT PART OF LOT 6,
ACKIA GARDENS SUBDIVISION ON GEORGE STREET FROM MARTIN
HERNANDEZ MORENO AND MARIA MARTINEZ MORALES**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to enter a contract of purchase with Martin Hernandez Moreno and Maria Martinex Morales, for the purchase of PT Lot 6 in Ackia Gardens Subdivision on George Street in the amount of \$30,000. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session is for the following under Miss. Code Anno. 25- 41-7(b) (1972 as amended): Acquisition of lease interest in real property and receipt of offer to purchase city-owned real property. Miss. Code Anno. § 25-41-7 (4) (g) (1972 as amended).

Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to enter executive session. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 7:06 p.m.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Beard, to return to the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Beard moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. This the 15th day of April 2025.

Nettie Davis, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date