

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

On this day, the 8th of September 2025, the City Council convened in public hearing and regular session in the City Council Room. The public hearing and regular meeting being open to the public and notice of said public hearing and regular meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Davis, Council Members Zack Altman, Jill Cromwell, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Winfred McQueen, Woody Richardson, Lloyd Roberts, and Mark Sweatt. Employees present were City Administrator Jack Owens, City Secretary Amalia Gaxiola, Police Chief Rex Plant, Water Clerk Marla Green. Others present Kim Cloyd, Roman Buckner, and Micah Casas.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Altman to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025/2026 BUDGET AND 2026 TAX RATE

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

No comment.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025/2026 BUDGET AND 2026 TAX RATE

Mayor Davis closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: Special called meeting minutes of July 28, 2025; regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2025; special called meeting minutes of August 18, 2025; accept collections & pay expenditures for August 2025. Alderwoman Cromwell added some name corrections on the July 28, 2025, special called meeting minutes. Alderman Roberts made the motion to accept all the meeting minutes as presented with the added corrections and

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accept collections & pay expenditures of August 2025, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Administrator Owens read the written reports on Fire, Library, Landfill, Water, Airport, Street, Administration, Judicial, Parks/Rec Departments and the TxDOT Waterline Relocation Project. Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEMS OFF THE TABLE

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to take the tabled items off the table, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS – ZACK ALTMAN

Alderman Altman made the motion to table this item for another month, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AIRPORT CHANGES

Administrator Owens updated the council on the resurfacing of the airport. Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to take no action, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGING COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER PRICES

After a brief discussion on pickup schedules, current charges, and surrounding cities charges, Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to table this item, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RETIREMENT OPTIONS AND SEARCHING FOR ANOTHER RETIREMENT PROVIDER

Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to table this item so it can be revisited at a later time, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE PAY RATES

Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to take no action, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

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CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO MEMPHIS HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Davis read the certificate of appointments of commissioners provided by Josh Talley for terms expiring in September 2027 which are Mollie Moffitt, Melisa McIntosh, and Betty Lesle. Alderman Sweatt voiced his concern on some of the verbiage on the certificate. Alderman Sweatt made the motion to appoint those that the mayor has nominated pending clarification on the certificate, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote passed with all in favor except Alderwomen McIntosh and Cromwell abstaining.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS FOR HALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Administrator Owens added that Ed Bailey was previously nominated. Alderman Altman made the motion to nominate Ed Bailey for appointment for Hall County Appraisal District Board of Directors, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

Mayor Davis opened the sealed property bids as follows:

1. 306 S Lee St - \$1,000.00
718 S Violet - \$1,000.00
308 Magnolia - \$1,000.00
2. 718 S Violet - \$200.00
3. 308 Magnolia - \$500.00
4. 718 S Violet - \$275.00
306 S Lee - \$5,199.00

Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to accept the bids of \$5,199.00 on 306 S Lee, \$1,000.00 on 718 S Violet, and \$1,000.00 on 308 Magnolia, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER & APPROVE ADDING HEARINGS FOR DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES AND ABANDONED VEHICLES ON AGENDA – REX PLANT

Chief Plant informed the council that letters for properties and vehicles have gone out. If an owner receives a second letter and no action is taken then a hearing could be scheduled so, with this item being on the agenda permanently, he will know the hearing date instead of a pending hearing date. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion to add this item to the agendas for city council meetings, seconded by Alderman Altman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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CONSIDER & ADOPT ORDINANCE 702 APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Alderman Sweatt made the motion to adopt ordinance 702, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER & ADOPT ORDINANCE 703 LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2026

Alderman Roberts made the motion to adopt ordinance 703, seconded by Alderman Sweatt. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 9-8-25A RATIFYING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT RAISES MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Alderman Sweatt made the motion to approve resolution 9-8-25A, seconded by Alderwoman Cromwell. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER & APPROVE 2025/2026 MEMPHIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Alderman Sweatt made the motion to approve the 2025/2026 MEDC Budget as presented, seconded by Alderman McQueen. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 704 FOR TMRS' PRIOR SERVICE AGREEMENT

Alderman Sweatt made the motion to table this item, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM MEMPHIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO HALL COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Administrator Owens stated that the agreement from Underwood was sent. Agreement total of twenty thousand. Ten thousand can be approved by EDC but additional funds must be approved by City Council. This is in form of a forgivable loan, but they must meet the criteria of retaining two employees for the next two years. Alderwoman Cromwell made the motion to approve additional funds from MEDC to Hall County Home Delivered Meals, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.


MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

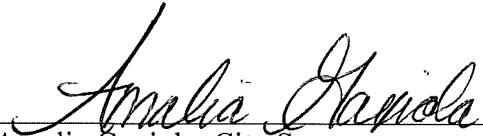
Police Chief Plant on the hearings, letters will go out to city council members and city employees first. Administrator Owens brought to the council's attention the October meeting date being a holiday. Everyone agreed to have it on the holiday still.

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ADJOURN

Alderwoman McIntosh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved: 
Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest: 
Amalia Gaxiola, City Secretary