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Special Meeting of March 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in special session at the Waveland City Hall Boardroom, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS. at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the following matters of City Business:

Budget Review and Discussion, FYE September 30, 2015

ROLL CALL

Mayor Smith noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza, along with City Clerk Lisa Planchard and City Attorney Rachel P. Yarborough.

BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION, FY SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Re: Comptroller Linda Elias provided a ‘State of the Budget’ Power Point presentation

Ms. Elias made her presentation and provided an overview of the financial position of the City, discussing both the revenues (approximately \$397,000 ahead at this time during the fiscal year) and expenditures (running at budget for this point in time) for the General Fund. She then discussed the Utility Fund, which is also running ahead in revenues about 10% and right on target for expenditures at this point in the year. She additionally covered the other funds briefly, which collectively presented a very positive picture for the City of Waveland. Alderman Lafontaine then asked various questions of Ms. Elias and Department Heads who were present regarding the current year budget. He also reminded Ms. Elias and Board members that the City will have to begin funding the Pier when it opens in May through the end of this fiscal year. He asked whether the city would have to pay insurance on the Pier. Both Ms. Planchard and Mr. Anderson explained that there are no structures to insure on the pier and the pavilions cantilever over the water and therefore, uninsurable. Alderman Piazza requested an explanation of the National Guard payment. Public Works Director, Brent Anderson explained his workforce needs and issues lacking in his department, as did Fire Chief Tony Mallini. Mr. Anderson requested additional seasonal help and discussed grass-cutting issues at length with Board members. Police Chief David Allen discussed his future needs for new vehicles and the increase of part-time employees at this time of the year. City Clerk Planchard expressed concerns about the repair and maintenance budget running a little high for the City Hall/Annex building because of security cameras failing and lighting throughout the building now needing repairs. Alderman Lafontaine asked if the City could look at phone bills and see whether we can get them decreased. City Clerk Planchard said she would ask Purchasing Agent Cullen to request of AT&T that they re-assess our phone usage/needs and help us try to decrease our phone costs. Additional discussion included Road and Bridge tax that the City receives from the County and whether what we are receiving is correct because it seems lower in recent years. Ms. Elias will call Tax Collector/Assessor Mr. Jimmie Ladner and check on this.

(EXHIBIT A) – Power Point Presentation by Comptroller, Ms. Elias

PLANNING AND ZONING (EXHIBIT B)

Re: Buddy Clarke, representing Pulin and Natasha Shah, 823 N. Beach Blvd. (corrected wording in motion)

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and their minutes dated February 23, 2015.

Buddy Clarke, representing Pulin and Natasha Shah, appeared before the commission with a request for a division of a parcel that the own at 823 N. Beach Boulevard in order to build two separate single-family homes. The first parcel would include one acre of land fronting on North Beach Boulevard and meets the required lot frontage. The second parcel would contain the remaining two acres with access from Petite Drive. The frontage access from Petite Drive is only twenty-one feet; therefore, a variance from the lot frontage is required. Legal description: Lot 11A, First Ward Waveland, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

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Chairman Roger Estopinal asked Mr. Clarke to explain the nature of the request. Mr. Clarke said that he was a surveyor and that he was representing the applicants. He said that it was their intention to divide the property into two parcels and the applicants would build on the parcel that fronts North Beach Boulevard and sell the parcel that would front Petite Drive.

Chairman Roger Estopinal asked Brent Anderson to address the commission regarding the request. Brent Anderson, Public Works Director/Building Official, said that it is his understanding that the property fronting Petite Drive does not meet the required lot frontage. Mr. Anderson said that there is an issue regarding a seven foot natural drain that would prohibit an entrance from Petite Drive. He said that there are several properties fronting Beach Boulevard that has given easements in order to access the rear parcel. Mr. Anderson said that since an entrance from Petite Drive would cause a disturbance to natural drainage, it could be possible that a driveway access easement on the front parcel to the rear parcel would solve the problem.

Chairman Roger Estopinal asked if the commissioners had any questions. Commissioner Jay Fountain said that he had been out to look at the property and saw the drainage ditch. He, along with the other commissioners, agreed with Brent Anderson regarding the disturbance to natural drainage.

Buddy Clarke asked if this would be an easement or would it need to be a separate parcel for the driveway. Brent Anderson said that it would be an easement for the driveway and that the minimum would be fifteen feet to allow for the fire trucks.

Commissioner Roger Estopinal asked if there was anyone present to comment on the request.

Jacques Maraist, 140 Bay Oaks Drive, said that he owns the adjoining lot and he was concerned as well about the natural drainage. Mr. Maraist said the he was concerned that if the drainage was altered by a driveway entrance, it could cause a flooding issue since Bienville drains to Petite and from Petite to the Beach. Mr. Maraist said that he thought that the frontage variance was too great since it would be an 80% variance.

Jay Fountain moved, seconded by Mike Kopke to recommend that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deny the request for a driveway entrance from Petite Drive. The commission also recommends the division of the property into two parcels with a minimum of a fifteen-foot driveway easement to access the rear parcel from North Beach Boulevard. The easement must be recorded at the chancery clerk's office by the owner.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

ADJOURN

Re: Adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Smith on March 20, 2015.

Lisa B. Planchard
City Clerk

The Minutes of March 9, 2015 have been read and approved by me on this, the 20th day of March, 2015.

Mike Smith
Mayor

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