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Special Meeting of March 19, 2010
4:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in special session at the Waveland Civic Center at 335 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Mississippi on March 19, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., to take action on matters of city business.

Discuss Oyster Fest and take action if deemed so.

Present at the meeting were Aldermen Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt, and Piazza

Also present at the meeting were City Clerk Lisa Planchard, and City Attorney Gary Yarborough

EVENTS/OYSTER FEST

Re: Discuss Oyster Fest

Mayor Longo began by explaining the importance of an Oyster Fest because oysters have become the largest commercial seafood in Hancock County. Many of the Oystermen live in Waveland and throughout Hancock County, with the biggest fleet in Hancock County. The Waveland Coalition got together about potentially holding this event after the ribbon cutting on the Pier. Mayor Longo offered comment from the floor. Mayor Longo added that there will be a sponsor for the fireworks display and that the Lott Family, the Cure Family, and the Silver Slipper jumped on Board immediately to help sponsor and defer costs and participate. Mr. Charles Cornelius with the Waveland Community Coalition spoke. Mr. Cornelius said that there would be a small frame of time, but would not be a problem as there could be something put together. He understood that there was still some concern about the time frame. The WCC would not have problem with delaying the vote if necessary. Mayor Longo responded by saying that City Clerk Lisa Planchard put the numbers together and the Board may consider a delay, however he felt that the Board was ready to take action. Mayor Longo also addressed the Fishing Rodeo, and said it would not be a problem. There will not be Pier Rangers on duty yet. There would need to be volunteers watching the Pier. Mr. Jay Fountain would like to be involved in the Fishing Rodeo. There have been a number of Fishing Rodeos on the Pier in the past and they are not a major problem. Mayor Longo also explained that the budgeted overtime is not an issue as there was not a Christmas parade. Chief Varnell said the Officers that would be needed would have been the overtime used during the Christmas Parade. The total estimated cost related to Oyster Fest is around \$5,300.00, including manpower. Alderman Piazza asked about the amount of money in the Coalition account. Mr. Cornelius stated that it would be around \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00. The WCC will probably pay up to about \$1,500.00. There will be no profit from this; the Coalition will not make a profit from this. There will be t-shirts for sale and such; this is not set up to make money. Mr. Scott Blackwell will be handling all of the t-shirts. The Coalition will be selling their Keep Waveland Beautiful t-shirts. Alderman Piazza inquired about the booth charges. Mr. Cornelius explained that there would be no charge for the booths. There will be charges for the food. Alderman Stahler asked about the larger corporation sponsors. Mr. Cornelius said that the larger the corporation, the more time we would need to have them be a part of this. Tabasco, Nabisco and Zatarains will not be a part of this, however Wal-Mart would pretty much take care of donations. The ideas of the corporate sponsors were from the kick-off meeting. This will hopefully be the first annual, which will provide bookend events as far as destination events. Alderman Geoffrey stated that there is no one that is really against this event; it is the numbers that concern everyone. Mr. Cornelius thanked the Board for coming back into special session. Mayor stated that the number of people that showed up for this meeting were more than showed up for the Comprehensive Plan meeting and it should show that there are people excited for this event. Mr. Cornelius said that the time is right; it should be more than the cutting of a ribbon; it is a symbol of the good things that are ahead for us, and we need to celebrate every one of these ribbon cuttings. Alderman Piazza asked about including C&R's. Mr. Cornelius recommended that the City of Waveland is the umbrella for the promotion. Mayor stated that C&R's has been doing this each year and they are scheduled for the same day. The Silver Slipper called to make sure that the City had recognized this. Alderman Piazza said that he wanted to make sure that this didn't over shadow C&R's event to help Hope Haven. Nadine with C&R's felt this would be

an advantage. C&R's is handling the beer, etc. Mr. Cornelius said that Silver Slipper would be selling beer. Water Slides of the Gulf Coast will be there to set up for the children. We will suggest that any money coming from the sponsoring go to Hope Haven. The Coalition would like to see this happen. Alderman Piazza asked about shuttling festival attendees to and from the venue. Alderman Piazza also asked about those individuals wishing to come in their own vehicle. Mr. Cornelius said that had been addressed with Chief Varnell at the last meeting. It was the feeling that with the exception of Coleman Avenue, most of the streets are open. Mayor Longo reminded the Board of days past when there were events and Coleman Avenue would be shut down. Primarily Terrance Street and all of the Streets are more open than they were before. The South side of Coleman Avenue should be paved at this point. Mr. Roger Estopinal asked if local businesses would have the opportunity to participate. Mr. Cornelius said yes and explained the issues with the Pier, and asked if Mr. Estopinal had any oyster dishes that he would like to offer at the Festival. Mayor Longo said that this would be an opportunity for local merchants to participate. The Mayor thought using the pagodas would be fantastic for vendors, but with this being the opening of the Pier, it would be more beneficial in the parking lot. Further discussion recommended the event should not be in the parking lot. The main section of the pier should be used for the Fishing Rodeo. Mrs. Brenda McComb asked about the Construction trailer being moved out. An audience member said that it had been moved earlier in the day. The Mayor said yes, they have been cleaning up. The Mayor also said there may be a sponsor for the sign information presented by the Coalition; also Mr. Miller will be back in the next two weeks to complete the varnishing of the carved dolphins on Highway 90.

Alderman Stahler asked about liability insurance regarding this event. City Attorney Gary Yarborough spoke to the issue by saying that Mayor's Secretary Tammy Fayard had an answer to the question. Basically if the event operates under the umbrella of the City, then the City would be responsible. Mrs. Fayard also spoke to the issue, and Mr. Yarborough concurred. Mr. Cornelius said that it was the intent to promote the Oyster Fest as a City of Waveland event. The Coalition said they were prepared to get the insurance if necessary, but if it is covered under the City, then the Coalition will be able to do more with the funds available. The Mayor asked Chief Varnell and Aldermen for further comments. Alderman Geoffrey asked about the Fishing Rodeo. Fire Captain Tony Mallini asked if there were any needs from the Fire Department. The Mayor asked if we could have two emergency medical responders on duty. Mr. Cornelius stated that the American Red Cross would also be available in any capacity that is needed. Alderman Piazza asked about rules regarding sinkers on the Pier. Mayor said those are issues that are still being looked at. **(Alderman Schmitt entered meeting)**

EVENTS/RIBBON CUTTING/PIER

Re: Approve fireworks display at Pier for Ribbon Cutting

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to approve a dusk fireworks display at the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier Ribbon cutting on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Schmitt, and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

EVENTS/OYSTER FESTIVAL

Re: Promotion of Oyster Fest

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to accept promotion of the Oyster Fest on Saturday April 10, 2010.

A vote was called for with the following results:

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Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Longo

Voting Nay: Schmitt, Piazza

Absent: None

ADJOURN

Re: Adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

Alderman Piazza moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Schmitt, and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Longo on April 8, 2010

Lisa B. Planchard
City Clerk

The Minutes of March 19, 2010 have been read and approved by me on this the 8th Day of April, 2010.

John Thomas Longo
Mayor

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