

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Chip Johnson presiding. Aldermen present were: Sam Lauderdale, Sonny Bryant, Andrew Miller, Jamie Tipton, Marcus Manning, and Jeff Hobbs. Alderman Higdon was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Subia, City Engineer Joe Frank Lauderdale, Planning Director Jared Darby, Fire Chief Hubert Jones, Public Works Director Gary McElhannon, Parks Director Dewayne Williams, Henry Bailey, Art Keeney, and Michael Anderson.

INVOCATION

Alderman Manning gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the agenda as presented, after adding item 10. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January 2013.

Agenda
City of Hernando
Mayor and Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting

January 2, 2013

6:00pm

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s 96741 – 96877 less 96758 and 96760,
- 5) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Lauderdale) 96758
- 6) Approve Docket of Claims No.'s (Miller) 96760
- 7) Approve Minutes
- 8) Consent Agenda

- A) Authorize Julie Harris to attend the Clerks Certification Training Program on February 20 – 22 in Oxford, MS, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.
- 9) Resolution for Citizens for Economic Development Act (CEDA)
- 10) Clarification and possible amending of the baseball out of area fee
- 11) Adjourn

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO.'S 96741 – 96877, LESS 96758 AND 96760

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96741 - 96877, less 96758 and 96760 in the amount of \$802,027.32 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Lauderdale.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013.

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 96758 (LAUDERDALE)

Alderman Lauderdale recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96758 in the amount of \$205,060.87 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Manning, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013

APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NO. 96760 (MILLER)

Alderman Miller recused himself and left the room.

The Board of Aldermen were presented with a docket of claims No. 96760 in the amount of \$40,200.60 for approval.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Hobbs, and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve the docket of claims for payment as presented. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2012

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting on December 18, 2012. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, and Alderman Miller.

Those voting "Nay":

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Authorize Julie Harris to attend the Clerks Certification Training Program on February 20 – 22 in Oxford, MS, and authorize to pay registration and travel expenses.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton and seconded by Alderman Hobbs to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Manning, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, and Alderman Tipton.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013.

RESOLUTION FOR CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT (CEDA)

Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando requesting the introduction and passage of a bill entitled "Citizens for Economic Development Act" (CEDA). Specifically, we are requesting that the Mississippi Legislature pass this bill and the Governor sign it into law. This bill would allow citizens of a municipality the option of voting on the imposition of a local sales tax. The purpose of this legislation is to locally fund, without impacting the state general fund budget, the implementation and completion of special projects which would enhance the quality of life of local citizens and improve economic development opportunities for the municipality as well as the state. Accordingly, we submit the following in support thereof:

WHEREAS, economic development occurs where infrastructure and municipal services can be provided easily, efficiently, and at a reasonable cost;

WHEREAS, municipal services provide drinking water, utilities, sewer disposal, police and fire protection, maintenance of roads and many other services to local businesses and industries which provide jobs and employment to local citizens;

WHEREAS, good infrastructure is essential to economic development and job creation;

WHEREAS, many municipalities in Mississippi don't have access to adequate capital and the municipalities do not have sufficient statutory authority or enough debt capacity to borrow money for essential and costly public projects, many of which are directly tied to economic development and quality of life;

WHEREAS, the use of an optional sales tax could save municipalities substantial amounts of taxpayer money on bond project interest payments because projects could be paid off in a shorter period of time;

WHEREAS, a municipal project funded by the provisions of the Citizens for Economic Development Act (CEDA) would represent the vote and approval of the local citizens;

WHEREAS, the details of each project approved by voters under the Citizens for Economic Development Act would be specifically set forth and the local sales tax funding such project would immediately cease upon the final debt payment; and

WHEREAS, other states in our region have enacted similar laws as the Citizens for Economic Development Act (CEDA) to provide their local constituents with an opportunity to fund essential economic development projects;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HERNANDO, WE REQUEST THE INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF A BILL ENTITLED "CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT" (CEDA). SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE PASS THIS BILL AND THE GOVERNOR SIGN IT INTO LAW. THIS GENERAL ENABLING LEGISLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY MUNICIPALITY AND WILL REQUIRE THE VOTERS OF SUCH LOCALITY TO APPROVE ANY SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDED THEREUNDER WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE CITIZENS AND IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY AS WELL AS THE STATE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- L. AN "UP-FRONT" (60% VOTE FOR PASSAGE) REFERENDUM IN ORDER FOR THE TAX TO BE LEVIED;
- II. A SALES TAX OF NO MORE THAN 1% ON GOODS CURRENTLY TAXED AT 7%. TAX MONIES COLLECTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY ARE FORWARDED TO THE STATE AND THEN RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPALITY TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE CITIZEN APPROVED PROJECTS;
- III. THE TAX CEASES AND IS DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY UPON RETIREMENT OF PROJECT INDEBTEDNESS. CEDA IS PROJECT SPECIFIC AND TIME LIMITED.

Adopted this the 2nd day of JANUARY, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Resolution for Citizens for Economic Development Act (CEDA). A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Higdon, and Alderman Manning..

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013

CLARIFICATION AND POSSIBLE AMENDING OF THE BASEBALL OUT OF AERA FEE

Alderman Miller stated that he would like to change the boundary for the residence fee to outside the county instead of outside the City.

Alderman Hobbs agreed that it should be outside of the county instead of outside the City limits.

Art Keeney, 807 Cedar Trace Circle, stated that he agreed with Alderman Miller on that the boundary for the residence fee should be changed to outside of Desoto County residence, but thinks his numbers are wrong. Mr. Kenney thinks that there are more players from the county kids that make up the league than players from the city.

Michael Anderson agreed with Alderman Miller also. Mr. Anderson stated that he had spoken with Mr. Phillips and he had stated that about 60% of the players were City residents. Mr. Anderson said that he was sure Mr. Phillips knew what he was talking about, but as for himself he felt like there were more county resident kids that made up the league than city resident kids. Mr. Anderson would like to see the City try any methods possible to try and get the players back that we have lost to Southaven and Horn Lake over the years.

Mayor Johnson asked when will we begin to take applications for baseball.

Dewayne Williams answered next week.

Alderman Miller stated that we would not give multiplayer discount, correct?

Art Keeney asked about getting a multiplayer discount.

Mayor Johnson stated that we will not give that discount, that the City was not allowed to by State Law and we have to follow the State Laws

Motion was duly made by Alderman Tipton, and seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize to lower the fee to \$90 for all players within the County, with the Players outside of the county at a \$105.00 fee. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Lauderdale, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman Tipton, Alderman Manning, and Alderman Hobbs.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2013

ADJOURN

There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Lauderdale, seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

MAYOR CHIP JOHNSON

ATTEST:

KATIE SUBIA, CITY CLERK