



**REGULAR MEETING — AMENDED AGENDA  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION**

- a. PRESENTATION: Ocean Springs Environmental Alliance - Arbor Day and Earth Day - Hope Landis
- b. PROCLAMATION: Parkinson's Awareness Month
- c. Recognition of employment years of service: 10 years - Sewer Asst Supervisor Eric Korkek and Street Supervisor Jon Lizana; 5 years - Mary C. O'Keefe Center Director Sarah Qarqish, Police Sergeant Ronald Bennett, Police Lieutenant Archie Wallace, and Truck Driver Lloyd Helveston

**4. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** *\*\* The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 5 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, **ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda.** The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. **Please identify yourself and the agenda item.** If no agenda item is stated, you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss Bicycle Safety Plan

**6. CONSENT AGENDA** *\* All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

**Mayor/BOA:**

- a. Authorize and waive all associated costs for the Ocean Springs Chamber-Main Street to host their annual Taste of Ocean Springs at the Civic Center on May 15, 2026, as a potential rain-out date; to advertise the resources of the city
- b. Authorize and waive all associated costs for the Ocean Springs School District JROTC to host their end-of-the-year banquet at the Civic Center on April 22, 2026; to advertise the resources of the city

- c. Approve the temporary road closures from April 24, 2026 at dusk through April 25, 2026 at dawn in the Marshall Park area of Washington Avenue as requested and authorize coordination with the Police Department for traffic control and public safety
- d. Authorize and waive all associated costs for Krewe Unique to host their annual Halloween fundraising event at the Civic Center on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., which serves as a donation drive for unwrapped Christmas toys, which will benefit the Discovery Christmas Toy Drive; to advertise the resources of the city
- e. Authorize and waive all associated costs for Krewe Unique to host their annual scholarship and outreach fundraiser at the Civic Center on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; to advertise the resources of the city
- f. Authorize and waive all associated costs for Krewe Unique and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to host their annual backpack giveaway at the Civic Center on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.; to advertise the resources of the city
- g. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Lost Fest on April 11, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the parking lot of Lost Springs Brewing, Mosaic's and Neon Moon - Downtown Ocean Springs; no road closures are requested as the lot owned by the businesses will be used and closed for the event; event organizers are requesting 6 trash cans (\$30) and 6 barricades (\$60); the event will be at no cost to the City; the applicant pays the associated event cost to include providing their own security

**Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center:**

- h. Authorize the Mayor and the Mary C. O'Keefe Center Director to execute the Memorandums of Understanding for programming partnerships at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center with Grand Mag Music Curtis Rockwell and Sabrina Stallworth

**City Clerk:**

- i. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting March 17, 2026
- j. Accept March 2026 Aged Receivables Report
- k. Ratify check for \$140.00 to Kimberly McCarty for Winter Basketball Referee Fees

**Fire Department:**

- l. **REMOVE DUE TO DATE CHANGE:** Authorize Employees #2450 and #2378 for Out-of-State travel to Pueblo, CO for the PER-290 Tank Car Specialist Course on April 12, 2026; all associated costs to be paid by FEMA/DHS
- m. Authorize ratification of the Fire Department's application for a Lowes Grant to fund improvements and expansion of the Bernard Beaugez Fire Station (Station 2)

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- n. Accept resignation of Part-time Dispatcher Nichole Saccurato, effective March 31, 2026; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- o. Authorize employment of Joel England, Part-time Patrolman, effective April 8, 2026; \$20.00 hourly rate; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- p. Accept resignation of Firefighter Conner Havard effective April 3, 2026; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- q. Accept resignation of Firefighter Bradford Laneaux effective April 9, 2026; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position.
- r. Authorize employment of John Avara, Firefighter II, effective April 11, 2026; \$17.08 hourly rate; one year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- s. Authorize employment of Cameron Woodell, Ground Maintenance, effective April 8, 2026; Step 1 \$15.00 hourly rate; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- t. **ADDED:** Accept resignation of Purchasing/Administrative Assistant Amber Carter effective May 1, 2026; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

**Planning Commission (PC):**

- u. Approve the request for a Residential Short-Term Rental Permit at 808 Desoto St #10 - PIDN: 60119106.000; PC recommends approval

**Grants Administration:**

- v. Authorize execution of Closeout Documents with LJ Construction, Inc. – R-109-282-08-KCR: Fort Bayou Improvements: Manhole Replacement – Katrina Disaster Recovery Funds (KCDBG)
- w. Authorize Closeout for the FORT BAYOU STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS project – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 127-2-CW-5.6 – Lane Construction Co., Inc.

**Building Department:**

- x. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through March 31, 2026
- y. Accept Code Enforcement Report through April 1, 2026

**Parks & Recreation Department:**

- z. Accept Parks Advisory Board Minutes — March 25, 2026

- aa. Authorize and waive all associated costs for Ocean Springs Upper Elementary Use of Highway 57 Sport Complex for the annual 4th, 5th, and 6th grade annual kickball tournament

**Public Works:**

- bb. Adopt a Resolution for the Sale of Surplus Personal Property with a Value Less than \$1,000.00

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the Minutes
- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report
- c. City Clerk: Budget Amendments - Clay Boyd Pavilion and Water Main Replacement

- 8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** *The public is invited to address the Board, for up to 5 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement to take potential action at a later date if warranted. Priority will be given to Ocean Springs residents and Business Owners. **Please identify yourself before speaking.***

**9. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on APRIL 21, 2026**