

CITY OF SOUTHAVEN

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §21-3-21, notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven shall be held on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 2022 from 10:00 AM - Noon in the Boardroom of Southaven City Hall, located at 8710 Northwest Drive, Southaven, Mississippi.

The subject matters of business (Agenda) to be acted upon at this Special Meeting are as follows, to-wit:

1. Rental Property Ordinance Discussion

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby called by the Mayor, Darren Musselwhite, on this, the 18th day of August, 2022:


Darren Musselwhite, Mayor

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF August 24, 2022
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in a Special Called Meeting on the 24th day of August, 2022 at ten o'clock (9:00) a.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

George Payne	Alderman At Large
Charlie Hoots	Alderman, Ward 2
William Jerome	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher	Alderman, Ward 4
John David Wheeler	Alderman, Ward 5

Absent were:

Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Andrea Mullen, City Clerk, and Nick Manley, City Attorney. Approximately five (5) other people were present.

The Special Meeting was noticed on the City website and at City Hall.

Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting to order. Alderman Gallagher led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Payne.

RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Mayor Musselwhite stated that this issue has been discussed for many years and recently went back and researched it again. Some of our neighboring cities along with Desoto County asked us to join into discussions and each had different goals. The City of Horn Lake chose to pass a rental property ordinance, while the City of Olive Branch and City of Hernando opted to not have one. Mayor Musselwhite stated that after careful review, it is his recommendation to not move forward with a rental property ordinance due to state and federal regulations not authorizing cities to charge an impact fee. In order to charge a license fee, the fee must match the impact. Mayor Musselwhite stated that he believes that charging a license fee would not have any impact on someone purchasing rental property in the City of Southaven. Statistically, absentee owners don't maintain their property which effects property values and has a correlation to crime as well. Mayor Musselwhite stated that they have already passed the property maintenance code and will be able to address the issues with it. Alderman Gallagher and Alderman Hoots expressed that they are in favor of an ordinance.

After much discussion as it relates to enforcement, fees, absentee ownership, the decision was made to discuss further and not take any action until all Board members are present. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Hoots to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jerome. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously August 24, 2022 at 11:40 a.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

Andrea Mullen,
City Clerk
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