

**CITY OF BYRAM**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025, 6:30 PM**  
**City Hall: 5901 Terry Road, Byram, MS**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Richard White, Mayor  
Erma Johnson, Alderman, Ward I  
Diandra Hosey Sanders, Alderman, Ward II  
Robert Amos, Alderman, Ward III  
Teresa Mack, Alderman, Ward IV  
Rochelle Gibson, Alderman, Ward V, joined at 7:18 p.m.  
Chris Carson, Alderman, Ward VI  
Roshunda Harris-Allen, Alderman At Large, via Zoom  
Attorney Zachary Giddy  
Julia Kraft, City Clerk

**3. Presented Items**

**(a) Discussion/Clarification of a possible vacancy of the Public Works Director Position**

Mayor White informed the Board that James Caldwell, who was appointed as Public Works Director at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on July 10, 2025, has declined the position.

Motion to re-advertise the Public Works Director position for seven days

Moved by Alderman Mack

Seconded by Alderman Harris-Allen

Ayes: Johnson, Hosey Sanders, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

Alderman Roschelle Gibson asked that it be noted that she wishes to be involved in the process of reviewing applications for Public Works Director

**(b) Discussion of a possible Interim for the Public Works Director Position**

Streets Superintendent Elgin Kelley addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Motion to go into Closed Session to see if Executive Session is warranted to discuss a personnel matter

Moved by Alderman Hosey Sanders

Seconded by Alderman Amos

Ayes: Johnson, Hosey Sanders, Amos, Carson, Harris-Allen

Nays: Mack, Gibson

Motion Passed

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding a specific employee

Moved by Alderman Johnson

Seconded by Alderman Mack

Ayes: Johnson, Hosey Sanders, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

Motion to give Elgin Kelley a raise to \$30.50 per hour retroactive to the first day of the current pay period

Moved by Alderman Carson

Seconded by Alderman Hosey Sanders

Ayes: Johnson, Hosey Sanders, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

Motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter Open Session

Moved by Alderman Gibson

Seconded by Alderman Johnson

Ayes: Johnson, Hosey Sanders, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

Motion to appoint Elgin Kelley as Interim Public Works Director

Moved by Alderman Gibson

Seconded by Alderman Mack

Ayes: Johnson, Mack, Gibson, Harris-Allen

Nays: Hosey Sanders, Amos, Carson

Motion Passed

**(c) Discussion of dates for Budget Work Sessions**

The Board set Budget Work Sessions for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

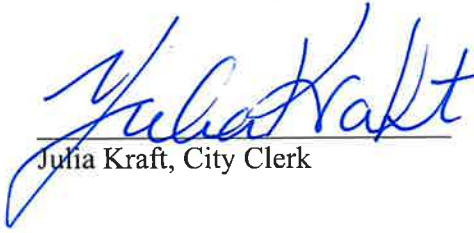
**4. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED: 

Richard White, Mayor

DATE: 8/14/25

ATTEST: 

Julia Kraft, City Clerk

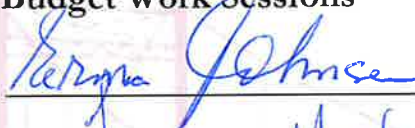
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# NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BYRAM, MISSISSIPPI

Notice of a Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Friday, July 18, 2025, 6:30 P.M. at 5901 Terry Road, Byram, Mississippi. The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

- Discussion/Clarification of a possible vacancy of the Public Works Director Position
- Discussion of a possible Interim for the Public Works Director position
- Discussion of dates for Budget Work Sessions

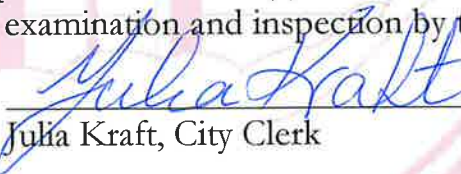
Alderman Erma Johnson



Alderman Teresa Mack



Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-3-21 and 25-41-13(a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, a copy of this notice shall be given to the Mayor and all other members of the Board of Aldermen via electronic mail or personal hand-delivery three (3) hours before the special meeting and a copy hereof entered into the minutes of same meeting additionally, this Notice shall be posted within one (1) hour after such meeting is called in a prominent place available to examination and inspection by the general public.

  
Julia Kraft, City Clerk

We the undersigned Aldermen acknowledge that we were given notice of said special meeting pursuant by being given a copy of this notice via electronic mail or personal hand-delivery:

Alderman Hosey Sanders



Alderman Amos



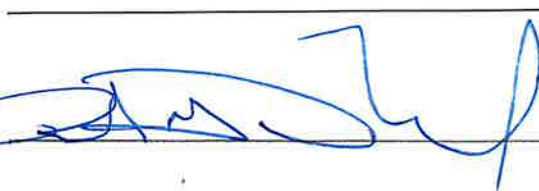
Alderman Gibson



Alderman Carson



Alderman Harris-Allen



MAYOR RICHARD WHITE

