

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 145

REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons of the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi met on the above date at the Municipal Court Bldg., 105 Hiern Avenue, Pass Christian, Mississippi, at 6:00 p.m., same being the time and place for said meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Renaud “Jimmy” Rafferty, Alderman at Large Kenny Torgeson, Alderwoman Betty Sparkman, Alderwoman Regina Charlot, City Attorney, Alderman Kirk Kimball, Alderman Victor Pickich, City Attorney, Malcolm Jones, City Clerk, Marian Governor

There being a quorum present to transact the business of the City, the following proceedings were had and done.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the August 20, 2024, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman, the Board consider setting a Public Hearing during the week of September 23, 2024, to discuss Phase II of the Highway 90 Mitigation (Pedestrian Walkway) to be funded by a Grant under GOMESA with no cost to the City. Motion died for the lack of a second vote.

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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT:

- The City of Pass Chrisitan would like to give a special shout out to our Police Department. On August 10, 2024, Officers Dakota Hedgepeth, Gaspar Guerra, and Franklin Taylor responded to a domestic disturbance involving the discharge of a firearm. Officer Hedgepeth took command of the situation upon arrival. Officer Hedgepeth made contact with the suspect through safe means and successfully deescalated the situation, resulting in the suspect surrendering to Officers. Officer Hedgepeth’s leadership and decisive action was pivotal in the safe and successful outcome of this incident and as such, his actions should be commended.
- The Community Development Department would like to give a special shout out to Shannon Starita who in addition to her current responsibilities has been helping with the short-term rental renewal recovery. Her help with this project has allowed our Planning Technician to focus on other time-sensitive deadlines. Shannon’s collaboration with other departments is a big plus for the City.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS ALLOWED RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT ON EACH SPEAKER. NO PUBLIC QUESTIONING COMMENTS ARE ALLOWED DURING THE MEETING, UNLESS THE MAYOR RECOGNIZES SUCH PERSON.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed to Amend the Agenda.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot they suggested stopping all existing seawall construction except Phase I.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to TABLE adopting Resolution and agreement with the Pass Christian Main Street Foundation approving City’s participation in Fortified Roof Grant Program through the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Dallas working through its member, Hancock Whitney Bank, to provide financial assistance to repair roofs on homes for eligible persons within the City limits up to \$15,000 for each home as requested by Mayor Rafferty. [There will be no local match required of the City and the City will not be responsible for any administrative expenses. The disbursement of the funds under the grant program for applications approved by the FHLB and Hancock Whitney Bank will be made by Main Street according to the terms of the attached Management Agreement and the Grant Program].

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$106,059.97 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the North Street Gravity Sewer Project. Funds are available and will be reimbursed by the GOMESA Grant per the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved contract as the lowest and best bid with A & C Industrial, Inc. in the lump sum of \$7,540.00 for installation of a hot tap on the Harrison County Utility Authority (HCUA)16” water main running along East RR street near the Beatline Mini Storage property (see aerial map). This work is being done to provide a connection to the property owner to install at their own expense a fire service line and private fire hydrant on their property as required by the City Fire Department. [Currently, the City only has a two-inch water line that runs under the RR tracks and provides potable water service for the few homes and businesses on the North side of the RR within the City limits on East Railroad. According to WPSCO and our City Engineer this two-inch water line is insufficient to provide adequate pressure and flow for fire protection purposes. The HCUA has agreed to allow the City to tap into their water main and provide water for these fire protection services. The property owner has obtained a building permit to construct an 8,400 square foot mini storage building East of their existing building at a value of \$164,000. The property owner is acquiring the undeveloped acreage to the West and has provided a proposed plan for future development of other mini-storage buildings as the future demand allows].

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board approved an invoice in the sum of \$4,000 for consultant Urban Development Toolbox, LLC, for preparation and filing of application for a \$3 Million GCRF Grant for the 2025 funding cycle. Funds are available 001-105-600HB as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved Change Order 1 with Gray Falcon Construction, LLC., for the West Small Craft Harbor – Pier C-1 Improvements in the amount of \$226,600.00. As recommended by the Project Engineer. This will come out of the Tideland FY23 Construction in Progress Fund (481-751-911). As confirmed by the City Clerk. The proposed change is necessary or incidental to the completion of the work as originally bid, is commercially reasonable and not made to circumvent the public purchasing status, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board approved Final Payment Application 1 to Hemphill Construction Company, in the amount of \$25,860.98 for the Residential Water Meter Replacement, Phase I. This will come out of the Utility Construction and Progress Fund (400-703-911). As confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$293,021.63 to Gray Falcon Construction for the Highway 90 Hurricane Mitigation Improvements Phase I. This will come out of the GOMESA Fund (152-701-911). As confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of awarding the Bid for the Lift Station No. 18 Rehabilitation to DNA Underground, LLC of Gulfport MS., who provided the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$335,690.00 as recommended by Covington Civil and Environmental Engineers.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board adopted the amended Flood Ordinance to reduce the requirement of cumulative tracking of the costs of improvements and repairs from a five-year period to a one-year period and to make minor changes to certain other sections of the of the ordinance to implement the one-foot free board requirements in all flood hazard zones previously adopted by the City. These changes are being adopted to maintain the City’s Class 8 CRS classification as recommended by Mark Savasta, the City’s local floodplain manager. [This amended ordinance will supersede the previous revised ordinance that was adopted at the August 6, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Savasta advised after the last meeting that the City’s CRS consultant had identified certain additional changes that needed to be made].

- Betty Sparkman Aye
- Regina Charlot Nay
- Kirk Kimball Aye
- Victor Pickich Aye
- Kenny Torgeson Aye

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the Re-Subdivision Application from Trevor Louis Talbot, for the property of 0 Pecan Drive (Tax Parcel#0313F-02-048.000 – Lots 10 & 12) by splitting lots 10 & 12 to create two separate parcels. (This action is “By Right” and will be compliant with the City’s Development Code). As requested by Jennifer Rivera, Planning Technician.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Re-Subdivision Application from Pamela Johnson Lampton, residing at 627 Royal Oak Drive, (Tax Parcel#0212P-02-084.002; Lot 10 & Tax Parcel #0212P02-084.003; Lot 11, Square 24, Timber Ridge Shores, Unit 1-A). The pre-existing home rests on both of the above parcels and the homeowner would like to merge both parcels together to create one parcel. (This action is “By Right” and will be compliant with the City’s Development Code). As requested by Jennifer Rivera, Planning Technician.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board agreed to TABLE the Petition and adopting ordinance to vacate a portion of the Plat for Beau Reve Subdivision as recorded in Book 33, Page 1, as requested by the City Attorney. (Please note the City previously approved the revised plat for Beau Reve Subdivision, Phase 2 for this same property).

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed that the City make a \$250 contribution (1/2 of last year’s contribution) to the Pass Christian High School Alumni Association to support their upcoming Homecoming Parade on September 18, 2024. Funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to allow Coast Episcopal School to use the following items for their 41st Annual Toast of the Cost Fundraising Event:

- Twenty (20) 55 Gallon Trash Drums
- (3) Trailer-mounted Generators (can be one 35kw and two larger kw)
- Stage
- (1) Light Plant
- Barricades and any other deemed necessary by the Mayor

This year’s event will be held on the grounds of 845 East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian and will take place on Friday evening, October 18, 2024. The school is asking for the delivery of the generators on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and the delivery of all other items including the stage, on Thursday, October 10, 2024. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed to allow the request of Burrell Dedeaux to host event on November 2, 2024, at East Harbor as a fundraising event for Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church with use of the City stage and other items. (The event host has advised there will be no alcohol served at the event and he will hire local off-duty law enforcement officers for security. Mr. Dedeaux will provide liability insurance for the event with the City listed as Additional Insured with subrogation waived).

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board agreed to TABLE the request of the City's annual contribution to Cruisin the Coast of \$2500.00 for the cost of the band to play on opening night. Requested by Alderman Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Chief Woodman’s request to hear from Andy Purchner on Christmas in the Pass 2024.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved Chief Woodman’s request to accept the resignation letter from FF John Strawn. He would like to be put on the part time call out list. The effective date of his resignation will be August 31, 2024. Please pay for any accrued time due to him.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved Chief Woodman's request to hire Alberto Moroyoqui, Hunter Gottschalk and Jaden Bishop as probationary Firefighters, pending background checks and physical/drug screens, with a one (1) year probationary period. Starting pay will be \$12.37 per hour.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved Chief Woodman's request to hire Thomas McCoy as a F/T FireFighter 2, as a lateral transfer. Starting salary of \$13.90 per hour, pending background check, with one (1) year probation. Physical/drug screen completed in part-time process.

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HARBOR

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to the purchase of Demo Post & Power in West Parking Lot – FEMA #445326 in the amount of \$10,800.00 to the lowest bid from Weaver Electric. As requested by Jennifer Lizana.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously accepted Officer Roland Flower’s retirement effective September 30, 2024. Pay him for any comp-time and vacation per City Policy. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously agree ratifying request to accept for FY25 Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Police Traffic Services Grant in the amount of \$23,021.70 for overtime reimbursement effective October 1, 2024. There is no match for this Grant. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the request to place a recycling dumpster from European Metal Recycling on the Public Works property at 200 West North Street and surplus all scrap metal and have all proceeds put into the general supplies expense account #001-301-505 to go towards the purchase of new barricades. As requested by Kirk Ladner.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the Consent items 1 –3 below

- 1. Approved Marian Governor to attend the Fall Municipal Clerk’s Conference on September 25-September 27, 2024, in Starkville, Ms. with a registration fee of \$200, lodging of \$212.00, per diem of \$154.00. CA-1
- 2. Approved surplus/disposal of the following items for the Administrative Department. (See attached list). As requested by Paul Ratliff. CA-2
- 3. Approved the payment to Eagan Management in the amount of \$2,775.00 for the reimbursement of July expenses paid to Compass Floodplain consultants, LLC. This will be paid through HB1353 grant. CA-3

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Motion to approve the Claims Docket in the amount of \$179,393.98. CD-1

Mayor

08-20-2024

Date

City Clerk

08-20-2024

Date