

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 146

REGULAR MEETING

November 4, 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 (Via Phone), Alderman Victor Pickich, City Attorney, Alderman Kirk Kimball, 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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Shout out to the Pass Christian Firefighters for wearing pink shirts during breast cancer awareness month.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed hearing from Wendy Diaz del Valle on Main Street Association quarterly report.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the November 4, 2024, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to hav the City install drainage pipes to improve the drainage on 533 and 535 Royal Oak because the improvements impact additional properties and the owners of the property will cover the \$5,312.65 cost of materials.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved authorizing to advertise for the following:

- Construction of the Beautification Building
- Pier P-2 electrical upgrades
- Playground Equipment for War Memorial Park

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved Pay Application # 3 to Moran Hauling in the amount of \$71,135.98 for the Pickleball Court to be paid for from the Capital Improvement fund.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved Pay Application #2 to Gray Falcon Construction in the amount of \$596,083.22 for the Highway 90 Mitigation Improvements Phase I to be paid out of the GOMESA Grant.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved the FY25 Tidelands grant agreement in the amount of \$340,000 which will be utilized for the Small Craft Harbor Pier C-2 improvements.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously accepted the donation from the Rotary Club of Pass Christian in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be utilized to purchase a new drag mat for the city baseball fields and authorize amending budget line item 001.506.550 (recreation baseball supplies).

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously adopted a revised resolution for the intent of the 2025 series bond issuance in the amount of \$2,000,000.

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BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the request to hire William Ainsworth effective November 5, 2024, at the Beautification Department as a Laborer I at a rate of \$13.46 per hour as this is a budgeted position.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board agreed to go into Closed Session to decide if they need to go into Executive Session.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board came out of Closed Session.

Upon motion of the Board unanimously agreed to hire William Ainsworth.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously adopted an Ordinance to vacate the plat of Island Breeze Condos, Phase I, requested by the owner, Trinity Park Subdivision, LLC. [This property at the NE corner of the intersection of Hwy 90 and Henderson Avenue was previously platted as a condominium project, but the project that was under construction at the time of Hurricane Katrina was destroyed and demolished thereafter. This action is necessary to allow the Developer to replat the same property as the Trinity Park Subdivision. The City has previously granted the developer preliminary plat approval as recommended by the Planning Commission].

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the front load parking variance application for Jay Parenton as the size of the lot and required setbacks will not be able to accommodate side load parking under the home. The property is located at 117 Mulberry Lane and within the Timber Ridge Subdivision. (Tax Parcel# 0212P-01-047.000). (This action of recommendation was approved by a variance application through the Planning Commission on October 29, 2024).

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the screening variance application for Jordan Eagan as the Planning Commission clarified the frontage of the home faces Palmwood Drive and not the private easement. The property is located at 116 Palmwood Drive and within the Timber Ridge Subdivision. (Tax Parcel # 0212P-01-061.003). (This action of recommendation was approved by a variance application through the Planning Commission on October 29, 2024).

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the front load parking variance application for Allen and Sheila Beasley for the property located at 233 Fairway Drive (Tax Parcel # 0212P-02-065.000), as the stability of the bulkhead would be greatly compromised if the owner was required to utilize side load parking under the home (This action of recommendation was approved by a variance application through the Planning Commission on October 29, 2024).

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the front load parking variance application for Robert Fant at the property located at 210 Hursey Avenue (Tax Parcel # 0512L-02-025.00) as large, protected trees are in the rear yard of the home and blocking a proposed garage. (This action of recommendation was approved by a variance application through the Planning Commission on October 29,2024).

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously adopted an ordinance altering the subdivision plat for lots 14-17, Square 32, Timber Ridge Shores, Unit 1A, as requested by the owner, Scott Darin Graham. [The owner is requesting authority to move certain interior lot lines on these lots]. Also, the adjacent property owners, Mr. & Mrs. Robin and Ms. Catrel, gave consent for this request.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the request from the Pass Christian Pirate Excellence Foundation (PEF) for Starz in the Park Gala Fundraiser to be held Saturday March 15,2025 and authorize the use of the following resources from the City of Pass Christian in support of the Excellence Foundation, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city as requested by Alderman Kimball. All net proceeds are directed to student scholarships and teacher grants within the Pass Christian School district.

- Use of Henderson Park -
- Preparation of the grounds to include treatment for ants as well as grass cutting as appropriate.
- Use of city trash receptacles, (cans and recycle bins).
- Use of the city stage
- Use of City generators -
- Use of the city's mobile restroom trailer
- Use of the portable panel box
- Use of tables and chairs from the Randolph center to be dropped off at Henderson Park by Beautification/Public works
- City barricades/cones as needed
- Police, Fire, Beautification, Public Works support including overtime if necessary
- And any further resources as deemed 'necessary and required' by the Mayor.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to the lease of the Pass Christian Fire Training Facility on Clark Avenue, and the EOC classroom From November 11-15, 2024, to Austin Graham with Raven Security Safety and Storm Services LLC, for a rope rescue refresher for the sum of \$300 and amend budget accordingly to line item 001.220.560(repairs and maintenance). The lessee will be required to obtain insurance for the duration of the lease, and an Indemnification of agreement to be covered liability insurance, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

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HARBOR

NO ACTION TAKEN Consider approving ordinance that oysters that are harvested and brought into the Pass Christian Harbor be sold only to the approved three seafood dealers (Jerry Forte, Kimball's and Gautier's) currently in the Pass Christian Harbor. There will be no peddling oysters. Requested by Alderman Kimball.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the contract for two (2) new patrol vehicle cameras and installation in the total amount of \$24,164.16 of which amount of \$9,665.66 is due upon receipt and will pay from 117.200.919 and remaining balance of \$14,498.50 will be split and payable in 2025 and 2026, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to donate \$500 to Gulf Coast Feed the Needy Program that is a non-profit program which serves hot meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas to residents of Harrison County including residents of Pass Christian. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the items 1 –20 below

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- 1. Administrative: Consider motion to approve closing City offices on Friday, November 29, 2024, in further observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and Tuesday, December 24, 2024, in further observance of the Christmas holiday as per the Governor’s proclamation. CA-1
- 2. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved adopting the MS. Dept of finance meal maximum daily rates per attached schedule and as follows: \$68 per day if meals are not included in the training and travel conference, \$16 for breakfast, \$19 for lunch, \$28 for dinner, \$51 for the first and last day of travel. CA-2
- 3. Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board approved \$500 contribution to the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception in Jackson, MS on January 8, 2025. The reception is a celebration of the culture of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and its significant contributions to the State’s economy. This is consistent with the contribution made in past years.

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

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4. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board agreed to approve the registration fee, hotel lodging and per diem for the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons to attend the MML Mid-Winter Conference from January 13-16, 2025, in Jackson, Ms.

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

5. Agreed to allow the use of the Randolph Center and waiving the rental fees only on January 18, 2025, for the Annual Volunteer Fire Department Officer's installation dinner, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city. CA-5
6. Agreed to allow the use of the Randolph Center and waiving the rental fees only on November 22, 2024, for the Retirement Party for long time employee Patti Schruff, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city. CA-6
7. Approved request from Fire Chief Woodman to declare old green coated chain link fence and poles stored at the Fire Department training facility on Clark Avenue as surplus since it ceases to be used for public purposes, and it has zero value and further authorize the Fire Chief to dispose of same. CA-7
8. Approved the transfer of the 2020 Kubota ATV from the Harbor Department to the Beautification Department. Asset# 02899, as requested by the Harbor Master, James Butcher. CA-8

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- 9. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to adopt Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between Harrison County Sheriff's Office and Pass Christian Police department, et al. for SWAT Team Members of Municipalities of Harrison County Sheriff's SWAT Team, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-9
- 10. Approved to accept a check in the amount of \$5,580 from Wolf River Auction LLC for vehicles sold at auction (BOA 8/6/24) and amending budget line item 001-200-560 (Repairs & Maintenance) as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-10
- 11. Approved the request for the 2020 Dodge Ram VIN#1C6RR7KT3LS158071 to be an unmarked vehicle, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-11
- 12. Approved the reimbursement to Officer Ryan Dean in the amount of \$211.11 for the uniforms required for Law Enforcement Academy, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-12
- 13. Agreed to ratifying request to approve Communications Officer Blaine Rood extended annual leave from October 28, 2024, to November 14, 2024, for his wedding, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-13
- 14. Approved the Oath of Office from Officer Joshua Thomas, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-14
- 15. Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to transfer a 2008 Chevy Impala from the Water Department to the Public Works Department. Asset# 00190. As requested by Jennifer Lizana. CA-15
- 16. Approved the request for an adjustment to the water bill for Anne Peterson at 113 Fernwood Drive in the amount of \$509.00 (\$97.20 water and \$411.80 sewer). The lawn maintenance found their water hose running while the owner was out of town and suspected the gas line workers used it without permission. Adjustments over \$500.00 require BOA approval. CA-16

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17. Water Department: Consider approving the request for an adjustment in the amount of \$677.90 (\$126.90 water and \$551.00 sewer) for Ross McDiarmid at 121 Espy Ave. The fiberglass on the pool busted and the water did not go through the sewer system. Adjustments over \$500.00 require BOA approval. CA-17
18. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderpersons, with changes, for September 17, 2024, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita. CA-18
19. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderpersons, with changes, for October 1, 2024, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita. CA-19
20. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderpersons, with changes, for October 15, 2024, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita. CA-20

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$501,571.57.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Police Department requesting Executive Session.

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session to decide if they needed to go into Executive Session.

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Closed Session.

Upon motion of the Board, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Resignation of Sgt. Watters effective immediately.

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