

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 148

REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2025

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, 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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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the January 7, 2025, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously authorized the transfer of the SB2468 grant funds of \$750,000 from the City Depository to the SB2468 bank account.

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TABLED: Consider awarding a grant of \$255,875 for infrastructure (i.e., water, sewer, retaining wall, sidewalks, stormwater detention, etc.) to K&H Investments, LLS for the Hilton Tower Commons project on Scenic Drive west of the St. Paul’s development. The developer will convey property to the City for a portion of the road that will connect Scenic Drive and Second Street between his property and St. Paul’s. The developer will commit to investing \$2,570,000 in Phase I of the overall projected \$4,170,000 development. This will require the construction of two mixed-use structures on Scenic Drive. The funds will be paid out of the 2024, \$750,000 Appropriation for the Capital Expenditure grant that is limited to infrastructure use (there is no City Match associated with the Capex grant).

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved the reimbursement of Invoice#13 in the amount of \$103,663.65 to Eagan Management Group, LLC for expenses incurred for the Eagan Scenic Drive Development, funds are available through HBI353.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved the payment to Overstreet and Associates for Invoice# 3616 in the amount of \$2,210.00 for the GOMESA project, 1257 North St Gravity Sewer Phase I & II, funds are available and will be reimbursed by the GOMESA grant per the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved a temporary lease agreement with Cellular South Real Estate, Inc., d/b/a C Spire for the use of surplus City property near the intersection of Woodman Avenue and E. Second Street for location of Cell on Wheels during the 2025 Mardi gras parade for the lump sum of \$2,500.00 as requested by City Attorney Malcolm Jones.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the Resolution authorizing and directing the sale of General Obligation Bonds Series 2025 not to exceed the principal sum of \$2,000,000 and for related purposes.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the Resolution approving terms of the General Obligation Bonds Series 2025, approving the form of and execution of a commitment letter for the sale of the Bank Bonds to the purchaser, and for related purposes.

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Upon motion of Consider approving quote in the amount of \$11,450.00 from Mark Blackmer to remove the derelict vessel in the Harbor and amend budget line item 117-750-600 accordingly as requested by Alderman Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Bill Hutchinson, Sandra Lobrano, and Mary Bourdin as City Election Commissioners with their terms to expire June 30, 2025, as recommended by Mayor Rafferty.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to changing the City’s online bidding provider from Central Bidding to PH Bidding as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of awarding the Bid for the Pier P-2 Electrical Upgrades to Krol Electric, of Gulfport, MS who provided the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$188,389.00 as recommended by Covington Civil and Environmental Engineers. This will be paid out of the Tideland Funds Account per the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously authorized opening the 2025 Bond Series Construction bank account at Hancock Whitney and authorize the Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City Clerk, Marian Governor, Mayor Pro Tem, Kenny Torgeson and deputy City Clerk, Olivia Lewis as authorized signers.

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NO ACTION: Consider request of the contractor, LJ Construction, for the North Street Gravity Sewer Improvements Phase II and III to use one of two City-owned properties (See tax maps attached) as a temporary laydown yard for storage of construction materials to be used during the construction of the project. The Contractor will be allowed to clear an area not to exceed 1 to 1/12 acres near the adjacent public road and be required to restore the property to its vegetative condition within thirty days after final acceptance of the work. The contractor will be required to indemnify and hold harmless the City during the use of the property and add the City as an additional insured on its liability insurance policy.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed requesting Code Enforcement Office to require RV Park Managers to provide documentation required by City’s ordinance or conditions imposed for permits for compliance purposes and report back on the February 4, 2025 meeting, as requested by Alderman Pickich.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously agreed to re-appointing Ellen Berry Adams to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term with effect from January 1, 2025. Ellen’s term expired on December 31, 2024.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved the request from The Pass Christian Pirate Excellence Foundation (PEF) for *A Night of New Horizons* Fundraiser featuring Chapel Hart to be held Saturday March 15, 2025. All net proceeds are directed to student scholarships and teacher grants within the Pass Christian School district. Use of the following resources from the City of Pass Christian in support of the Excellence Foundation as requested by Susan Putnam. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. EVENTS - 1

- Use of the Harbor Greenspace and adjacent parking lot
- 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 (need two)
- Use of the portable panel box
- Two tower lights at \$104.00 each per the City's rate United Rental
- Use of tables and chairs from the Randolph center to be dropped off at Harbor by Beautification/Public works
- City barricades/cones as needed
- Police, Fire, Beautification, Public Works support including overtime if necessary
- Fee waived for use of The Randolph Center in case of inclement weather
- And any further resources as deemed 'necessary and required' by the Mayor

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved the items 1 –6 below

- 1. Approved Olivia Lewis attending the Ms. Municipal Clerks Program Spring seminar in Hattiesburg, Ms. on February 26 through February 28, 2025, with a registration fee of \$300.00, per diem in the amount of \$84.00 and lodging in the amount of \$235.40. CA-1
- 2. Approved paying Invoice#3106 from Kirkpals Painting, LLC, in the amount of \$2,325.00 for painting 26 columns at the Randolph Center. CA-2
- 3. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the Mississippi Cyber Unit: Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of Cyber Protection from the MS office of Homeland Security. This MOU is part of a cyber assessment that was conducted for the current MS Office of Homeland Security Grant for LPR's, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-3
- 4. Approved the deposit in the amount of \$7,513.02 from the Treasury Department in forfeiture account (110-200-560) and the budget will be amended accordingly, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-4
- 5. Approved motion to ratify the resignation of Caden Lizana effective December 31, 2024, and pay him any comp-time and vacation time pay per City Policy that he may have accrued while employed. Also allow advertising for the vacant position, as requested by Kirk Ladner. CA-5
- 6. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderpersons, with changes, for December 3, 2024, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita. CA-6

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$340,385.76.

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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.

Mayor

01-07-2025

Date

City Clerk

01-07-2025

Date