

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen 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 Kenny Torgeson, Alderman at Large Victor Pickich, Alderman Barry Dreyfus, Alderman Joe Piernas, Alderman Kirk Kimball, Alderman Greg Federico, Jim Simpson, City Attorney and City Clerk, Marian Governor

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

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the December 16, 2025, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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The Board took no action on opening bids for the City of Pass Christian Lift Station Rehabilitation – Phase II Project.

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The Board took no action on accepting bids and referring them to City Engineer for review and bid tabulation.

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***ADMINISTRATIVE***

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board approved City Attorney file response on behalf of the city for summons received on cause no. 25-1969, In the matter of the Enlarging, Extending, and Defining the Corporate Limits and Boundaries of the City of Long Beach, Harrison County, Ms. City of Long Beach, Ms. vs. City of Gulfport, MS and City of

Pass Christian, Ms., to oppose, support or take no position, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.

Alderman Dreyfus	Take no position
Alderman Piernas	Aye
Alderman Kimball	Aye
Alderman Federico	Take no position
Alderman Pickich	Aye

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved proposed resolution concerning opting out of House Bill 1197, entitled the "Safe Solicitation Act" adopted in the 2025 Mississippi Legislative session, as requested by Marian, Governor, City Clerk. A-2

Alderman Dreyfus	Aye
Alderman Piernas	Aye
Alderman Kimball	Aye
Alderman Federico	Aye
Alderman Pickich	Aye

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved placing two stop signs at Fernwood and Maple making it a three-way stop, as requested by Aldermen Victor Pickich and Greg Federico.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hearing from Community Development Director, Bill Dauphin, concerning setting a hearing for an urgent, dangerous, and unsafe condition at 309 Morton Avenue, as request by Alderman Joe Piernas.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved instructing Skip Negrotto, City Judge to locate owner.

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***WATER DEPARTMENT***

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the job description for Lead Utility Billing Specialist, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. W-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved changing job title of DeDe Wagoner from Utility Customer Service Representative to Lead Utility Billing Specialist and increase pay an additional \$2.48 per hour effective December 19, 2025.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved changes to the Senior Accountant job description and authorize pay increase of an additional \$2.02 per hour to be paid from the Utility fund for Olivia Lewis for the additional job duties effective December 19, 2025. W-3

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*CONSENT AGENDA*

*Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved items 4,5, 7-14, and 16-21.*

- 1. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved 2024 GOMESA-ARPA/MCWI Project No. 188 Change Order #3 (Final – Summary Change Order) adjusting the contract quantities to conform to the completed work, for a net decrease in the contract in the amount of -\$96,239.00 for a final contract amount of \$821,679.00 and authorize Pay Application #3 (Final) to DNA Underground LLC, for Lift Station and SCADA Improvements in the amount of \$163,729.50. 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 laws, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable, as recommended by City Engineer Bob Escher. CA-1

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- 2. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved 2021 GOMESA Grant project - Emerald Avenue Lift Station Rehabilitation Change Order #3 (Final – Summary Change Order) adjusting the contract quantities to conform to the completed work, for a net decrease in the contract in the amount of -\$17,121.50 for a final contract amount of \$348,870.50 and authorize Pay Application #3 (Final) to DNA Underground LLC, in the amount of \$184,155.22. 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 laws, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable, as recommended by City Engineer Bob Escher. CA-2

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3. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved GOMESA Grant project – North Street Gravity Sewer Improvements – Phase II and III Change Order #3 adjusting the contract quantities to conform to the completed work, for a net decrease in the contract in the amount of -\$34.04 for a final contract amount of \$4,257,770.05 to LJ Construction, Inc. 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 laws, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable, as recommended by Project Engineer, Andrew Levens. CA-3
4. Approved – Administration: Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$113,010.81 to LJ Construction, Inc. for North Street Gravity Sewer Improvement Phases II and III. These funds are reimbursed with the GOMESA Grant (152-701-911), as requested by Project Engineer, Andrew Levens. CA-4
5. Approved – Administration: a \$500 contribution to the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception in Jackson, MS on January 7, 2026, to be paid out of the Community Promotions Budget. 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. CA-5
6. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor, Alderman Kimball, Alderman Piernas and Alderman at large Pickich to attend the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception on January 7, 2026, in Jackson, MS., and approve a one night hotel lodging NTE \$149.00/night, and use of City vehicle, as requested by City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-6
7. Approved – Beautification: accepting check in the amount of \$578.00 from Nicholas Valente for replacement of 2 tree in 2-30-gallon containers and increase budget line item 001.502.508 (Plants & Shrubs), as requested by Beautification Director, Brad Manus. CA-7

8. Approved - Community Development: request to send Director of Community Development, Billy Dauphin, and Fire Chief, Dia'mond Woodman, to attend the Integrated Watershed Management Workshop January 20 -24, 2026 at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, St Augustine FL. Per Diem is \$360 each and lodging \$680 each. Use of Chief Woodman's city vehicle is requested. Awarded \$600 registration and travel grant with remaining expenses funded in their Travel and Training budgets. This training is crucial to the preservation of fragile wetlands located in Pass Christian. CA-8
9. Approved - Court: refund request of \$250.00 to Benjamin Weaver. Mr. Weaver bonded out from the Pass Christian Police Department on July 2, 2025. The charge was heard on November 19, 2025, and was dismissed. A full refund is requested, as requested by Judge Skip Nagrotto. CA-9
10. Approved - Fire -accepting David Easterling resignation from full time Firefighter to part time Firefighter effective December 19, 2025, and pay him for any comp-time and vacation pay per City policy that he may have accrued while employed as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-10
11. Approved - Fire -the surplus and disposal of Washer (Asset ID: 000396) located at the Fire Department, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.
12. Approved - Harbor -request to issue refund check to Kevin Dang in the amount of \$640.58. Mr. Dang pays 6 months at a time and sold his boat on November 25, 2025, and no longer needs the slip, as requested by James Butcher, Harbormaster. CA-12.
13. Approved - Planning: motion to approve the merging of two parcels into one parcel for the properties located at approximately 0 Courtenay Ave, parcel numbers 0413C-01-013.004 and 0413C-01-013.005. The current zone is T3R, and the property owner/applicant is requesting the merger to further enable the ability for future development of the property for a home, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-13

14. Approved – Planning –motion to approve the merging of two parcels into one parcel for the properties located at 121 E Scenic Drive (parcel# 0313H-02-060.000) and 125 E Scenic Drive (parcel# 0313H-02-059.000). The current zone is T4L, and the property owner/applicant is requesting the merger to further enable his ability for future development of the property, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-14

15. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved motion to approve Ordinance 714 for the vacation of an easement located at 611 W. North Street for applicant Charlie Reymond II. Jim Simpson, City Attorney and Melodie Hayes, City Planner, presenting, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-15

Alderman Dreyfus	Aye
Alderman Piernas	Aye
Alderman Kimball	Aye
Alderman Federico	Aye
Alderman Pickich	Aye

16. Approved – Police –ratifying resignation from Patrol Officer Deondra Anderson effective December 4, 2025, from full time officer and placing her on part-time list of reserves at the rate of \$25.00 per hour with no benefits or Civil Service protection, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-16

17. Approved – Police –accepting Oath of Offices from Patrol Officers Jennifer Pezzarossi and Keith Ladner, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-17

18. Approved – Recreation - ratifying entering into an agreement with The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast for the period of December 15, 2025, through February 27, 2026, for Youth Basketball in the amount of \$6,000 amend the budget accordingly, as requested by Brett Bentz, Recreation. CA-18.

19. Approved –Recreation - the 2024.2025 invoices from the Boys and Girl Club in the amount of \$6,000 and amend accordingly, as requested by Bret Bentz, Recreation Director. CA-19

20. Approved – Administrative: the minutes of November 18, 2025, Regular Mayor and Board of

Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-20

21. Approved – Administration: accepting the November 2025 Budget Report, as requested by City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-21

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*CLAIMS DOCKET*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$135,463.27. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved amend the agenda to accept an addendum.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved adopting a resolution and order the removal of derelict and abandon vessels from the Pass Christian Municipal Harbor, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.

Alderman Dreyfus	Aye
Alderman Piernas	Aye
Alderman Kimball	Aye
Alderman Federico	Aye
Alderman Pickich	Aye

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*EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball, the Board unanimously approved going into Closed Session to see if there is a need to go into Executive Session concerning a case the City has against them, Department, as requested by Judge Negrotto.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved coming out of Closed Session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved going into of Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and another pending litigation, as requested by Jim Simpson, City Attorney and Marian Governor, City Clerk.

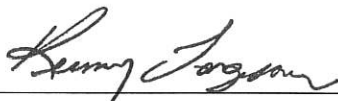
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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved coming out of Executive Session and took no action while in session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to adjourn.

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Mayor

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4-7-2026  
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City Clerk

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