

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, City Attorney, Jim Simpson, 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 Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the August 19, 2025, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved opening bids for the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project – Rebid.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved to accept the bids for the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project – Rebid and to forward to City Engineer for tabulation and awarding at a later date.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved motion to amend the agenda and move Community Development items 1 - 4 to the Consent Agenda.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved adopting Resolution declaring the month of September 2025 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness month, as requested by Rebecca Morrow, Representative. A-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved hearing from Jeff Clark, the Executive Director of Harrison County Senior Services, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved hearing from Keith Anderson with Aflac, as requested by Alderman Joe Piernas.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved discussing the set-up and installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station #2, as requested by Alderman Joe Piernas. A-4

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and no seconded the motion to set-up and installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station #2 died for lack of a second.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved reviewing the update from the City Engineer concerning Work Order #6 with DNA underground concerning the design changes and the process of acquiring the property needed to

move forward on this project, as requested by Alderman Barry Dreyfus.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved Public Works Department to take action on the following issues in Ward 4, as requested by Alderman Greg Federico. A-6

- Royal Oat and Henderson - Keep Right sign is faded
- Issue another "Do Not Enter Sign"
- Fairway Drive along Golf Course – Ditch does not flow
- 122 Fairway Drive lot next to construction -Culvert is broken (back side)
- Golf Course – Ditches behind the 16th Green and 13th Tee do not flow
- Ditch alongside 17 White Tee does not flow
- Ditch along left side of 17 Fairway

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved recommendation to temporarily freeze non-fee based use of Randolph Center, with the exception of the classrooms, City functions and previously approved pending use until City is no longer in a deficit, as requested by Randolph Committee.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hearing an update on Pass Christian Katrina Memorial Celebration to be held Friday, August 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in War Memorial Park. The following additional resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Alderman Kirk Kimball: A-8

- Street closure of Fleitas Ave. & Second / Fleitas Ave. & Scenic from 4:00 pm-7:30pm
- Street Closure of Scenic (in front of Park) 5pm-7:30pm
- Use of Randolph Center for secondary rain out location if needed
- Barricades & cones
- Digital traffic sign

- Use of the Harbor's Dumpster & Facilities
- Trash Cans
- Generators (if needed)
- Tent rental from Biloxi Bounce House for in the amount of \$877.19
- PA system in the amount of \$400.00 from Big Talk Entertainment
- Cake and cupcakes from Walmart not to exceed \$150
- Plastic ware and glasses
- Other needs as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 (Final) and Pay Application #1 (Final) to DNA Underground LLC, for 762 West North Street Drainage Repairs in the amount of -\$1,825.00 which is a net decrease to the contract for a final total contract amount of \$18,430.00 (MIT Fund). 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. A-9

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Change Order #2 to DNA Underground LLC, for Lift Station Rehabilitation and SCADA Improvements in the amount of \$222,040.00 which is a net increase to the contract for a final total contract amount of \$917,918.00, reimbursement under a 2024 GOMESA grant. 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. A-10

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order #2 to Calder Co. Construction, for downstairs at Fire Station I in the amount of 33,664.00 funded with the 2025 Bond Series. 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 Fire Chief Woodman. A-11

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved allowing the Pass Christian High School to have a Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally event at War Memorial Park on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 starting at 5:00 p.m., which will include Food Trucks - (blocking the frontage road on that day for the food trucks to set up those few hours of the event), this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Kendra R Bensch, PCHS Student Council Sponsor. E-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon to hold their 10th Anniversary run on Sunday, December 14, 2025, starting at 7:30 a.m. The run begins at Henderson Point, continues along Highway 90 and ends at Keesler Federal Credit Union parking lot in Biloxi, MS. The following City resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Doug Cain, FRESHJUNKIE Racing. E-2

- Police Department Assistance for Highway 90 traffic Control while in the City
- Anything deemed necessary by the Mayor

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved recommendation to hire Deondra Anderson as Patrol Officer to fill the existing vacancy effective August 29, 2025, and a starting salary of \$18.98 per hour plus holiday pay. Pending urinalysis and psychological exam. Position has a one-year probationary period. This is a budgeted position, and funds are available as confirmed by City Clerk, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. P-

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved items 1 – 4, 6 - 15 and 1- 4 Community Development items moved to Consent Agenda in previous motion.

1. Approved – Administration: the proposal from Betz Rosetti & Associates, Inc for General Liability Insurance for the Dog Park in the amount of \$1,254.83, as requested by the Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-1
2. Approved – Administration: the Mardi Gras Community King Cake Tasting Committee to host the 4th Annual King Cake Tasting at the Randolph Center on January 15, 2026. Organizer will pay all fees associated with the rental of Randolph and the cleanup. The event will be free, but we request those attending to consider either bringing a non-perishable food item(s) for the Gone Fishing Ministries or a monetary donation, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by the King Cake Tasting in the Pass Committee. CA-2

3. Approved - Court: refund request in the amount of \$200.00 to J'Lon Rials. Mr. Rials paid a cash bond at the Pass Christian Police Department on March 24, 2025. The charge was heard on April 16, 2025, and no fines were assessed. All conditions were completed on August 6, 2025, and a full refund of the \$200.00 is requested, as requested by Tina Dupree, Court Clerk. CA-3
4. Approved - Court: refund request in the amount of \$250.00 to Sandra Richardson. Ms. Richardson paid a cash bond at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center for her charges. On July 9, 2025, she was found guilty, and her fines were suspended. A full refund is requested by Tina Dupree, Court Clerk. CA-4
5. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved ratifying the resignation of Stephanie Evert effective Tuesday, August 5, 2025, pay her for any comp-time and vacation pay per City policy that she may have accrued while employed, and approve advertisement of this position, as requested by Harbormaster James Butcher.
6. Approved - Police: accepting FY26 Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Police Traffic Services Grant in the amount of \$22,500 for overtime reimbursement effective October 1, 2025. There is no match for this grant, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-6
7. Approved - Police: ratifying request to send Sue Young to mandatory FY25 Task Force Meeting held August 12, 2025, in Canton, MS and use of a City vehicle, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-7
8. Approved - Administration: Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$188,079.40 to LJ Construction, Inc. for the North Street Gravity Sewer Improvement Phases II & III, recommended by the Project Engineer, Overstreet & Associates These funds are reimbursed with the GOMESA Grant (152-701-911) as confirmed by the City Clerk. CA-8
9. Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 5, 2025, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen

- meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-9
- 10 Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 6, 2025, Special Recess Budget Workshop I meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-10
- 11 Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 8, 2025, Special Recess Public Hearing meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-11
- 12 Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 8, 2025, Special Recess Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-12
- 13 Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 12, 2025, Budget Workshop II meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-13
- 14 Approved - Administration: the minutes of August 14, 2025, Budget Workshop III meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-14
- 15 Approved - Administration: the July 2025 Budget Report, as requested by City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-14 (To be provided prior to BOA)
- 16 Approved – Community Development: application of 78 Poindexter Drive/Deborah Blouin, Tax Parcel No. 0213H-04-033.000, request a variance for front load parking, in the City of Pass Christian, MS, a T3R Transect Zone. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on July 29, 2025) CD-1
- 17 Approved – Community Development: application of 121 Palmwood Drive/ Gulf States Construction, Tax Parcel No. 0210O-01-003.000, request a variance for front load parking, in the City of Pass Christian, MS, a T3R Transect Zone. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on July 29, 2025). CD-2
18. Approved – Community Development: application of lot merger located at approximately 100 E. Henderson Avenue, parcels numbers 0312K-03-026.006, 0312K-03-026.007, 0312K-03-026.008, 0312K-03-026.009 per approval recommendation from Planning Commission on July 29, 2025.

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19. Approved – Community Development: application of 66 Poindexter Drive/Glenn Schmitt/Tax Parcel No. 0213H-04-03.000, request a variance for front load parking, in the City of Pass Christian, MS, a T3R Transect Zone. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on July 29, 2025). CD-4

CLAIMS DOCKET

1. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$124,462.94. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved adjourning at 7:15 p.m.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to reopen the regular scheduled Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting for August 19, 2025 at 7:16 p.m.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add an addendum.

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*****Alderman Barry Dreyfus recused himself from meeting*****

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTE BOOK 152

August 19, 2025

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved hearing update on 105 Palm Avenue.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board approved authorizing City Attorney and Building and Code Administration to start process to demolish 105 Palm Avenue.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

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Mayor

9-2-2025
Date



City Clerk

9-2-2025
Date