

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 5, 2025, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hearing from Anna Claire Parone with the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce to present Small Business Grants to four of our local businesses. Thank you to the Chamber for the support you give to our local business community, as requested by Susan Putnam, Community Affairs.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hearing from Dr. Sarah Crisler Ruskey, Director of the Harrison County Library System, to speak and make a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, as requested by Wendy Allard, Head Librarian. A-2.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved rescinding the allocation of \$255,875 for infrastructure (\$233,549 out of SB2468 and \$22,326 out of SB2948) to K&H Investments, LLC for the Hilton Tower Commons project previously approved on April 15, 2025, by the Board of Aldermen. The developer has notified the city they are no longer moving forward with the project, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Work Order #6 in the amount of \$214,990.00 to DNA Underground LLC for the Scenic Drive Parking Improvements for labor and equipment to remove existing concrete, vegetation, curb and gutter and replacement of new concrete parking, to be funded with the remaining balance of the SB 2948 grant (balance as of 7.31.25 is \$22,607.75) and the difference from SB2468, as requested by Bob Escher, City Engineer. A-4

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Work Order #7 in the amount of \$26,142.00 to DNA Underground LLC for 229 Basswood Drive for labor and equipment to remove and replace failing drainage structures, including roadside culvert and junction box, to be paid from 118.301.911 (MIT fund construction in progress) as requested by Bob Escher, City Engineer. A-5

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Work Order #5 in the amount of \$111,285.00 to DNA Underground LLC for labor and equipment to install drainage culvert and catch basins along the east side of Leovy Street, to be paid out of the 2025 bond series, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher. A-6

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Work Order for 118 Barkley from Bobcat Tree Work LLC in the amount of \$1,100.00 to remove tree, grind stump and haul away debris which is required before a new drain can be installed to alleviate neighborhood flooding, as requested by Alderman Kimball. A-7

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved awarding the contract for Generator Preventative Maintenance Services to K & R Services. the lowest and best quote in the amount of \$6,385.00 to be paid from 400.702.635 (Utility contractual repairs and maintenance, as recommended by WPSCO. A-8

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Agreement with Brookhill, LLC (John E. Lynch) for the removal of playground equipment on the East side of War Memorial Park except for the swing sets and accept their proposal in the amount of \$1,500.00 as it was the only proposal submitted and received by the deadline, as requested by Brad Manus, Beautification Director. A-9

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved discussing lease with B and W Seafood, LLC (William Scarborough) in West Harbor on Skiff Pier and adjacent area for bait and tackle shop and sale of ice for five-year term beginning on August 1, 2025 expiring July 31, 2030. A-10, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. A-

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved with changes and have City Attorney, Jim Simpson review and make necessary revisions for lease with B and W Seafood, LLC (William Scarborough) in West Harbor on Skiff Pier and adjacent area for bait and sale of ice for five-year term beginning on August 1, 2025 expiring July 31, 2030. A-10, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved closing of the streets Saturday August 23, 2025, from Market & Scenic to Hiern & Scenic from 6pm-Midnight for St. Paul's Carnival annual fundraiser, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities to the City of Pass Christian. The following resources are requested, as recommended by Alderman Kirk Kimball

- Barricades
- Cones
- Trash cans (If needed)
- Anything deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request from Pass Christian Main Street to use the Pavilion on Second and Davis for the 10th Annual Farm to Table Dinner, on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from noon to 11:00 p.m. The following City resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. E-2

- Trash Cans
- Barricades
- One Police Officer
- Anything 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 request for Flounder Pounder Fishing Tournament Fundraiser. They are requesting use of the parking lot/green space behind Keith's store on Aug 15th, 2025 (5PM-7PM) and August 16th, 2025 (8AM-11AM) and the use of 4 barricades and 3 trash cans. No added personnel will be needed, and they will handle all cleanup, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master. E-3

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved funding donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the 1st Responder Family Fund to assist the Fund with its mission of providing assistance to first responders and their family when calamity strikes. The 1st Responder Family Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Alderman Victor Pickich.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved motion to authorize the City Engineer and Code Enforcement to develop a permitting process and application for the installation of private utilities within the public rights-of-way, as requested by Bob Escher, City Engineer. CD-1

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board took no action on recommendation to hiring a full-time firefighter to fill the existing vacancy with a hire date and starting salary, pending urinalysis and background check. The position has a one-year probationary period. This is a budgeted position, and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved request to move Christopher Harris from Part Time to Full Time Firefighter 2 with a salary of \$13.80 per hour, effective transfer date is August 15, 2025 with a one (1) year probation, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved recognizing the firefighters listed in the attached Pass Christian Volunteer Firefighters roster, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. F-3.

- John Dedeaux – Chief
- Tommy Boswell – Asst. Chief
- Jason Mobley - Asst. Chief
- Dwight Gordon – Sec/Treas
- Mark Necaie
- John Pope
- Aaron Swanier
- Austin Graham
- David Spence
- Ivo Prikasky
- Tim Walker
- Liam Sheehan
- Blake Dubuisson

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved accepting resignation from Sergeant Austin Langfitt effective August 14, 2025, and pay him for any comp-time and vacation pay per City policy that he may have accrued while employed, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. P-1.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved request for salary increase to Certified Officer pay of \$18.50 per hour for Officer Corbin Teague effective August 15, 2025. Officer Teague has passed the academy and has met all Civil Service requirements. Position has a one-year probationary period, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved items 1 – 3, 7-14 and 16 - 20 below.

1. Approved – Administration: ratifying awarding quote for the H Vac air conditioner to Ray Weaver in the amount of \$44,940.00. The recommended vendor supplied a quote that is approximately \$12,848.03 higher than the second quote; however, Ray Weaver offered a more transparent quote including removal of unit and recycling of the freon. Additionally, adjudicating that the lowest bid was not the best bid because of past adverse experience with Change Orders with lowest quote. The city feels that the minor difference in price provided by Ray Weaver offers more overall value than the packages submitted by other vendors, as requested by Mayor

Torgeson. CA-1

2. Approved – Administration: closing out Senior Center Petty Cash (Marie Lamb) drawer in the amount of \$100.00, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-2
3. Approved - Administrative: refund in the amount of \$100.00 to the Pass Christian High School Alumni Association for the reservation of the Randolph Center for a dance on July 5, 2025. Due to a lack of volunteers, the dance was cancelled, as requested by Shannon Starita, Deputy Clerk. CA-3
4. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved Agreement with Cruisin' The Coast, and approve donation to Pass Christian Main Street for opening night band in the amount of \$2,000.00, which was previously approved at the June 17, 2025, Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting E-2 with no exhibit, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities to the City, as requested Susan Putnam, Community Affair. CA-4
5. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved request to send Firefighter Corbin Adams to attend HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS, NFPA 470 - 106 at The MSFA Sept 8- Sept 26 no cost for course, per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-5
6. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved request to send Lieutenant Dustin Dauner to attend MACHINERY RESCUE TECHNICIAN, NFPA 1006 – 0101 at The MSFA September 9- September 11 there is a \$500 Course fee, (001-220-610) per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-6
7. Approved - Harbor: Consider the change of location from C4 slip 1 to P6 slip 10 for Dustin

Gartman. He was approved for the installation of a covered boat lift at Pier C4, Slip, at the tenant's expense at the July 15, 2025, Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting. All construction will comply with Harbor modifications guidelines and will be installed by Innovative Builders, who will obtain DMR permits before installation, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.

8. Approved - Harbor: the installation of the following covered boat-lifts at the tenant's expense. All construction will comply with harbor modifications guidelines and will be installed by Innovative Builders, who will obtain DMR permits before installation, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.

- Raleigh Robuchaux Pier P2, Slip 54
- Eddie Candilora Pier P2, Slip 53

9. Approved - Planning: refund request for application fee in the amount of \$250.00. Application was withdrawn for a zoning change/reclassification for tax parcel 03112K-01-005.000, located at approximately Clark and Asgard. Applicant and agent: Carl LaRosa, 9153 Lorraine Rd., Suite C, Gulfport, MS 39503, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-9
10. Approved - Police: accepting Oath of Office from Officer Breanna Fountain, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-10
11. Approved - Police: request for Officer Joshua Thomas to attend Taser Instructor course held September 3-4, 2025, in Brandon, MS. Tuition is \$895, lodging \$110, \$68 per diem, and use of a City vehicle is requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-11
12. Approved - Police: request for Communications Supervisor Connie Hall and Dispatcher Shantale Belew to attend Negotiations and Talk Tactics course held August 25-26, 2025, in Biloxi MS. Tuition is \$300 each and use of a City vehicle is requested (Hall), as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-12
13. Approved - Police: request for the 2022 Ford F150, VIN# 1FTFW1P88NKE09577, to return to

unmarked vehicle, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-13

14. Approved - Water: refund in the amount of \$946.25 for water and sewer taps for Jesse Lee Jr., 124 Holiday Avenue. At time of installation, WPSCO found existing taps on property, as requested by Dede Waggoner, Water Billing Clerk. CA-14
15. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved refund in the amount of \$395.00 for sprinkler tap for Misty Strickland, 619 E. Second Street. At the time of installation, WPSCO found existing taps on property, as requested by Dede Waggoner, Water Billing Clerk. CA-15
16. Approved: The Third Amended and Restated Grant Agreement for the GCRF 22-38, Waterfront Redevelopment Project which extends the grant deadline to June 30, 2026, as recommended by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. CA-16
17. Approved – the Fifth Amended and Restated Grant Agreement for the GCRF 20-22, Downtown Redevelopment Revitalization Project which extends the grant deadline to June 30, 2026, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. CA-17
18. Approved: payment to Overstreet and Associates for invoices #3885 in the amount of \$1,011.48 for 1256 North Street Gravity Sewer Phase I and #3896 in the amount of \$40,643.00 for 1257 North St. Gravity Sewer Phase II & III which are reimbursable by Gomesa Grant, and the funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk. CA-18
19. Approved - Payment Application No. 4 for Lift Station Rehabilitation and SCADA Improvements, ARPA/MCWI Project in the amount of \$135,037.50 payable to DNA Underground, LLC, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher, P.E. CA-19
20. Approved - the minutes of July 15, 2025, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-20
21. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board

unanimously approved the minutes of July 25, 2025, Special Recess Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-21

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$387,047.93. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to accept addendum.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to discuss Resolution expressing strong opposition to the proposed leasing of public oyster reefs in Mississippi waters and in support of commercial fishermen from Pass Christian in their efforts to preserve the public right of all Mississippians to fish and harvest oysters on the natural oyster reefs of the Mississippi Sound and the preservation of public access to our marine resources, as request by Alderman Kirk Kimball. AD-1.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved to table to next Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting Resolution expressing strong opposition to the proposed leasing of public oyster reefs in Mississippi waters and in support of commercial fishermen from Pass Christian in their efforts to preserve the public right of all Mississippians to fish and harvest oysters on the natural oyster reefs of the Mississippi Sound and the preservation of public access to our marine resources.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 to Planet Recess for War Memorial Park Playground Equipment in the amount of \$6,267 and a final contract amount of \$103,167.50, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. 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 requested by Alderman Victor Pickich.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to go in Closed Session to see if they need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue in the Code, Harbor and Water Departments respectively, as it pertains to future legal ramifications, as request by Jim Simpson, City Attorney. ES-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to come out of Closed Session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue in the Code, Harbor and Water Departments respectively, as it pertains to future legal ramifications, as request by Jim Simpson, City Attorney. ES-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to follow the consensus of the Board and have City Attorney, Jim Simpson contact the State Auditors office concerning personnel issue in the Code, Harbor and Water Departments respectively, as it pertains to City business and future legal ramifications.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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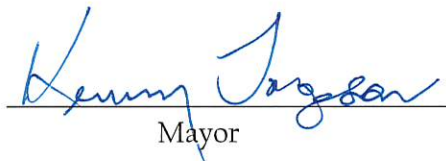
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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to recess at 7:52 p.m. until the next Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting.

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Mayor

08-5-2025

Date



City Clerk

08-5-2025

Date