

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 Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas
the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the July 1, 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 accepting oath of offices from the following newly elected officials,
as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. EO-1.

- Mayor Kenny Torgeson
- Alderman-at-Large Victor Pickich
- Alderman Barry Dreyfus
- Alderman Joe Piernas
- Alderman Kirk Kimball
- Alderman Gregory Federico

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board
unanimously approved to amend the agenda to move CA-1 in front of EO-2.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved reappointing all City officials, Department Directors and employees, including but not limited to Municipal Court Judge, Prosecutor, Prosecutor Pro Tem, Municipal Judge Pro Tem, Appeals Prosecutor, Court Clerks and Deputy Court Clerk, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Building Official, Local Floodplain Manager, and City Planner, for new term of office, 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 accepting the new Bond schedule for the newly elected officials effective July 1, 2025, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. E-2

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the new term of office, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved appointing Alderman Victor Pickich as Mayor Pro Tem for the new term of office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to table request from the New Golden Star #25 Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge, Mexican Gulf Lodge #64 to resume use of the Community Room at the Randolph

Center every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for monthly meetings, as requested by Patra Roberts, Worthy Matron of the New Golden Star #25. A-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved authorizing Boy Scout Ethan Mauffray with Troop 316 to earn his Eagle rank by constructing and placing a wooden flag retirement box in City Hall, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved appointing Jim Simpson as City Attorney and approve Engagement Agreement that includes a monthly retainer fee of \$3,000 and hourly rate of \$225.00, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. A-3

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hiring Patti Greer on a temporary basis at a rate of \$45.00 per hour to assist City Clerk with bank reconciliation effective July 7, 2025. (Mrs. Greer is a PERS retiree.) as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved City Engineer's recommendation to reject bids for the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. Bids were received from four (4) contractors on June 17, 2025, and the bids ranged from \$280,444.14 to \$384,163.75. In reviewing the bids and keeping in mind the Owner was providing the needed hydrants and gate valves; we feel the bids received far exceed the estimated amount budgeted for the work. Based on these factors, we recommend the Board of

Aldermen reject all bids and authorize the Fire Chief, City Engineer and the Water and Sewer Operator to modify the scope of work in preparation of rebidding the work in the near future, as recommended 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 motion to authorize re-advertisement for Fire Hydrant Replacement.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved renewal agreement with AGJ Systems for Backup and Disaster Recovery services for the City's Information Technology systems at \$400.00 per month for a period of three (3) years, effective August 1, 2025, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. A-6

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved renewal agreement with AGJ Systems for Complete Care Managed Services for the City's Information Technology Systems at \$8,000 per month for a period of three (3) years effective August 1, 2025, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. A-7

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the 2024/2025 Budget Adjustment, as requested by City Clerk, Marian Governor. A-8

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request from Coast Episcopal School for use of twenty (20) 55 gallon trash drums, three trailer-mounted generator (1-35kw and two larger kw) and stage for delivery on Thursday, October 16, 2025, to be used on Friday, October 17, 2025 for annual Toast to the Coast fundraising event, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Brandy Jones, CA Representative. ET-1

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved variance to allow front load parking and dual driveway for home located at 106 Poplar Point, TM Homes Tax Parcel No. 0312M-02-007.000 with the added condition of pavers and gravel in the middle for the first 8 feet from the street, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on 6/24/2025). CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved variance to allow front load parking and dual driveway for home located at 131 Beachview Drive for Joseph Bowman Tax Parcel No. 0313L-02-078.000, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on 6/24/2025). CD-2

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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved recommendation of the City Planner to merge two (2) lots to create one (1) lot, tax parcel(s): (0312M-01-064.000 - 5 Youngswood Loop & 0312M-01-063.000 - 7 Youngswood Loop of Timber

Ridge Subdivision – Christopher Turpin Jones); Property address will be 7 Youngswood Loop. In accordance with ordinance, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. (This action has been approved by the Planning Commission on 6/24/2025). CD-3

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved renewal of the School Resource Officer Agreement (SRO) with Pass Christian School District for the 2025-2026 school year under the same terms and conditions as the past year, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. PD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved recommendation to hire Breanna Fountain as Patrol Officer effective July 11, 2025, at a starting salary of \$18.98 per hour plus holiday pay, pending urinalysis and psychological exam This position has a one-year probationary period. This is a budgeted position and will fill the existing vacancy in patrol left by Patrick Williams, and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. PD-2

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved items 3 – 7, 9-13, and 16 -21 below.

2. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved reappointing Municipal Election Commissioners, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

3. Approved – New Administration: ratifying and confirming all City contracts previously approved, which expired at the beginning of the new term of office with the exception of the Time Clock Plus Contract. [These contracts will expire at the end of their current term unless otherwise renewed.]
4. Approved - New Administration: closing out Utility Department Petty Cash draw in the amount of \$200.00 to be deposited into the Utility account ending 57294, deposited on June 26, 2025, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.
5. Approved - New Administration: closing out Harbor Department Petty Cash draw in the amount of \$100.00 to be deposited into the City Depository account ending 57294, requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.
6. Approved: New Administration: transferring the Harbor Department Change Fund drawer in the amount of \$200.00 from Jennifer Lizana to Jessie Herron, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.
7. Approved: New Administration: Consider issuing/re- issuing the following Petty Cash to the following departments, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. (Funds were turned- in on June 30, 2025, to account for transition of newly elected officials.)

Sue Young	Police Clerk	\$ 100.00
Jaclyn Laughlin	Fire Clerk	\$200.00

8. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved New Administration: Consider removing Jimmy Rafferty and adding the newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem as an authorized signer on the following Bank accounts: (as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk)

55097	BP Deep Water Horizon	Hancock-Whitney
55100	City Clerk Tax Collector	
55119	City Depository	Hancock-Whitney
55127	City of Pass Christian Credit Card	Hancock-Whitney
55135	Capital Improvement	Hancock-Whitney
57235	Gulf Restoration	Hancock-Whitney

57243	House Bill 1353	Hancock-Whitney
57251	City of Pass Christian Payroll	Hancock-Whitney
57278	Senate Bill 2948	Hancock-Whitney
57286	Utility CC Clearing	Hancock-Whitney
57294	Utility Operating Fund	Hancock-Whitney
57316	FEMA Claims Fund	Hancock-Whitney
76108	House Bill 603 Infrastructure Grant	Hancock-Whitney
84140	Senate Bill 2468	Hancock-Whitney
68476	2025 Bond Construction Acct	Hancock-Whitney
68476	Police Evidence Account	Hancock-Whitney
X0270	City Depository	Peoples Bank
X0155	Utility Oper Fund	Peoples Bank

9. Approved: New Administration: allowing the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and City Clerk to attend the MML Annual Conference to be held on July 20, 2025 thru July 23, 2025. The cost to attend is \$350.00 each, as recommended by the Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-9
10. Approved: Administration: temporary transfer from the Hancock Bank Utility Operating account to the Hancock Bank Gulf Coast Restoration Fund account in the amount of \$500,000. Funds will be returned after the grant reimburses the City.
11. Approved: Administration: Anabele Jordan to represent the City of Pass Christian at the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and Ms. Princess Pageant on July 3, 2025 thru July 6, 2025, as requested by Alderman Fredrico.
12. Approved: Administration: Final Pay Application #1 to DNA Underground, LLC for Lift Station #7 Emergency Repairs in the amount of \$6,400, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. CA-12
13. Approved: Administration: Pay Application # 7 in the amount of \$290,000 to St. Paul Center, LLC. for the St. Paul Village project to be reimbursed by the Gulf Coast Restoration Grant 22-38, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-13
14. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board

unanimously approved Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$34,237.00 (with 5 % retainage) to Calder Co. for Fire Station #1 with a remaining balance of \$271,045.00 funded through the 2025 Bond Series fund, as requested by Project Architect, Leah Watters. CA-14

15. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved payment to Overstreet and Associates for invoice #3842 in the amount of \$67,951.95 for 1256 North St. Gravity Sewer Phase I and invoice #3859 in the amount of \$22,086.75 for 1257 North St. Gravity Sewer Phase II and III which are reimbursable by GOMESA Grant, and the funds are available as confirmed by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-15
16. Approved: Beautification: Consider accepting a check in the amount of \$867.00 from Nicaud Holding, LLC for replacement of 3-30 gallon non -protected trees and amend budget line item 001.502.508 (Plants & Shrubs), as requested by Beautification Director, Brad Manus. CA-16
17. Approved: Community Development: Consider granting Brad Manus, City of Pass Christian Arborist, authority to administratively approve all pruning and removing of dead, injured, dying, diseased protected Live Oaks and Magnolias as well as other species above the caliber of 38", as requested by Billy Dauphin, Community Development Director. (This action was unanimously approved by the Tree Board).
18. Approved: Harbor: Consider approving extending the finger pier on Slip C-4 #3 by approximately 12 feet for Thomas Genin. Mr. Genin has agreed to cover all associated costs, and the extension will comply with the harbor's design criteria. Installation will be performed by Innovative Builders and TM Construction who will obtain DMR permits before installation, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master. CA-18
19. Police: Consider approving request to reimburse Officer Joshua Thomas for his EMT license fee in the amount of \$104.00, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-19

- 20. Approved: Consider approving the minutes of June 17, 2025, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-20
- 21. Approved: Consider accepting City Inventory for FY 2024/2025 Fixed Asset Inventory list, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-21

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$267,705.68. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

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