

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 July 15, 2025, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved hearing from Cynthia Chauvin, Executive Director of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) and authorize the City to take \$1000.00 of Alderman Barry Dreyfus salary for FY 2025/2026 budget year as a donation on behalf of himself and the City to support the CASA Program, as requested by Cynthia Chauvin, Executive Director, CASA of South Mississippi. A-1

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1. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved hearing a presentation about Excel By 5 and approving the waiver of the rental

fee (\$125) for use of the Randolph Center but will cover the \$100 cleanup fee (\$100) for the Excel By 5 Community Baby Shower to be held at the Randolph Center on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, as requested by Excel By 5 Steering Committee. A-2 (Contingent upon any and all action to be taken by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the use of the Randolph currently being revised.)

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved authorizing the hiring of LNJ Services to video the storm drain and adjacent to the Cypress tree that is believed to be the problem with immediate drainage located at 118 Barkley Drive with a flat fee of \$1,850.00, as requested by Alderman Kirk Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously denied approving the following sidewalks at no cost to the City and to revisit during Budget Hearings. This is in addition to the \$854,200 sidewalk from the Cedar/North Street Curve East to Pine Street that the Board of Aldermen approved at a previous meeting. This will improve safety on Cedar Avenue and North Street, and to further develop North Street, as requested by Alderman Joe Piernas. A-4

| Cost of Project | Project Description |
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| \$839,763.81 | From Cedar/North Street Curve south to Brill Street (Pass Estates) |
| \$364,437.01 | From Pine Street east to Church Street |
| <u>\$161,485.52</u> | From Church St. East 815 ft to the eastern entrance of All Seasons Landscaping |
| \$1,365,686.34 | Total |

The source of the grant is the Gulf Regional Planning Organization which requires a 20% City Match. The \$273,137 City Match for the sidewalk grant will be paid out of the \$750,000 Capital Expenditure Grant (HB603) which has a current balance of \$771,130. The remaining balance in the Capital Expenditure Grant (HB603) of \$487,863 can be used for the following other infrastructure

projects in the City: \$279,201 for infrastructure on the Harbor Pavilion and \$218,792 for the City Match on an additional phase of the North Street sidewalk to be obtained in 2026.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved discussing Gravity Main project on North Street, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved requesting from the Library for the waiver of rental fee (\$125.00) for the use of the Randolph Center for the One Book One Pass Author Presentation on Thursday, October 16, 2025, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Wendy Allard, Head Librarian. E-1 (Contingent upon any and all action to be taken by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the use of the Randolph currently being revised.)

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved allowing the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club (MCMC) to host a one-day car show on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 7:00 am until 2:00pm at the Harbor (behind Keith's). They anticipate accommodation between 40 and 75 registered vehicles. This has been pre-approved by the Harbor Master. They are requesting three trash cans, four barricades, possibly allowing two food trucks during the event and other resources as deemed necessary by the Mayor, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Tim Langdon, President, MS Coast Mustang Club. E-2

Proposed Event Schedule:

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM: Set-up
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Participant registration
- 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM: Vehicle judging
- 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Awards presentation
- By 3:30 PM: Complete breakdown and exit of the area

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request from the Krewe of Waggus to host a Mardi Gras Walking Parade for pets on Saturday, January 24th, 2026, at 1:30pm (Rain Date would be Sunday, January 25th at 1:30pm). This will be our 2nd Mardi Gras theme pet “pawrade” sponsored by the Krewe of Waggus. The anticipated route would start at the pavilion at Davis Avenue and 2nd Street and continue south on Davis to Scenic Drive and then west on Scenic Drive to Bacchus. This community event benefits Animal A.I.D of MS and St. Vincent De Paul Catholic School as the designated beneficiaries of any funds raised. The Krewe of Waggus organizing committee would like to ask the City to provide the following:

- Barricades along the parade route during the parade
- Police presence to manage traffic and close the parade route
- Permission to place signs advertising the parade around the City 2 weeks prior to the event
- And, other resources as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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BEAUTIFICATION

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved promoting Latisha Peterson to Foreman (Crew Lead), formerly held by Yaceem Jackson, with a pay increase from \$13.46 an hour to \$15.00 an hour, effective July 18, 2025, as requested by Brad Manus, Beautification Director. B-1

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved appeal to overrule the Tree Boards decision on June 19, 2025, for partial removal of trees to allow full removal of trees at 128 Victoria Lane, owners William and Caroline Shaw, Tax Parcel No. 0512M-02-028.004. Homeowners will replace trees as required by Ordinance, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. CD-1

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved lateral transfer of Dean Toler from a part time firefighter to a full-time Community Services officer in the Police Department effective July 16, 2025, at a rate of pay of \$15.35 an hour, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved items 1 – and 8-19, below.

1. Approved – Administration: resolution appointing Alderman Kirk Kimball (Voting Delegate) and Alderman at Large Victor Pickich (First Alternate) for the City of Pass Christian at the MML 2025 Election of 2nd Vice President, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. CA-1
2. Approved – Fire: request to send Firefighter Caleb Counselman to attend FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR LEVEL I, NFPA 1041-I at The MSFA August 11- August 14, 2025. There is a \$250 Course fee, (116-220-610), per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City

vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-2

3. Approved - Fire: request to send Lieutenant Jeremy McLead to attend FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR LEVEL I, NFPA 1041-I at The MSFA August 25-August 28, 2025.

There is a \$250 Course fee, (116-220-610), per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-3

4. Approved - Fire: request to send Inspector Jeff Klemmer to attend FIRE OFFICER LEVEL I, NFPA 1021-I at The MSFA August 18- August 21, 2025. There is a \$250 Course fee, (116-220-610), per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-4

5. Approved: Fire: request to send Firefighter Darren McCaleb to attend ROPE RESCUE AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS, NFPA 1006 at The MSFA August 4-August 7, 2025. There is a \$250 Course fee, (001-220-610), per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-5

6. Approved: Fire: allowing Coastal Magnolia Fools to host “The First Five” training on July 26, 2025, at the Pass Christian Fire training facility and Senior’s Center at Randolph for lunch and restrooms. The training is being offered at no cost and is open to departments in the area, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

7. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved 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. (Contingent upon any and all action to be taken by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the use of the Randolph currently being revised.) CA-7

8. Approved: Request from the Toleman Avenue Graveyard Committee to use the Community Room at the Randolph Center on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6 :00 p.m. for a community meeting concerning care and management of the graveyard, as requested by Toleman Avenue Graveyard Committee. (Contingent upon any and all action to be taken by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the use of the Randolph currently being revised.)
9. Approved: Harbor: The installation of a covered boat-lift at Pier C4, Slip 1 for Dustin Gartman, 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.
10. Approved: Harbor: Refund in the amount of \$123.54 for Barry Wood. He sold the boat, and the contract is now cancelled leaving his account with a credit, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
11. Approved: Police: Request for Haley Entrekin to take the Property Room Management course online. Tuition is \$425.00, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-11
12. Approved: Police: Request for Officer Michael Jimerson to attend Firearms Instructor course held September 15-19, 2025, in Harrison County, MS. Tuition is \$725 and use of a City vehicle is requested, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-12
13. Approved: The submittal of the 2026 GCRF application for the North Street Extension Project in the amount of \$4,200,000, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. CA-13
14. Approved: The following projects for which GOMESA 2026 applications can be submitted, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher.
 - City of Pass Christian Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Repairs - \$2,929,260.00
 - West Harbor Bulkhead Wall Replacement – Phase IV - \$2,758,055.00
 - Fleitas Avenue Lift Station Replacement - \$2,036,671.00
 - City of Pass Christian Gravity Sewer Improvements - \$2,854,683.00

15. Approved: Ratifying payment to Harrell A.D.C. for 50% Construction Administration in the amount of \$11,250.00 for the St. Paul Village Project, and the Gulf Coast Restoration funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk. CA-15
16. Approved: Final Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$47,227.00 to American Tennis Courts, Inc. for the tennis court resurfacing, recommended by the City Engineer, Bob Escher. To be paid out of the 2025 Bond proceeds, as confirmed by the City Clerk. CA-16
17. Approved: Final Pay Application #13 in the amount of \$62,593.84 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC. for the North Street Gravity Sewer Improvement Phases I, 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-17
18. Approved: Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$471,962.73 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-18
19. Approved: The minutes of July 1, 2025, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-19
20. Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the June 2025 Budget Report, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-20

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$88,692.35. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved to accept addendum

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(Alderman Kirk Kimball recused himself)
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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved authorizing the City Attorney, Jim Simpson, to provide a default notice of contract to Stella Maris Seafood, LLC for non-payment of the 2024-2025 lease invoice, as requested by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. AD-1

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(Alderman Kirk Kimball recused himself)
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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to amend item number CA-13 to include adopting the Resolution.

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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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Mayor

08-5-2025

Date

City Clerk

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Date