

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 (6:01 p.m.), 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 Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the November 18, 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 to amend the agenda and add an item.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to go into Closed Session to see if there is a need to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel issue in the Fire Department.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel matter in the Fire Department.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved no action taken in Executive Session and to uphold the discipline administered by the Fire Chief.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved authorizing advertisement of Scenic Drive Parking Improvements, as recommended by City Engineer Bob Escher.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved advertisement of East Small Craft Harbor Repairs - Securing Concrete Spacers in the Bulkhead Walls – Tidelands Trust Fund FY 2021, as recommended by City Engineer Bob Escher.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board

unanimously approved hearing update from the Code Office on the status of Asmard RV park, as requested by Aderman Piernas.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved authorizing the reinstatement of the Park Commission with the following members:

- Sandra Lobrano
- Patty Demetz-Smith
- Mary "Meg" Retersdorf
- Chantel Norman
- Thomas J. Phares, Jr.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved appointing Mariah Furze and Brandy Vitior to the Tree Board, term ending November 2028, as requested by Mayor Torgeson.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved Resolution Expressing Approval and Support for the Mississippi State Legislature to Revise Miss. Code § 63-3-519. Use of radar speed detection equipment; authorization and limitations; notification of road blockages or emergencies on certain federally designated limited-access highways to provide and authorize the city of Pass Christian with authority necessary to use and operate radar speed detection equipment upon the portions of Highway 90 lying within the corporate

limits of the city of Pass Christian., as requested by Alderman Dreyfus. A-6

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board denied authorizing installing a Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station #2 to provide a safe place for infant babies to be safely rescued, as requested by Alderman Piernas.

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| Alderman Dreyfus | Aye |
| Alderman Piernas | Aye |
| Alderman Kimball | Nay |
| Alderman Federico | Nay |
| Alderman Pickich | Nay |

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 to Gill' Crane & Dozer Service, for West Harbor Bulkhead Wall Repair – Phase II a 2023 GOMESA Project in the amount of -\$2,500.00 which is a net decrease to the contract for a final total contract amount of \$2,193,395.00. 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-8

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved ARPA/MCWI Project No. 239 Change Order #1 (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 -\$10.50 for a final contract amount of \$335,679.50 and authorize Pay

Application #3 (Final) to DNA Underground LLC, for Lift Station No. 18 Upgrades in the amount of \$16,783.97. 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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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved request from the Pass Christian Elves to host the annual Christmas Pet Pawrade to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, with registration starting at noon and parade will starts at 1:00 p.m. The pawrade will go down the sidewalk from 2nd Street to the Gazebo. Santa will be in the Gazebo for pictures with the dogs and/or kids. We will need space around the sidewalk at the Gazebo for our judges, etc, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Mary Bourdin, Representative. E-1

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved items 2-9, and 11-13.

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board approved a donation of \$1000 to the Christian Concern Ministries Food Pantry to help with the increase demand to feed needy families in the community, as requested by Alderman Piernas.

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| Alderman Dreyfus | Aye |
| Alderman Piernas | Abstain |
| Alderman Kimball | Aye |

Alderman Federico Aye
Alderman Pickich Aye

2. Approved – Administration: authorizing the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend the MML Mid-Winter Conference from January 13-15, 2026, in Jackson, MS., with registration fee \$200 each and hotel lodging NTE \$149.00/night, as requested by Mayor Torgeson. CA-2
3. Approved – Court: restitution payment to the Pass Christian Walmart in the amount of \$200.00. Tracy Oxendine was ordered to pay restitution on October 8, 2025. Full restitution has been paid, as requested by Judge Negrotto. CA-3
4. Approved – Fire: the surplus and disposal of two (2) Seek Thermal Imaging Cameras. These units are being traded in for \$200/each (\$400 total), as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-4
5. Approved - Planning: the lot merge from two lots into one lot located at 221 Hiern. The tax parcel is 0313G-02-083.001 and the vacant lot next door is 0313G-02-083.000; which is only addressed as 0 Hiern Avenue and tax parcel number 0313G-02-083.001. The current zoning is T3R and the owners would like to maintain control of the neighboring lot and only plan to install a swimming pool on the combined lot for their residence. The City Planning staff has reviewed the application and find it to be in conformance with city ordinances and standards and recommended approval, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-5
6. Approved - Police: donating \$1,500 to Gulf Coast Feed the Needy Program. This non-profit program serves hot meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas to residents of Harrison County including residents of Pass Christian, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.
7. Approved – Police: request to apply for 2024 JAG Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for patrol equipment (TBD). There is no match for this grant, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-7
8. Approved –Police: for salary increase from current certified officer pay to Investigator pay of \$21.85 per hour for Investigators Steve Morris and Gaspar Guerra effective November 21, 2025, as

- requested by Police Chief Freeman.
9. Approved –Police: to send K9 Sergeant Alex Klodnicki to Recertification of Narcotics K9 Handler course TBD, held in Harrison County, MS. Tuition is \$350 and use of a City vehicle is requested. This request for training is a budgeted item and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-9
 10. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request to send Officer Roody Estain to a 480-hour Harrison County Law Enforcement Academy Course and Certification held January 4, 2025 in Harrison County, MS. Tuition is \$4,000 (to be reimbursed upon graduation) and use of a City vehicle, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-10
 11. Approved – Police: \$7,879.20 match for Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant FY25 award of \$15,000 for five (5) portable radios with programming (award accepted and approved 9/16/2025 BOA) and amend the budget accordingly, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-11
 12. Approved: Police: ratifying request to send Officer Joshua Thomas to a five-day EVOC Instructor course held on Nov. 17-21, 2025, in Moorehead, MS. Registration is \$750, lodging free, per diem \$374 and use of City vehicle, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-12
 13. Approved – Administrative: the October 2025 Budget Report, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA- 13

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$120,287.50. CD-1

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved going into Closed Session to see if there is a need to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter in the Police Department, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved going into of Executive Session regarding a personnel matter in the Police Department.

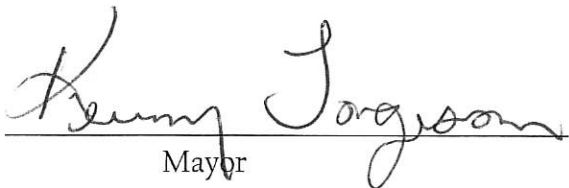
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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved coming out of Executive Session and took no action while in session.

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

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Mayor

12-16-2025

Date



City Clerk

12-16-2025

Date