

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, Jim Simpson, City Attorney and Marian Governor, City Clerk

There being a quorum present to transact the business of the City, the following proceedings were had and done.

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Feferico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the January 20, 2026, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved reading Hope Squad Proclamation declaring February 8-13, 2026 as "Hope Week"

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved discussing adding traffic devices to slow vehicles down in the 200 block of Fleitas Ave around the recreation basketball court and softball fields., as requested by Alderman Joe Piernas.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved discussing re-striping the parking lot at the recreation complex due to it being damaged from the cruising the coast burnout, Alderman Joe Piernas.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved temporary lease agreement with Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. for the use of surplus City property near intersection of Woodman Avenue and E. Second Street for location of Cell on Wheels during 2026 Mardi Gras parade for the lump sum of \$2,500.00, as requested by Jim Simpson, City Attorney. A-3

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved authorizing the removal of the vegetation by the Beautification Department on the sidewalk within the city's right of way on Second Street to comply with ADA regulations and eliminate a public safety hazard, as requested by Alderman Kimball. A-4

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request for redemption of a parcel sold to the City for property taxes in 1989 and accept the payment of \$108.26 and execute the requested quitclaim deed, as requested by Jim Simpson, City Attorney. A-5

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board

unanimously approved ratifying approving Contract with WPSCO for Operation and Maintenance of City Water and Sewer Systems at a rate of \$45,334.17 per month with a beginning contract date of January 1, 2026, for a four-year term with the option to renew for a one-year term after the expiration date, as requested by Mayor Torgeson. A-6

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved co-sponsorship in the amount of \$700, Unity Level in support the Juneteenth in the Pass Committee, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city, as requested by Kimberly Joseph, Chariperson, E-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the Pirate Excellence Foundation annual event at 213 E Scenic Drive, Saturday March 21, 2026, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. The following resources are requested: As requested by Alderman Kimball. E-2

- stage
- -Electrical panel box
- -trash cans
- -Barricades & Cones
- Blocking Davis and Scenic to Market and Scenic
- -Generators
- -anything deemed nearer necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board

unanimously approved hearing an update regarding public safety / traffic control for the St. Paul's Carnival Pass Christian Mardi Gras Parade to be held Sunday, February 15, 2026, requested by Alderman Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request for Jeepin the Coast to be held Wednesday May 27, 2026. The following additional resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

- street closure of Market & Scenic
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- -stage
- -Generators
- -Electrical Panel Board
- - Portable Bathroom
- -Barricades & cones
- -Trash Cans
- - Electric sign board
- -Anything deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Burnell Dedeaux's request for 3rd annual Car Show on November 7, 2026, at the Pass Christian harbor green space from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is designed to bring family, friends and community together. All proceeds from the event will be directed to Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities to the city of Pass Christian. The following items are requested by Burnell Dedeaux, Coordinator. E-5

- Trash Cans
- Barricades/Cones (Hwy 90 & Green space)
- Use of City trash receptacles (cans and recycle bins)

- Use of City Stage
- Use of City generators
- Use of portable panel box
- Other needs as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved items 2-3, 5, 7, 9-10, 12-18, and 20-22. Items 7 and 15 no action taken.

1. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved awarding bid for Scenic Drive Parking Improvements to lowest and best bidder, Southern Way Contracting, LLC of Ocean Springs, MS in the amount of \$119,957.50, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. CA-1
2. Approved – Administration: awarding bid for East Small Craft Harbor Repairs – Secure Concrete Fillers in the Bulkhead Walls to lowest and best bidder, C and O Marine Construction, LLC of Mandeville, LA in the amount of \$309,046.00, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. CA-2
3. Approved - Administration: purchases of supplies for February 15, 2026 Mardi Gras parade authorized by Section 17-3-1 which allows advertising and promotional expenditures to advance the moral, financial and other interest of the municipality, for Public entertainment, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, not to exceed \$1,000, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.
4. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved authorizing City Clerk to obtain appraisals on the Harbor leases as

- required by the Secretary of State's office and the lease agreements. The cost is split 50/50 by the city and tenants.
5. Approved – Fire – annual donation of \$2000 to the Pass Christian Volunteer Fire Department to assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies, as requested by John W. Dedeaux, Volunteer Fire Fighter. CA-5
 6. Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved to table request for Coastal Magnolia F.O.O. L.S use of PCFD Training Building and Randolph Center east building on Saturday, May 16, 2026, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities to the city of Pass Christian, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-6
 7. No Action– Fire –request to move Michael Chillura from P/T to F/T Firefighter 2. Salary of \$13.80 per hour, transfer date January 30, with a one (1) year probation. Michael has met civil service requirements and background check, and drug screen was completed in part-time process, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.
 8. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved \$50 rate of parking R.V.s and \$10 vehicles for the Pass parade for Mardi Gras 2026, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
 9. Approved – Harbor –slip modification for Eric Aschaffenburg to remove existing finger pier and install a new one at 5ft X 26ft. This pier will be in between slip I20 and slip I21. This will also come with the installation of 3 new pilings. A drawing is attached for approval. Work will be at the tenant's expense. A Step Above contract will perform all work and pull all DMR/city permits, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master. CA-9
 10. Approved - Harbor – the installation of a covered boatlift at Pier B, Slip 45 for Rose Dodson, at the tenant's expense. All construction will comply with harbor modifications guidelines and will be

- installed by Innovative Builders, who will obtain DMR/city permits before installation, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
11. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request of eviction to Trong Phan due to removing items on abandoned/derelict boat without permission. A police report was filed with video footage captured. Trong Phan is also more than 60 days behind on payment. Requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
 12. Approved - Harbor -request to evict the following customer, Jonthan Mate, slip A10, from the Pass Christian Harbor for non-payment of boat slip rental more than 90 days past due on pleasure piers, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
 13. Approved - Planning -a lot merge of two parcels located at 133 Beachview Drive (Parcel#0313E-02-020.000) and 0 Beachview Drive (Parcel# 0313E02-020.001). This property will have an address of 133 Beachview Drive. The staff has reviewed the request and recommends approval to allow the lot merge, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-13
 14. Approved - Planning - Consider motion to approve a lot split of one lot into three lots. The lot is located at 0 Josephine Street (Parcel# 0313F-01-069.000). The proposed lot split is in conformance with the current zoning and staff recommends approval, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. CA-14
 15. No Action - Planning - Consider motion to approve a lot split of one parcel into 4 parcels. (Parcel#0313A-02-011.000). The staff has reviewed the request and is supportive of the BOA decision but is neutral regarding the application with the only concern being how the existing house of 407 East 2nd Street and the newly created lots will be addressed. There is an existing 401 East 2nd Street and 411 East 2nd Street, and the new addresses could be 403, 405 and 409 East 2nd Street (respectively) and the existing house could retain the address of 407 East 2nd Street, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-15

16. Approved – Police – transfer of Keith Ladner from Patrol Officer to fill the vacancy left by Dean Toler as Community Services Officer at a pay rate of \$15.96 per hour effective January 21, 2026, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-16
17. Approved – Police –request to reimburse Keith Ladner \$96.30 for academy uniform alterations prior to job title change, requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-17
18. Approved – Police –ratifying resignation from Officer Roody Estain effective January 4, 2026, 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. CA-18
19. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request to apply for Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Police Traffic Services Grant FY27 in the amount of \$25,000 for overtime reimbursement. This grant does not require a match, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-19
20. Approved – Police –request for Investigators Gaspar Guerra, Steve Morris and Alex Klodnicki to be granted this year's clothing allowance of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) each for FY26, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.
21. Approved – Water - refund request in the amount of \$646.25 from CT Homes Gulf Coast, who paid for a new sewer tap located at 645 E Second Street. At time of installation, WPSCO found an existing tap, as requested by Olivia Lewis, Senior Accountant. CA-21
22. Approved – Administration: the minutes of January 6, 2026, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-22
23. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved accepting the December 2025 Budget Report, as requested by City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-23

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$126,506.47. CD-1

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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 accept an addendum.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the Resolution declaring an emergency for the repair of the failed force main for the Bayview Avenue Lift Station as the City Engineer is working with the Annual Unit Price Contractor on finalizing the scope of work and cost. AD-1

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 Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved authorizing the award of the purchase of discharge hoses for the Bayview Avenue lift station to Hydra Service, Inc. in the amount of \$17,598.00 to eliminate the need for rental of same from the Annual Unit Price Contractor.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved discussing the HVAC system at the Police Station and approve awarding bid to Weaver.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved request to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters in the Harbor Department, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved coming out Closed Session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Harbor Department, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved coming out of Executive Session.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board

unanimously approved motion to follow Harbormaster's recommendation and terminate employment of Steven Gordon effective immediately.

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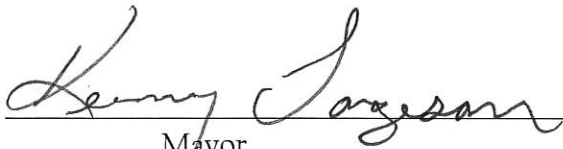
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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m..

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Mayor

2-3-2026
Date



City Clerk

2-3-2026
Date