

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 Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the February 3, 2026, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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- Arbor Day Proclamation – Wendy Allard – Pass Christian Garden Club
- Proclamation honoring the PC High School Pirates Football Team — 2025 Season

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved open bids for the Lift Station Rehabilitation -Phase II Project – Funded through GOMESA 2024 grant.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved to accept, tabulate and send to City Engineer, Bob Escher.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved hearing from Tina O'Shields on behalf of American Legion Post 1995 Legionnaires and Auxiliary, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5931, and approved request for a donation of \$550 (\$275 per student) to cover the registration fee (lodging, meals, and activities) for a boy and a girl to attend their respective programs, as requested by Tina O'Shields, Veterans Service Officer. A-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for ARPA/MCWI Project #239, Relocation of Lift Station No. 31, for a net decrease of -\$152,470.00 to deduct the installation of needed gravity sewer and force main from the lift station project. The location of the lift station was relocated to avoid constructing it in an unimproved right-of-way to allow for future construction of a roadway. To avoid cost increases due to the relocation, we are requesting approval of the deduction of the force main and gravity sewer. Because there are surplus funds in the ongoing GOMESA project, the contractor performing the work on the Phase II and III North Street Gravity Sewer has agreed to perform the work. This deduction will reduce the amount of the project costs that were in excess of the ARPA/MCWI grant amount, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher. A-2

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved budget adjustment of \$130,000.00 from 144-301.911 (SB2468 Construction in Progress at Whispering Oaks Phase II and Scenic Drive Parking Improvements) to 144.301.602 (SB2468 Engineering Services), as requested by Marian Govern, City Clerk.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request for the following City resources for the 2026 Jazz in the Pass Festival to be held in War Memorial Park on Sunday, May 24, 2026, as requested by Earl Washington, Jazz in the Pass. E-1

- Use of War Memorial Park on Sunday, May 24, 2026.
- Mowing, cleaning and spraying fire ants in the park during the week before the event.
- Use of the A-frame electrical panel.
- Installation of water/hose connects along Fleitas Ave.
- Marking of sprinkler heads and lines for tent set-up.
- Extra trash cans throughout the park. (with can liners)
- Use of public works/beautifications employees to assist with trash removal and stocking cleaning the public restrooms, etc.

- Police presence throughout the event.
- Use of the City Stage.
- Closing of Scenic Dr between Fleitas Ave and West end of park between Friday, May 22nd Tuesday, May 26th, due to the stage being set up in roadway.

- Barricade for traffic control.
- Portable Light Tower
- Other resources as deemed necessary by Mayor.

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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request for Waggus Paw Parade to be held Saturday, February 21, 2026. The event was approved for Jan 24, 2026, due to weather conditions the date change is necessary. The following additional resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city, as requested by Alderman Kimball:

- Parade route street closing Davis/Second. Davis/ Scenic. Scenic /Market. Hiern / Scenic
- Barricades & cones
- Digital traffic sign
- City stage
- Use of the Harbor's Dumpster & Facilities (if needed)

- Trash Cans
- Generators
- Other needs as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request for Blessing of the Fleet to be held Saturday, April 18, 2026 (Sunday April 19th as a rain out day) hosted by St Paul's Carnival Association at the Pass Christian Harbor green space. The city will make a contribution of free slip rent for two boats (under 35 ft and over 35ft) as a prize to the boat owners that participated in decorating their boat. All Department heads, that this event applies to have agreed. The following additional resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the city, as requested by Alderman Kimball:

- Barricades & cones
- Digital traffic sign
- City stage
- Use of the Harbor's Dumpster & Facilities
- Trash Cans · Generators
- Use of Harbor Pier
- Use of Harbor personnel
- Other needs as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved allowing The American Red Cross to use the Pass Christian Randolph Center for the Media Blood Drives throughout the 2026 season. The Red Cross will pay \$150 toward cleanup. The dates for the Drives will be as follows: E-4

- Red Cross Month Community Drive – Wednesday, March 11, 2026
- Media 4 Red Cross – Monday, June 15, 2026
- Katrina Memorial – Thursday, August 20, 2026
- Community Drive – Tuesday, October 20, 2026

- WLOX New Year Celebration – Monday, December 21, 2026

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request from the Gulf Coast Running Club for use of War Memorial Park and public streets for the annual running event on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Leonard Vergunst, Representative. E-5

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FIRE

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request to establish a policy that compensates firefighters at the overtime rate for assigned event details supporting City-approved and/or City-sponsored events (e.g., Pass Parade, Blessing of the Fleet, Art in the Pass, and similar functions). Because of the structure of the firefighters' schedule, members assigned to work these event details often have not reached the 106-hour threshold required to trigger Fire overtime under the current standard. At the same time, those who do meet the 106-hour minimum are typically already on duty working their regular shift assignment and are not the members being added for event coverage. This policy change does not require a budget adjustment. The department's overtime line is already presented and calculated using the 1.5 overtime rate, meaning these costs are already accounted for in how the overtime budget is built and justified, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved items 1-8, 10 - 17 and 19 - 27.

1. Approved – Administration: re-appointing Amy Steiner, Ann James and Danny Taylor to the Historical Preservation Commission, term ending December 31, 2029, as requested by Mayor, Kenny Torgeson.
2. Approved - Administration: payment to Overstreet and Associates for invoice #4121 in the amount of \$2,313.50 for 1257 North St. Gravity Sewer Phase II and III, reimbursable by GOMESA Grant, as requested by Jason Overstreet, P.E. CA-2
3. Approved - authorizing advertising for the Leovy Avenue Drainage Improvements, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher.
4. Approved – Administration: authorizing advertisement of the Annual Unit Price Project(s) for Emergency Utility Repair Work and Other needed Utility Construction. The current contract expires in March 2026 with no provisions in the contract to extend beyond the third year. To avoid the possibility of unbalanced bids, the bid documents would be prepared in three separate contracts to include water, sewer and drainage, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher.
5. Approved – Administration: donation of \$1000 to the J.W. Randolph Educational, Cultural, and Heritage Council (JWRECHC). Donation will impact the ability to provide meaningful programs and positive solutions for our community, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Sharon Saucier, Chair. CA-5
6. Approved – Beautification: accepting check in the amount of \$578.00 from Edgerly Enterprises, LLC for replacement of 2 trees in 2-30-gallon containers and pruning. Increase budget line item 001.502.508 (Plants & Shrubs), as requested by Beautification Director, Brad Manus. CA-6
7. Approved – Court: request to pay Richard Riser \$300.00 in restitution paid by Jonathan Strawser. On December 10, 2025, Mr. Strawser was ordered to pay Richard Riser restitution in the amount of

\$300.00 by January 1, 2026. Mr. Strawser paid in full on January 5, 2026, as requested by Judge Negrotto. CA-7

8. Approved – Fire: Coastal Magnolia F.O.O.L.S. permission to use the following facilities on Saturday, May 16, 2026. These facilities would be used to support a scheduled training day associated with the Coastal Magnolia Training Summit, which focuses on professional development and hands-on training for the fire service. Included in the attachments is our standard training waiver that we require all outside personnel to complete. In appreciation for the City of Pass Christian and the Pass Christian Fire Department's support, we will be providing four (4) complimentary training spots to PCFD members. These spots are valued at \$150 per attendee, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-8

- PCFD Training Building
- Randolph Center – East Building
- Randolph Center restrooms

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request to send Inspector Jeff Klemmer to attend FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR LEVEL III, NFPA 1041-III - 101 at The MSFA February 17-19 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-9

10. Approved – Fire: request to send Corbin Adams to FIREFIGHTER LEVEL I/II, at The MSFA March 2 - April 16, 2026, there is a \$500 Course fee, per diem \$784, and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-10
11. Approved – Fire: request to send Lieutenant Gavin Carter to attend VEHICLE EXTRICATION AND RESCUE TECHNICIAN, NFPA 1006 at The MSFA March 30 - April 3 there is a \$250 Course fee, (001-220-610) per diem \$131, (001-220-610) and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief

Woodman. CA-11

12. Approved – Fire: request to send Firefighter Garrett Babin to attend HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS, NFPA 470 - 106 at The MSFA March 9 - March 26 no cost for course, per diem \$112, (001-220-610) and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.

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13. Approved – Fire: accepting Emanuel Cintron's resignation and pay him any comp-time and vacation time pay per City Policy that he may have accrued, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-13

14. Approved – Fire: request to remove the attached individuals from the part-time list, as requested by

Fire Chief Woodman. CA-14

- BURCHETT, TIMOTHY
- DUBUISSON, RICHARD
- HUDSON, MARK
- KING, WILLIAM
- KOENENN, DARREN
- KURKA, CONNER
- LADNER, CAMERON
- MCCOY, MICHAEL
- MCGILL, JAROD
- PALMER, MARK
- POLK, BRADLEY
- RESH, PHILIP
- SCHAFF, WILLIAM
- SMITH, TERRY
- SWARTZ, ROGER
- TRIPLETT, LAYNE
- WEBB, BRIAN

15. Approved – Planning: motion for a lot merge for parcel numbers 0313D-03-013.000 (105 Greenwood Drive) and 0313D-03-014.000 (103 Greenwood Drive). This request is to allow for developing the lot for a new single-family build. Staff have reviewed the request and recommend approval to allow the

merging of the two above-mentioned lots into one parcel and is in conformance with other lot mergers in the area, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-15

16. Approved – Planning: motion to approve a front-load parking variance for the property located at approximately 0 Clarence Ave, Parcel#0313F-02-037.000, to allow for development of the parcel. The applicant is seeking a front-load parking variance prior to creating house plans for a building permit submission, as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. CA-16

17. Approved – Planning: motion for a zoning re-classification of Tidewood Subdivision. The Tidewood Subdivision, which was formally known as Henderson Shores, was part of a section that was annexed into city limits from Harrison County jurisdiction, and it is located at approximately 2436 Beach Blvd.

- 0213I-04-044.000 = 0213I-04-043.000
- 0213I-04-042.001 = 0213I-04-042.000
- 0213I-04-041.000 = 0213I-04-039.000

18. Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved motion for a re-zoning classification from Special High Hazard Commercial to T3R (Residential/Single Family). as requested by City Planner, Melodie Hayes. CA-18

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| • 0312O-01-022.000 -0 E. North Street | 0313A-04-083.000 – 0 North Street |
| • 0313B-02-006.000 – 0 North Street | 0313A-04-068.000 – 0 E. Railroad Street |
| • 0313B-02-025.000 – 0 Woodman Avenue | 0312O-01-012.000 – 201 E. North Street |
| • 0313B-02-026.000 - 331 Woodman Avenue | 0313B-02-004.001 – 214 E. North Street |
| • 0312O-01-014.000 – 215 E. North Street | 0312O-01-023.000 – 222 E. North Street |
| • 0312O-01-016.000 – 223 E North Street | 0312O-01-017.000 – 225 E. North Street |
| • 0312O-01-004.000 – 226 E. North Street | 0312O-01-018.000 – 227 E. North Street |
| • 0312O-01-003.000 – 227 E. North Street | |

19. Approved – Planning: motion to re-zone classification for two sections with parcel# 0313D-01-027.000 and 0313D-01-015.000 to be corrected from T1 zoning to T4L. This request is to correctly

identify the T4L zoning for these parcels and it is consistent with the surrounding area's zoning classification, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-19

20. Approved – Police: request for Budget Modification to MS Office of Highway Safety to increase overtime reimbursement grant by \$10,000. (Current award is \$22,500. Increase would total \$32,500), as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-20
21. Approved – Police: request for salary increase from \$16.49 per hour to certified Communications Dispatcher pay of \$17.30 per hour for dispatcher Shantale Belew effective February 13, 2026 (to maintain alignment with other certified dispatchers). Funds are available for this budgeted position, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.
22. Approved – Police: accepting Oath of Office from Officers Rony Polizzi and James Hicks, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-22
23. Approved – Police: request to re-hire Desirae Bellaus as full time Dispatcher effective February 4, 2026, and a starting salary of \$16.63 per hour with holiday pay, pending urinalysis. Bellaus is already a certified dispatcher. Position has a one-year probationary period, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-23
24. Approved – Police: request to hire Brandy Spencer as full time Dispatcher effective February 4, 2026, and a starting salary of \$16.63 per hour with holiday pay, pending urinalysis. Spencer is already a certified dispatcher. Position has a one-year probationary period, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-24
25. Approved – Police: recommendation to re-hire Corbin Teague to fill the existing vacancy in patrol effective February 4, 2026, and a starting salary of \$19.79 per hour plus holiday pay, pending urinalysis. Position has a one-year probationary period. This is a budgeted position, and funds are available as confirmed, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-25

26. Approved – Police: ratifying resignation from Officer Breanna Fountain effective January 28, 2026, and pay her for any comp-time and vacation pay per City policy that she may have accrued while employed., as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA- 26

27. Approved – Administration: minutes of January 20, 2026, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-27

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and second by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$325,496.18. CD-1

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved request to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department, as requested by Police Chief.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich 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 Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department, as requested by Police Chief.

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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 and no action was taken.

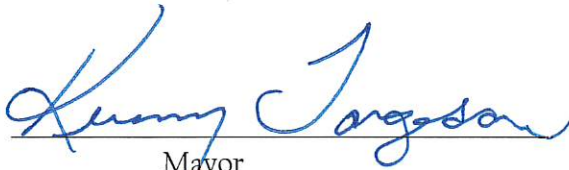
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Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved motion to follow Police Chief's recommendation to transfer comp-time to leave recipient.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved to recess at 6:59 p.m. until the next Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on February 17, 2026.

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Mayor

2-17-2026
Date



City Clerk

2-17-2026
Date