

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 Federico and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the March 3, 2026, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved presenting Girl Scout Week 2026 Proclamation.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved special presentation from Fire Department.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved hearing from Carey Welsch with Gov Deals.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hearing from Melodie Hayes, City Planner, concerning Short Term rentals.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 to Krol Electric, Inc. for the Elevate and Replace Electrical and Controls at City Lift Station to increase the contract price by \$11,800, to cover costs for labor and materials necessary for the power company to install new wiring. This change order can be paid with ARPA/MCWI Grant funds Project 234, as requested by City Engineer, Bob Escher. A-2

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved adopting Ordinance 715 establishing new standards for installation of flow-through decking for new construction and replacement of public piers, excluding minor repairs, in the City's Small Craft Harbor, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. A-3

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The Board took no action on having the city attorney provide a default notice to the seafood dealers that have not paid their 2025-2026 lease payment, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and second by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved moving the Pass Market to Scenic Drive on April 4, 2026, and block off Fleitas Avenue to the property line of War Memorial Park from 7:00 a.m. to noon for annual Easter Egg Hunt, as requested by Alderman Victor Pickich.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and second by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved request from Amy Rupert, Randolph Center renter for a wedding and reception on March 14, 2026, to donate landscaping work to be done in the courtyard gardens with an estimated value between \$1000 - \$1200. If approved, work will be scheduled for March 6 – 7, 2026. The scope of work would include the following to the center circle and 4 sections of the outdoor courtyard to be performed by Garret Garcia, Owner & Operator of Property Solutions, LLC. E-2

- Weeding
- Raking and removal of dead leaves and old mulch.
- Trimming of bushes.
- Mulching of all the sections.
- Power washing of sidewalks

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request from the LAD Project for the following City resources on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Event will bel held at Trinity Episcopal Church, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City as requested by Tammie Gray, Executive Director. The following resources are as follows: (E-3)

- -Stage
- -Cones
- -Barricades
- -Generators & Panel Board (if needed)
- - Anything deemed necessary by the Mayor

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved use of War Memorial Park and the Athletic Facility sportsplex on Fleitas Avenue by the Pass Christian School District March 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This campus-wide event is to honor the students and faculty for their commitment and hard work. All concerning Department Heads have granted permission, this bringing favorable notice and opportunities to the city, as requested by Alderman Kimball. E-4

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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and second by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved request from Animal Aid MS (a Pass Christian charitable organization) to hold **Bacchus Pawty** on Saturday April 25, 2026, noon to 4:00 p.m. hosted by Bacchus. All concerned Dept. Heads have granted permission. The following additional resources are requested, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

- Blocking streets West Scenic & Hiern /Market & Scenic
- Barricades & Cones
- Use of the city's stage (If needed)
- Flatbed Trailer (If needed)
- Trash Cans
- City's Mobile restroom trailer (if needed)
- Generators & Electric panel Board
- Other needs as deemed necessary by the Mayor

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved items 1-15.

1. Approved – Administration: awarding the best and lowest bid for Lift Station Rehabilitation – Phase II to LJ Construction, Inc. of Gulfport, MS in the amount of \$711,606.63 (GOMESA). Awarding only the base bid at this time will ensure adequate funds remain for Bayview Avenue Lift Station work, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. CA-1
2. Approved – Administration: payment to Overstreet and Associates for invoice #4145 in the amount of \$6,016.75 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 - Administrative - Marian Governor attending the 2026 Municipal Clerk Spring Conference in Starkville, MS. on April 28, 2026, through May 1, 2026, with a registration fee of \$225.00, lodging of \$555.00, per diem of \$272.00 and mileage reimbursement, as requested by Mayor Torgeson. CA-3
4. Approved - Administrative: request to send Olivia Lewis to the Spring Certified Municipal Clerk seminar in Hattiesburg, MS on March 25-27, 2026. Registration fee is \$325.00, per diem \$84.00, lodging \$220.00 and mileage reimbursement \$98.60, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-4
5. Approved - Administrative: the surplus and disposal of the following assets: CA-5
 - Dell OptiPlex 3050 (Asset ID# 02080)
6. Approved - Court – refund request of \$724.00 to Nancy Cooley. Ms. Cooley paid a \$1500.00 cash bond at the HCADC on 2/9/2025. Ms. Cooley was heard on her charges 02/18/2026 and was ordered to pay \$776.00 which left a balance of \$724.00 be refunded, as requested by Judge Negrotto. CA-6

7. Approved - Fire – Deputy Chief Bass and Inspector Klemmer attendance to MS Fire Service Instructors Association March 24-27 in D'Iberville. \$200 Registration (001-220-610) and the use of a city vehicle., as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-7
8. Approved - Fire – Chief Woodman attendance to MS Fire Investigators Conference April 15-17, 2026, \$250 Registration fee, \$301 per diem, and \$417 for hotel room (001-220-610) and the use of a city vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-8
9. Approved - Fire – request to advertise for Disaster Debris Removal and Disaster Debris monitoring services for the 2026 Hurricane Season, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-9
10. Approved - Harbor - the installation of a covered boat-lift at B10 for Jennifer Jenkins, 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.
11. Approved - Harbor – the installation of a covered boat-lift at L10 for Kyle Cassagne, at the tenant's expense. All construction will comply with harbor modifications guidelines and will be installed by A Step Above, who will obtain DMR permits before installation, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
12. Approved - Planning - a lot merger of parcel# 0313D-08-001.000 and 0313D-08-031.000 and will have a formal address of 136 Fernwood Drive. Lot 26 & 27 has previously been approved by the BOA (September 2, 2025) to have a lot split in order for the developer to sell the two parcels separately, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-12
13. Approved - Planning - a lot split of parcel number 0313H-02-060.000 for 121-125 Scenic Drive, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA- 13

- 14. Approved - Police – recommendation to hire Kristy Boyd to fill the existing vacancy in patrol effective March 6, 2026, and a starting salary of \$21.46 per hour plus holiday pay. She has passed psychological and 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.
- 15. Approved - Police – request to send Evidence Technician Haley Entrekin to a one-day Sexual Assault Kit Tracking & Katie's Law Training course held March 10, 2026, in Pearl MS. Tuition is free and no lodging or per diem, only mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-15
- 16. Approved - Police – request to reimburse Investigator Gaspar Guerra \$354.97 for suit. This reimbursement will be deducted from previously approved clothing allowance for investigators, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-16
- 17. Approved – Administrative - recommendation to advertise for Receptionist/Clerk of Council to fill upcoming vacancy (June 2026), as recommended by Marian Governor, City Clerk.
- 18. Approved – Administrative - the minutes of February 17, 2026, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk, Dawn Sanders. CA-18

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$279,627.26. CD-1

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved to accept the Addendum.

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The Board took no action on hiring Jesse Ruzzin as Harbor Service employee at a rate of \$13.46, pending background checks and physical/drug screens, as requested by Harbormaster James Butcher.

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Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved awarding the best and lowest bid for East Small Craft Harbor Hurricane Ida Repairs to David Rush Construction in the amount of \$1,270,533.80 as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. AD-2

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board approved Resolution to impose a 3% special local tax upon the gross proceeds of the sales of hotels, motels, short-term rentals, the sale of prepared foods by restaurants and bars for the purpose of supporting tourism, special events, parks and recreation within the municipality, as requested by Mayor Torgeson. AD-3

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved amended Development Agreement for Whispering Oaks Subdivision Phase II. AD-4

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved awarding the best and lowest bid to Gulf Coast Solutions, LLC in the amount

of \$659,699.50 for the infrastructure of Whispering Oaks Phase II of which \$500,000 will be paid from SB2468 and the developer will reimburse the City for the balance and any future change orders, as recommended by City Engineer, Bob Escher. AD-5

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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Barry Dreyfus the Board unanimously approved the MOU between the City of Pass Christian and Ms. Department of Marine Services for the 2024 GOMESA Highway 90 Hurricane Mitigation Phase II project in the amount of \$2,810,000.00. AD-6

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved going into Closed Session to determine going into Executive Session regarding potential litigation.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

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The Board took no action in Executive Session only received update from City Attorney, Jim Simpson on potential litigation.

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Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved to recess at 7:46 p.m. until the next Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on March 17, 2026.

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Mayor

3-17-2026

Date

City Clerk

3-17-2026

Date