

The Board took no action in Executive Session regarding pending litigation.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Jim Simpson's recommendation to tell the lawyer that the City is not going to accept the settlement offer and to provide a response.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved to recess at 7:02 p.m. until the next Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting on July 21, 2026.

*

*

*



Mayor

7-21-2026
Date



City Clerk

7-21-2026
Date

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 July 7, 2026, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

*

*

*

ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved invoice from St. Paul Center, LLC in the amount of \$5,625.00 for the Harrell, ADC invoice which will be reimbursed to the City from the GCRF Grant 22-38, as requested by Marian Governor.

A- 1

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Work Order #4 with DNA Underground LLC in the amount of \$36,300.00 for 355 Rebecca Ave Drainage Repairs, to be paid from MIT Funds 118-301-911, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. A- 2

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved ratifying the list of Tideland projects that were submitted to meet the June 30, 2026, deadline, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer:

- Electrical Upgrades to Pier P-1
- Replace the bulkhead wall pile cap in the Southwest Parking Lot of the West Small Craft Harbor

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 5 to LJ Construction for the North Street Gravity Sewer Improvements – Phase II & III to decrease the price by \$11,052.74 and to increase contract time by 45 calendar days to perform the increase scope of work associated with this change order. The proposed change is necessary or incidental to the completion of the work as originally bid, is commercially reasonable and is not made to circumvent the public purchasing laws, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable, as recommended by Andrew Levens. A-4

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved ratifying application to online Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00, awarded to be divided between Police Department and Fire Department. If awarded, this grant would purchase promotional items and any other items needed for community events. There is no match for this grant, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved ratifying MCOPS MOU with Pass Christian School District and City of Pass Christian as part of MCOPS Grant awarded to Pass Christian School District effective July 1,

2026-June 30, 2027, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-6

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the contract between the City of Pass Christian and DebrisTech for debris monitoring services, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. A-7

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the contract between the City of Pass Christian and Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC for debris removal, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. A-8

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved change orders 4 & 5, pay application 9 in the amount of \$73,742.70 less liquidated damages of \$9,000 for a final payment of \$64,742.70 to be reimbursed by GCRF grant no. 22-38, and authorize closeout of Phase I of the St. Paul Project and to issue Notice of Proceed for Phase II and bring amended agreement back to the July 21, 2026, meeting, as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. A-9

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved discussing moving the Farmer's Market to the street of Scenic Dr and off the grass at the War Memorial Park, as requested by Kenny Torgeson, Mayor.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved moving the Farmer's Market to the street of Scenic Dr and off the grass at the War Memorial Park on a temporary bases and will bring back to the board the first meeting of

September, 2026, as requested by Kenny Torgeson, Mayor.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Joe Piernas the Board unanimously approved budget adjustment per attached register (there is no increase to budget), as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. A-11

*

*

*

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Barry Dreyfus and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved items 1-18, 20-27, 29-31.

1. Approved - Administrative - Payment application to Overstreet and Associates Engineering Invoice # 4328 in the amount of \$21,552.00 (GOMESA) for 1257 North St Gravity Sewer Phase II & III), as requested by Jason Overstreer, P.E. CA-1
2. Approved - Administrative - Payment application No 13 to LJ Construction in the amount of \$14,747.02 (GOMESA) for North St Gravity Sewer Improvements Phases II & III, as requested by Jason Overstreet, P.E. CA-2
3. Approved - Administrative - Advertisement of the Phase III of the West Bulkhead Wall Repair/Replacement Project, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer.
4. Approved - Administrative - Payment application No.1 (Final) in the amount of \$13, 340.00 to DNA Underground LLC, for the Emergency Repairs to Lift Station No. 7 - Work Order No. 2, to be paid from MIT Funds 118-301-911, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-4
5. Approved - Administrative - Pay application No.2 to David Rush Construction in the amount of \$621,847.92 and amend budget line item 154.751.911(Hurricane Ida construction in progress) accordingly, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-5

6. Approved - Administrative - payment application No.2 to Ray C. Weaver Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$113,085.00, for the Polie Station/ EOC Emergency HVAC Replacement, to be paid from 2025 Bonds, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-6
7. Approved - Administrative - Payment Application No. 1 to C &O Marine Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$45,488.09 for the East Small Craft Harbor – Secure Concrete Fillers in the Bulkhead Walls, to be reimbursed with FY21 Tidelands grant, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-7
8. Approved - Administrative - Payment Application No. 1 to Gulf Coast Solutions in the amount of \$ 34,672.64, which will be paid from the Cap Ex Grant 2468, for the Whispering Oaks Subdivision – Phase II, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-8
9. Approved - Administrative - Payment Application No. 3 to DNA Underground, LLC, in the amount of \$325,788.25, for the Lift Station No. 31 Relocation, to be funded through ARPA/MCWI grant, as requested by Bob Esher, City Engineer. CA-9
10. Approved - Administrative – Payment Application No. 14 to LJ Construction Inc, in the amount of \$710,652.80 (GOMESA), for North Street Gravity Sewer Improvement Phases II & III, as requested by Andrew Levens. CA-10
11. Approved - Court- A refund of \$89.00 to Eugene Garcia. Mr. Garcia paid a cash bond at the Pass Christian Police Department on 5/30/2026. His charge was heard on 6/17/26. After applying the bond to his fines, a balance of \$89.00 is left to be refunded, as requested by Tina Dupree, Municipal Court Clerk. CA-11
12. Approved – Court - A refund request of \$1,000.00 to Melanie Stout. Ms. Stout paid a bond at the HCADC for Robert McCormick on 1/14/026. Mr. McCormick was heard on his charges and put on a payment plan. A full bond refund payable to Melanie Stout is requested, as requested by Tina Dupree, Municipal Court Clerk. CA-12

13. Approved - Fire - The lowest and best quote submitted by Southern Fire, in the amount of \$9,500.00, for replacement of the fire alarm control panel at the Police Department. The cost of the repair will be paid from previously approved bond proceeds, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-13
14. Approved - Fire - Salary change from \$12.57 to \$13.14 per hour for newly certified firefighter Jackson Logan effective July 3, 2026, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman.
15. Approved - Fire - firefighter Jessie Petterson to attend FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR LEVEL I, NFPA 1035-I - 100 ONLINE 8/11/26-11/6/26. The course fee is \$175. (001-220-610), as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-15
16. Approved - Fire - firefighter Jessie Petterson to attend ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN, NFPA 1006 - 106 at The MSFA July 27-31 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-16
17. Approved - Fire - Lieutenant Jeremy McLeod to attend FIRE OFFICER LEVEL I, NFPA 1021-I - 107 at the MSFA Aug 18-21 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-17
18. Approved - Fire - firefighter Garrett Babin to FIREFIGHTER LEVEL I /II, at the MSFA Aug10-Oct 2 there is a \$500 Course fee, per diem \$784, and use of City Vehicle, as requested by Fire Chief Woodman. CA-18
19. Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved ratifying the termination of Bobby Parrish effective June 22, 2026. New hire who never showed up for work, as requested by James Butcher, Harbor Master.
20. Approved - Planning - A lot line adjustment of 20 feet located at 532 & 538 St Louis St, tax parcel numbers 0313F-02-072.001 & 0313F-02-072.000. Both parcels are owned by the same owner, and the current zoning is T4L, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-20

21. Approved – Planning – A front load parking variance located at 223 St Paul Ave. tax parcel 0313H-01-035.00, zone T4L, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-21
22. Approved – Planning – The zoning for parcel numbers 04120-01-004.000 and 04120-01-005.000, from a G3 intended growth sector/open space to T3R single family residential. The property is located at approximately at Cleveland Ave and E Railroad St, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-22
23. Approved – Planning - A lot merge for tax parcel numbers 0313E-02-002.000, 0313E-02-001.000 & 0313F-03-018.001, located at 337 Everett St, as requested by Melodie Hayes, City Planner. CA-23
24. Approved – Police - Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant FY26 in the amount of \$15,000 for five (5) portable radios with programming. This grant will pay for up to \$3,000 per radio with the City assuming the balance, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-24
25. Approved – Police - Oath of Office from Officer Bryant Richards, as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-25
26. Approved – Police - To reimburse Investigator Sgt. Alex Klodnicki \$353.00 for shoes and investigator apparel. This reimbursement will be deducted from previously approved clothing allowance for investigators (BOA 1/20/26), as requested by Police Chief Freeman. CA-26
27. Approved – Police - Investigator Joshua Thomas to be granted this year's clothing allowance of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for FY26, as requested by Police Chief Freeman.
28. The Board unanimously took no action on hiring John Critchfield as full time Meter Reader for the Water Department effective July 8, 2026, with a starting salary of \$15.00 per hour, pending urinalysis and background check, as requested by Olivia Lewis, Senior Accountant. CA-28
29. Approved – Water - A credit adjustment to utility account number 51-00209001-04 in the amount of \$3,149.44 for sewer ONLY per ordinance. The water did not enter the sewer system. Customer's

water hose was left on, and the water went into the bayou, as requested by Olivia Lewis, Senior Accountant. CA-29

30. Approved - The minutes of June 16, 2026, Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting, with changes, as requested by Amber Carter, Council/ Deputy Clerk. CA-30

31. Approved - The minutes of June 23, 2026, Special Meeting, with changes, as requested by Amber Carter, Council/Deputy Clerk. CA-31

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$416,920.84. CD-1

*

*

*

ADDENDUM

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously accepted the addendum for the July 7, 2026, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the agreement between the City of Pass Christian and CSX, regarding 16616.08 Bayview Ave Lift Station and Force Main Replacement – Jack and Bore 12” Diameter Steel Casing, as requested by Bob Escher, City Engineer. AD-1

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and second by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved the MCWI final grant modifications for the following projects, AD-2

- 188 - Lift Station/Scada Improvements -
- 220 - Pump Station 31 Relocation
- 234 - Elevate Pump Station Control Panels
- 239 - Pump Station 18 Upgrades

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico and second by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved hiring Dylan Barker as Harbor Service employee at a rate of \$13.46, pending background checks and physical/drug screens, as requested by James Butcher, Harbormaster.

*

*

*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved going into Closed Session to determine going into Executive Session concerning pending litigation as requested by Skip Negrotto.

*

*

*

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

*

*

*

Upon motion of Alderman Joe Piernas and seconded by Alderman Greg Federico the Board unanimously approved going into Executive Session concerning pending litigation as requested by Skip Negrotto.

*

*

*

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

*

*

*