



December 16, 2018

Good afternoon all...

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, December 18, 1:30 p.m., at city hall. [See the agenda](#)

Of particular interest...

(1) [4B Resolution finding and determining that Resolution 613-18 adopted on the 6th day of November, 2018, was duly published as required by law; that no sufficient protest described in said Resolution has been filed by the qualified electors; and for related purposes](#)

Resolution noting that no one has objected to the city's Resolution of Intent to consider borrowing \$14,000,000.

(2) [4C Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, approving the employment of Wise Carter Child & Caraway as Bond Counsel and other professionals in connection with the City's intention to issue either General Obligation Bonds of the City or issue either General Obligation Bond of the City for sale to the Mississippi Development Bank, all in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed fourteen million dollars \(\\$14,000,000\)](#)

Resolution to approve bond counsel, underwriter/underwriter counsel, and issuer counsel... their fee/rate.

(3) [4D Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi determining the necessity of invoking the authority granted to municipalities by the Legislature with respect to Tax Increment Financing set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended determining the necessity of amending and restating the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 1997, and determining that a Public Hearing should be conducted in connection with the amended and restated Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan for the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, 2018](#)

Notification of a public hearing, Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 pm at city hall, to expand the redevelopment area that was previously approved in the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, November 1997.

(4) [5K Resolution authorizing and accepting the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Transportation \(MDOT\), MDOT Project No. STP-7843-00\(001\) LPA 107932/701000 for the City of Biloxi's Cedar Lake Bridge Improvements](#)

Approximately \$300,000 will be spent to repair/improve Cedar Lake Bridge; 20% of which is a local match.

(5) [5N Resolution creating Capital Project No. 1043, Point Cadet Marina Electrical Upgrade and amending the Municipal Budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 to establish budget for said Capital Project, and to transfer fund to Capital Project No. 1009: East Biloxi Public Access & Living Shoreline](#)

Harrison County (Board of Supervisors) has made their first quarterly payment of \$375,000; the city will spend \$275,000 of that for an electrical upgrade of the Point Cadet Marina. The remaining \$100,000 will be used as for the contingency fund associated with the Public Access & Living Shoreline project associated with development along the city's gulf and bay shorelines.

(6) [5O Resolution authorizing Management Agreement between the City of Biloxi and the Mardi Gras Museum Inc.](#)

The city has managed/operated the Mardi Gras Museum at the Magnolia Hotel since 1995 for purposes of promoting and preserving local heritage and culture and providing visitors and citizens a unique experience/look at Biloxi's carnival history. The museum has assisted the city through fund raising activities, display acquisition, and other contributions of time/expertise. The Mardi Gras Museum closed for renovation during 2017 and now will be relocated to commercial space on Howard Avenue (Machado Patano building) leased for this purpose by the Museum Board of Directors.

Other meetings/agendas...

[How you can get involved in your city government](#)

Development Review Committee (DRC) [Wednesday, December 19](#) (Wed., Community Development Bldg)

Architectural & Historical Review Commission [No meeting](#) (2d & 4th Thur Community Dev Bldg)

Planning Commission [Thursday, December 20](#) (1st & 3rd Thur., Community Development Bldg)

Of interest in Ward 5: (1) Change in zoning collectively for properties on Oakmont Place, and (2) more than a dozen Conditional Use requests for short term rentals within an existing condominium unit (Oak Shores Condominiums, east of Rodenberg Avenue)

Tree Committee [No meeting](#) (2d Mon, 769 Howard Ave, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio)

Highlights of this past week's Council meeting... [Watch the video \(youtube, 21:17\)](#)

(1) Public Hearing on tax exemption application for 1150 Beach Boulevard, The Creeks, LLC (Hyatt Place).

An appeal by Hyatt of the Mayor's denial of their tax exemption request dated December 14, 2017 (no link)

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of The Creeks, LLC (Hyatt Place).

(2) First Reading: Adoption of the 2018 version of the International Fire Code, Section 5-2-2 *No action taken*

(3) Approved amending the municipal budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, to recognize and receive a quarterly payment from Harrison County representing partial payment of residual one (1.0) mill of ad valorem taxes to the City of Biloxi Port Enterprise Fund

(4) Approved authorizing expenditure to the Coast-Wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration in the total amount of \$10,000

Santa's Naughty & Nice Recycling List...

The Harrison County Utility Authority (HCUA) is reminding us all to place these items in your:

Brown garbage cart: Christmas lights, garland and tinsel, foil wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, bubble wrap, styrofoam, plastic bags, and food waste

Green recycling cart: Normal wrapping paper (paper type only), cardboard boxes, paper boxes and bags, paper cards/envelopes, catalogs/magazines, paper cartons, plastic bottles, cans (aluminum, tin, and steel), glass bottles, and office paper.

Bits & Pieces...

● A concern of residents who live on the south side of Rue Palafox and the north side of Audubon Place has been the foot traffic along the drainage swale between the two roads/neighborhoods. It's taken a while (years actually) but there are now gates at the east and west ends of the swale. Also, the fence at the [south end of Stennis Drive \(east of Audubon Place/ Rue Palafox\) is now gated/padlocked](#), to prevent trespassing (and use as a shortcut to the swale).

● I'm still working on that ["dip" in the middle of Big Lake Road](#), north bound lane by the fire hydrant/drain, where the road continues to slowly deteriorate.

● [Damaged concrete panel on Covenant Square Drive](#) has been repaired!

● Woolmarket... more sidewalks! <https://www.biloxi.ms.us/sidewalk-project-in-the-works-for-woolmarket/>

● What's being paid for with your tax dollars? [See this week's Docket \(scroll down\)](#)

● Gulf Coast Rescue Mission (GCRM), 2750 Mission Lane, (on the "Biloxi side" of DeBuys Road, between the railroad tracks and Pass Road) does good work helping those less fortunate. Wish to perform a random act of kindness at Christmas time? Donate white socks, knit caps, chap stick, work gloves, disposable razors, gospel tracts, puzzle books, or ink pens... They'll be greatly appreciated. GCRM is open year-round for donations and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 228.388.3884 or office@gc rm.us.

● I had a good pizza this week at [Bootleggers Pizzeria & Sports Pub](#)... Authentic Chicago Thin Crust pizza... 228.435.4438, 1913 Pass Road, Biloxi.

● Watch the [2nd Annual Woolmarket Christmas Parade \(facebook, 10:15\)](#) *Thanks to Joe Reynolds!*

● **Have a question?** Send it to me...

Traffic/Road closures for the week ahead [See the list](#)

(Scroll to bottom of the page to see the streets sweeping schedule.)

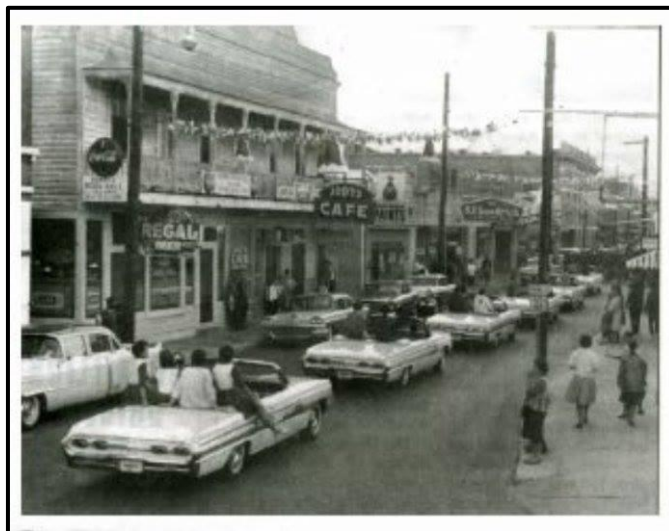
This week's podcast [Listen](#) (Popp's Ferry Bridge work, Woolmarket sidewalks, and more)

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Christmas Parade, Howard Avenue, looking west from Main St., Biloxi, 1962