

April 22, 2018

Good evening all...

The Council meets Tuesday, April 24. 1:30... [Click here to see the agenda](#)

- There are a number of ordinances up for a Second Reading and vote that deal with residential/commercial construction codes (National Codes, International Codes, Fire Codes, etc.). These codes are updated approximately every 5-7 years as national and international standards are revised or increased.
- A Public Hearing on an Architectural and Historical Review Commission matter regarding an illuminated LED Reader Board Sign at 1120 Beach Boulevard. The applicant's request was denied by AHRC; appeals are directed to the Council. Council will vote later on the agenda after hearing this matter.
- Other matters may interest you on the agenda... remember, clicking on the blue link at the end of each item permits you to see all the documentation associated with that item... which is what Council members see and refer to.

Other meetings...

The Development Review Committee (DRC) may or may not meet Wednesday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.

(There's no link to the DRC agenda since that webpage has not been updated.)

The Architectural and Historical Review Commission (AHRC) will not meet this week.

The Planning Commission does not meet this week.

Spring Break postscript...

A Ward 5 meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to provide the Biloxi Police Department with residents' feedback on Spring Break. The intent is to make BPD aware of logistic/safety concerns so the Traffic Plan can be tweaked and other concerns addressed for the event in 2019. I'll include the date/time/location of this meeting, once scheduled, in a future eBlast.

See the draft Special Events ordinance that was the subject of a Workshop for public input last October. Based on what I heard during that public hearing, there was little support from the Council so it was never placed on the agenda for a vote. The proposed ordinance was surely not perfect, but I thought it was a good start. [See the proposed ordinance draft](#) *Any constructive comments you might offer after reading the draft?* Email them to me.

In case you missed it... the Sun Herald editorial of April 20... [Make Black Spring Break bigger and better, or don't do it at all](#)

What is GIS?

GIS (Geographic Information System) is designed to store, analyze, and manage geographic data. And a link on the city's website (biloxi.ms.us), found in the column on the right side of the web page under Resources, listed as GIS Mapping gives you access to some helpful information. [Click here to the GIS Mapping webpage](#)

- When the Disclaimer dialogue box appears, check the "I agree to the above terms and conditions" box and then click on Accept.
 - A map will appear and you'll notice four round icons/symbols at the bottom of the page: from left to right... Layers, Legend, Basemap Gallery, and Print.
 - Clicking on the Layers icon presents a list of operational layers to choose from (or, choose them all).
 - Check the Zoning box and you'll see all zoning in the city of Biloxi
 - You can increase or decrease the size of the map by clicking on the + or - in the top left of the map
 - You can click and drag to move the map in any direction
 - You can check more than one layer if you like; multiple layers can be displayed at the same time
- You get the idea. All that remains is for you to explore the features of this very handy tool.

Know your council agenda...

- The [Council Reports](#) portion of the agenda permits each Council member unlimited time to report on matters in his/her ward, make announcements, recognize/compliment department heads for following through on issues in their respective wards, and also request departmental and other reports from the administration.
- The [Mayor's Report](#) precedes the Council Reports and permits the Mayor and/or Chief Administrative Officer to summarize events/conferences he attended, make financial reports that are required to be spread on the minutes, present Resolutions to citizens and others for their achievement(s) or event(s) with which they are affiliated.
- Mostly, these reports are informative and brief... sometimes they can be humorous... and sometimes it gets heated.

Q & A...

I really thought I might get a question or two after the invitation in last week's eBlast but received none. The offer still stands!

Have another great week and take in a Shuckers baseball game or two!

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