

August 5, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, 6:00, p.m., at city hall. [Click here to see the agenda](#)
Note that a Budget Workshop is scheduled for 3:30 at city hall, the same day.

Items of particular interest on the 6:00 agenda: (1) [Conditional Use for a short term rental at 157 A & B, Briarfield Avenue](#) (2) Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on proposed downtown facade and redevelopment incentive grant projects for a number of properties on Howard Avenue (hearing date is likely to be August 21) (3) [5B Approve and install a speed table for Mercury Lane](#) (4) [5F Resolution adopting the HUD-required 2018 Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment for the use of funds](#)

Other meetings...

The Development Review Committee (DRC) [See agenda](#) (Wednesdays, as necessary)
The Architectural & Historical Review Commission (AHR) [See agenda](#) (Second and fourth Thursdays)
The Planning Commission The next meeting is Thursday, August 16th. (First and third Thursdays)

School starts tomorrow... so drive carefully and keep your eyes peeled. School busses will be out on their routes early. Remember that passing a stopped school bus violates state law... and puts young lives at risk!

Hearing on east-west roadway north of the CSX railway in east Biloxi...

The city conducted an engagement meeting this past Thursday to solicit input on the proposed federally –funded construction of an east-west roadway north of CSX railway in east Biloxi. Two routes were discussed; no final decision was made... again, community input was the purpose of the meeting. If you have comments you'd like considered, mail/email them to Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager, City of Biloxi, P.O. Box 429, Biloxi, MS 39533 or <mailto:spickich@biloxi.ms.us> by the end of this month.



[See overview of area](#)



[See closeup of area, in box](#)



[See option 1, away from RR](#)



[See option 2, beside RR](#)

Hurricane Links...

Historically, August and September seem to be when hurricanes present the greatest threat to the coast. Here are a few links to help you prepare if hurricanes head our way... [Bnews, August 2018, see page 14](#) [In State Evacuation Guide \(MDOT\)](#) [Hurricane Survival Checklist \(MDOT\)](#) [Mississippi Department of Transportation \(MDOT\) cameras](#) Spanish... [Guia De Huracanes](#) Vietnamese... [Bao Huong Dan](#)

Budget Notes...

[See the proposed Capital Projects and funding sources for next year's budget.](#) After a series of budget workshops in the next several weeks, Council will vote on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019. (The city's budget/fiscal year runs from October 1 – September 30.) More at my website... scroll all the way down, on the left, [Tisdale's Budget Docs.](#)

Bits & Pieces...

- Cruisin' the Coast rated Best Car Show of 2018 by USA TODAY [Read more](#)
- I noticed on the city's Traffic webpage that several streets in Ward 5 were swept in the past couple of weeks: Andover Ct., Bay Pointe Dr., Belgrade Ct., Brighton Cr., Brookside Cove, Christi Ln, Evergreen Ln, Hampton Ln, Oakridge Cr, Park View Dr., River Place Blvd., Sheridan Ct., Somerset Ct., and Spring Ridge Dr.
- Streetsweeping in Ward 5 scheduled for August 10, (may vary by a day or two) between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm...
- Edgewater Park:** Balmoral Ave., Barq Ave., Bryn Mawr Ave., Connery Cir., Edgewater Dr., Kenmore Ave., Marshall Rd., and Wilson Rd.... August 26, Cedar Lake Rd.
- **Briarfield Subdivision** – Looks like we're finally getting a "speed table" installed at Mercury Lane to slow down the traffic from Maison d'Orleans that speeds through your neighborhood. I anticipate approval at Tuesday's Council meeting.
- As always, I'm happy to speak at Homeowner Associations' meetings in Ward 5.

Payment of traffic tickets...

Mississippi law allows you to pre-pay a traffic ticket prior to the court date. The back of your ticket has more information about doing so. Should you pre-pay, there is no need to report to court. Note: This is allowable only for tickets given at the scene without a formal arrest. Some traffic violations require a formal arrest and booking and attendance at arraignment is mandatory.

Reverse auction bidding...

HB 1109 of the 2017 Regular Session, effective January 1st, 2018 has mandated reverse auctions to be the primary method to receive competitive bids within the State of Mississippi. A reverse auction is a real-time electronic procurement practice in which suppliers compete online to bid freely on specified items within an allotted timeframe. Prices will be entered into a secure web-based procurement portal in decrements. The vendor with lowest price, meeting bid specifications, in most cases will be awarded a contract. Reverse auctions will not be used for any public contracts for design or construction of public facilities, including buildings, roads and bridges. [Read more](#)

I mention this because some of you may want to do business with the city or may know of business owners who would like to bid on city work/contracts. If so, follow this link [Go to Planroom](#) to the city's website where bid notices are posted and open a free account with Planroom (the secure online application)... follow the prompts.

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

This week's podcast [Listen](#) (Back to school, Biloxi Shuckers and more)

Have a question? Send it to me...

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