

September 23, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, September 25, 1:30 p.m., at city hall. [See the agenda](#)

Of particular interest to those in Ward 5...

- (1) [4A First Reading: Ordinance to change the zoning for a portion of a parcel of land from RS-10, Low Density Single Family Residential to NB Neighborhood Business for land identified as 2730 Pass Road](#)
- (2) [50 Resolution to approve lowest/best bid for Enclave-Rue Palafox Ditch improvements \(drainage swale between The Enclave and Petit Bois subdivisions\)](#)

Other meetings/agendas...

Development Review Committee (DRC) [See the agenda](#) (Wednesdays, as necessary)

Architectural & Historical Review Commission [See the agenda](#) (Second and fourth Thursdays)

Planning Commission [Next meeting is Thursday, October 4th](#) (First and third Thursdays) .

Highlights of this past week's Council meeting...

- (1) First Reading to change zoning classification of CB Community Business to WF Waterfront, for Treasure Bay casino, to include authorization of the Planned Development Gaming Establishment Overlay District , for 1994 Beach Boulevard and proposed for merger (totaling about 4 acres) with overall property site, 1980 Beach Boulevard... Treasure Bay is updating their Master Plan to allow for additional parking.
- (2) Tabled a Second Reading establishing an excursion vessel category to determine rates for excursion vessels.
- (3) Authorized administration to draft and submit legislation authorizing the city to eliminate the cap on Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for beneficiaries of the General Municipal Employees Retirement Fund. Hopefully, our coast legislative delegation will support this legislation (Local and Private Bill) that will allow retired city employees under the "old retirement plan" to continue to receive a 3% COLA.
- (4) Approved furniture purchase for the Woolmarket Center.
- (5) Accepted Tidelands Grants from Mississippi Department of Marine Resources... \$700,000 for Point Cadet Marina and Water's Edge Boardwalk and \$350,000 for Point Cadet Marina Improvements, West
- (6) Authorized amended and restated Management Agreement between the City of Biloxi and the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum; main points: \$4,000/month management fee; city pays lesser of \$5,000/month or one half cost of electricity used monthly; Repair Fund established, city and museum each put up \$25,000 for repairs.
- (7) Tabled Boat Slip Agreement with Biloxi Cruise Company, LLC (Sailfish Shrimp Tour)
- (8) Tabled Amendment No. One with Pickering Firm for Howard Avenue Improvements, to correct project extension
- (9) Tabled approval and agreement with Key Impact Strategies... lobbying for federal and state grant monies

Ward 5 meeting topics (as you requested)... Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 pm, Snyder Center on Pass Road

- Speed table at Mercury Lane (Christy Lebatard, City Engineer)
- Spring Break/Thunderbirds planning for April, 2019 (Major Chris Deback, BPD)
- Cruising the Coast... Beau Rivage construction be an obstacle/problem? (Major Chris Deback, BPD)
- Enclave-Audubon drainage swale (Christy Lebatard, City Engineer)
- City's Tree Committee (Carroll Campbell, city Tree Protection Committee, Ward 5 representative)
- FY2019 Budget highlights (Paul Tisdale)
- Rezoning of Fore property by Mississippi Music on Pass Road (Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development)
- Popp's Ferry Extension, Pass Road to Beach Boulevard (Christy Lebatard & Neel Schaffer representative)

Bits & Pieces...

- The remains of a burned home on Cove Drive should be demolished in the next 4-6 weeks or less.
- A speed table has been poured in place at Mercury Lane between the apartments and Beachview Avenue.
- Leo Carney has been appointed to the Architectural and Historical Review Commission (AHRC) for a 4 year term. Mr. Carney replaces Sugar Stallings.
- Neighborhood Passes for Cruising the Coast will be distributed this week to points of contact in Edgewater Park, Grande View Apartments, Briarfield subdivision, Maison d'Orleans Apartments, and Oakmont Place. These passes serve only to identify residents in these areas for law enforcement officers. The "Coliseum shortcut" will not be open for Cruising the Coast since the west parking lot will be used for Coliseum events (as its done in past years).
- Though not "official" just yet, congratulations to the children, parents, teachers, staff, and administration of Biloxi Public Schools for their "A" Accountability Rating [Read more \(Sun Herald\)](#) [Ratings explained \(youtube video\)](#)
- No school for Biloxi Public School students, October 5 (Fall Break) and October 8 (Columbus Day) [See calendar](#)
- Infrastructure repair program status: "North Project" & "Buena Vista West" Project... [See diagrams](#) [See video](#)
- The first Ward 5 eblast was delivered to your mailbox Sunday, February 4; it's evolved a bit since then. Attached you'll find a copy of that first eblast. Based on your feedback this past week, thank you, I'm accomplishing what I set out to do: keep you better informed.

Brick pavers on Howard Avenue from Reynoir Street east to Lameuse Street...



(Picture courtesy of City of Biloxi Bmail)

Traffic/Road closures for the week ahead [See the list](#)
(Scroll to bottom of the webpage to see the streets sweeping schedule.)

This week's podcast [Listen](#) (Roadwork, Cruisin' other news and notes)

Have a question? Send it to me...

I look forward to seeing you at the Ward meeting Wednesday!

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