

## Ward 5 Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 5:30-7:10 p.m. Donal Snyder Recreation Center, Pass Road, Biloxi  
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### AGENDA

*This meeting was recorded by Public Affairs for viewing on the city's website; about 45 in attendance.*

- ▶ Comments from Biloxi's Chief Administrative Officer  
-Brief update of the FEMA/infrastructure projects throughout the city  
-Almost \$500 million dollars worth of work is underway at this time  
**Mike Leonard**  
Biloxi Chief Admin Officer
- ▶ Information re Census 2020  
-Census mailouts will arrive at your mailbox March 12-20  
-You can self-respond as soon as you receive the form; it's important that everyone is counted!  
-Sugar Stallings is the Complete Count Committee head for Ward 5  
**Kristi Kelly Hicks**  
Census 2020
- ▶ Coast Transit Authority (CTA) services  
-Brief overview of services offered by CTA  
**Kevin Coggin**  
Coast Transit Authority
- ▶ MGCCC-JD private road, status (MGCCC invited but did not attend)  
-Community College has not yet begun the process for approval  
-Anticipated they'll move forward after completing the Hwy 49 entrance to the Perkinston campus  
**Jerry Creel**  
Community Development
- ▶ Short term rentals (STR), update  
-City's received 317 applications for short term rentals and has approved/permitted 297 of those  
-STR is a residence that rents for less than 30 days  
-STRs are permitted in most commercial zones, prohibited in residential zones  
-New 30 unit apartment complex on Briarfield Ave. has 4 of those units permitted for STR
- ▶ Spring Break traffic plan & Briarfield neighborhood, STRs  
-Same traffic plan as last year (and used for all major events)  
-Officer locations on Briarfield & Pine Grove may be situated differently  
-Anticipate "Coliseum Shortcut" to be open for this event... BPD will check with Coliseum  
**Capt. Michael Brumley**  
**Chief John Miller**  
Police Department
- ▶ Homeless Concerns  
-It's not a crime to be homeless.  
-Mayor working to pull several entities together for cooperative effort to manage better (Tisdale)  
-If mayor gets agreement with entities, a homeless transition/processing center may be established
- ▶ NOLA camera network, update  
-Brief overview; citizens may become part of network in future  
**Lt. Louis Moran**  
Police Department
- ▶ Popp's Ferry Extension, Pass Road to Highway 90  
-Just about all land for right-of-way has been purchased  
-Design is complete; railroad crossing approved by CSX  
-\$12M grant from state is needed; applied for but not received this year, try again next year  
-New Popp's Ferry bridge, \$125M estimate; MDOT still to approve Environmental Impact Study;  
sixty nine structures north of PF bridge will have to be taken to widen road to 4 lanes  
**Mike Leonard**  
**Christy Lebatard**  
Engineering Department
- ▶ Demolition of Oakmont Place structures  
-7 structures vacant; city lining up demolition contractor; need MDOT approval to reduce cost 80%

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- ▶ Eisenhower Avenue railroad crossing
  - City is pressing and continues to press CSX on this issue; CSX moves s-l-o-w-l-y on issues...
- ▶ Saenger Theatre update
  - Work has begun on exterior and roof; \$2M from city and \$2M from the state
- ▶ Debuys Road, north of Pass Road
  - Letters sent to Gulfport mayor and District 5 supervisor; should be cooperative effort of all three
  - Nothing can be done on that portion of Debuys Rd on MGCCC campus until construction is done
- ▶ Churchill Avenue ditch/pipe
  - About \$470,000 allocated for this project; residents agree open, concrete culvert better than pipe
  - Backfilling edges would prevent erosion of property on west side; stabilize Churchill on east side
  - Would be nice if a sidewalk... with a fence are included to keep children out of concrete culvert

### **REMINDERS**

- ✓ Citizen Representative, Craig Ross, Citizens' Representative, 228.435.6271 or [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us)  
Your concerns/complaints will noted and routed to the correct department for resolution
- ✓ Ward 5 eblast is sent every Sunday... to receive, send me your email address... it's free!  
Past issues of the Ward 5 eblast can be found at <http://tisdaleforbiloxi.com/archives/>
- ✓ Website: [www.tisdaleforbiloxi.com](http://www.tisdaleforbiloxi.com)... updated weekly
- ✓ Next Ward meeting, about late August

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