

# Ward 5 eblast

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Good morning all...

[Biloxi schools](#) are now in session. Please remember to drive carefully, particularly when approaching bus stops and stopped school busses that are loading or unloading students.

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## Meetings this week...

- [Tree Committee](#)
- [Develop. Review Committee \(DRC\)](#)
- [Architect & Historical Review Com](#)

## Bits & Pieces...

- [Mayor's Latest Executive Order](#)
- Ward 5 meeting, 09/14/20, 5:30
- [Your water bill; that HCUA charge](#)
- [Census 2020](#) [WLOX news](#)
- [Infrastructure update](#) [See Maps](#)
- [Rental Assistance Wednesdays](#)
- [Council minutes, 01/01/20 -present](#)  
Earlier minutes can be found by following links at the top of the page.
- [Weekly department reports](#)
- [See Traffic/Road closures](#)
- [Community Calendar, August](#)

### BTV this week

[Monday 08/03/20](#)

[Friday 08/07/20](#)

## Who to contact for...

- City complaints or concerns  
228.435.6271, [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us)
- Trash or garbage issues?  
Dial 228.701.9086  
Press 1, Waste Management (garbage)  
Press 2, Pelican Waste (trash)
- *Water, Sewer, Gas, or Drainage emergency after working hours?*  
Call BPD Dispatch: 228.392.0641
- Streetlight issues, [Ward 5](#)  
MS Power, 1.800.487.327

- The next Council meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 1:30



## Last week's Council Meeting...

[Video \(1:16:59\)](#)

- (1) Conducted First Reading: Regulations, short-term rentals, timeshares
- (2) Proposed garbage collection rate increase failed on a split vote, 3-3
- (3) Approved proposed water/sewer rate increase for each of next 4 years
- (4) Approved compensation, Popp's Ferry Rd extension (property purchase)
- (5) Adopted 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan
- (6) Approved service agreement for city-wide street cleaning
- (7) Renewed management agreement, City & Ohr-O'Keefe Museum



Baricev's Restaurant, January, 1954, south of Highway 90; about where Hard Rock casino is now located. This was the first Baricev Restaurant.

## The water & sewer bill increase; bad news and good news...

The bad news is that [I incorrectly calculated the typical homeowner's water/sewer bill increase](#). The good news is that the increase for a household that uses 5,000 gallons of water/month will be \$0.44/mo., not \$1.58/mo. [See the correct calculations on 5,000 gal/mo usage](#). [See the new rates, effective October 1](#). Note that these rates will increase each of the next four years, effective October 1.

## No increase in garbage fee...

The city will pay more for garbage disposal but that cost, \$0.97/month, will not be passed along to residents. The proposed increase failed on a 3-3 vote. City officials plan to ask the Harrison County Utility Authority (HCUA) to "sharpen its pencil" for options to reduce that increase.

## Budget update...

I've been asked what financial impact the governor's stay-at-home order had on the city's budget this year. Well, it cost the city about \$5,000,000 in lost revenue (gaming revenue and sales tax). To counter this revenue drop, the city is not filling some positions that have become vacant due to retirement and employees taking another job elsewhere. Also, overtime costs for police and fire are significantly higher due to virus infections and quarantines. One department where you'll notice a difference is Public Works. They're short on manpower... and the grass still grows in the summer... and people still litter... and old water lines still burst! The new fiscal year begins October 1. [Follow budget discussions, scroll down](#)