

# Ward 5 eblast

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Good morning,

When I was going door-to-door during my re-election campaign weeks ago, the two issues that were mentioned most frequently were: (1) litter/trash and (2) drivers speeding through neighborhoods.

My initial thinking is to hire: (A) 6 additional people in Public Works to form 3 two-man litter teams that would pick up litter all day, every day... a team in east Biloxi, west Biloxi, and north of the bay, and (B) 3 additional police officers to park in neighborhoods daily and write speeding tickets.

I'm interested in your thoughts on these two topics and how to pay for these additional people. Budget workshops begin in a few weeks.

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## Meetings this week...

- [Develop. Rev. Committee \(DRC\)](#)
- The Planning Commission's next meeting is Thursday, July 15

## Bits & Pieces...

- [Low speed vehicles info \(BPD\)](#)
- [Weekly department reports](#)
- [See Traffic/Road closures](#)
- [BTV, watch online](#)

**Biloxi A to Z**  
[Friday 06/25/21](#)

## 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)

► The next Council meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 6:00 pm

**Highlights of this past week's Council Meeting...** [Video \(1:41:47\)](#)

- 1) Approved Conditional Use for auto repair and servicing, 1749 Pass Road
- 2) Approved Tidelands Grant application, sediment removal, from canals
- 3) Approved final payment for Keesler Gate (inside the gate), project 1010



Buena Vista Pavilion... destroyed in the [Hurricane of '47](#)... current site of Beau Rivage Casino's parking garage (Thanks to Rusty Fountain)

**Budget time approaches...** Litter, speeding, sports complex, roads, etc. *Reprinted and updated from [August 16, 2020](#)*

I'm no expert on city taxes by any means but it's that time of the year when the Council will soon adopt a budget and vote on whether or not to raise taxes... and the T word makes some people nervous.

What the Council actually votes on is the tax levy, which is measured in mills. Biloxi's tax levy has remained the same since 2001, 30.10 mills; the last millage increase was in 1997. The millage high point, 59.06, occurred in 1993 and 1994 when gaming was just getting established. So, your millage hasn't increased in 24 years. And, note that if the tax levy had not been reduced several times between 1994-2001 (when gaming revenue picked up quite a bit), your property taxes would be about twice as much as they are today. (Still wondering what the casinos have done for you? ☺)

A tax levy increase of 1 mill would generate about \$585,000 for the city's general fund. It would also mean that your property tax would increase \$10/year for every \$100,000 of your residential property's assessed value. For example, if your home's assessed at \$250,000, your property tax would go up \$25/year, or less than 7 cents/day. If your home's assessed at \$125,000, it would go up \$12.50/year, or less than 3.5 cents/day.

On a side note, when your home's assessed value goes up, you pay more taxes... because the Harrison County Tax Assessor is required by Mississippi law to revalue each property in the county every 4 years.

► [Review last year's budget videos & documents](#) ► [Biloxi millage history](#)

- *Water, Sewer, Gas, or Drainage emergency after working hours?*  
Call Biloxi Police Department Dispatch: 228.392.0641
- Streetlight issues, [Ward 5](#), Mississippi Power Company, 1.800.487.3275