

September 9, 2018

Good evening all...

The next Council meeting is **Friday, September 14, 1:30 p.m.**, at city hall, to approve the FY19 Budget.

Note that there is a Council Budget Workshop Tuesday, September 11, 1:30 pm, at city hall; it's open to the public.

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	No meeting this week	(First and third Thursdays) .

Ward 5 meeting...

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30, Snyder Center, Pass Road

- *There's still time to add topics you'd like to see on the agenda for discussion or updates.*

Topics submitted so far...

- Speed table at Mercury Lane... other speed bumps in Briarfield subdivision
- Spring Break/Thunderbirds planning for April, 2019
- Cruising the Coast... Beau Rivage construction on Highway 90 an obstacle/problem?
- Old Bay Road and Big Lake used as shortcut, Popp's Ferry to Pass Road
- City's Tree Committee
- FY2019 Budget highlights
- Popp's Ferry Extension (Pass Road to Beach Boulevard)

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

- (1) Conducted Public Hearing on the proposed FY19 budget (One person commented)
- (2) Conducted First Reading amending ordinance 10.5-2-1 to include excursion vessels in berthing rates
- (3) Appointed Leroy Carney as At-Large Representative on the Architectural and Historical Commission (AHRC)
- (4) Approved employee group health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield as program administrator
- (5) Approved installation and payment (\$19,000) for traffic signal at Howard Avenue & Reynoir Street
- (6) Approved purchase of 58 Christmas decorations for \$24,995
- (7) Approved Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Coliseum; Coliseum to provide reimbursement up to \$400,000 to match federal funds for engineering, right-of-way, and construction of the Popp's Ferry Extension
- (8) Set the tax levy for FY19 (No increase in city millage; no increase in school district millage)
73.47 mills Total Levy (broken down as follows... No increase in millage by the city or school board)
 - 18.76 mills for City, general revenue purposes and improvements (+0.18 mills)
 - .02 mills for City, solid waste collection and disposal
 - 9.20 mills for City, sinking fund for redemption of bonds and loan repayments (-0.18 mills)
 - 2.12 mills for City, employee retirement and disability systems administered by PERS
 - 41.03 mills for School District Maintenance
 - 2.20 mills for School District Three Mill Note
 - 0.14 mills for School District Short Fall Note
- (9) Scheduled another Budget Workshop for Tuesday, September 11, 1:30

Bits & Pieces...

- See pics and videos of recent council meetings at the City of Biloxi [facebook page](#)
- If the streets in Petit Bois and The Enclave weren't swept this past Friday, they should be this week.
- When you next visit the city's webpage, [go there now](#), check out the four icons/links in the top right corner:



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- [Click here](#) to see aerial footage of the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor and adjoining commercial harbor (July, 2018)
- [Click here](#) to see the aerial footage of Popp's Ferry Causeway Park, now open
- Still following up on Edgewater Park gazebo repair... progress, I'm told, in the next 3-4 weeks
- There will be future opportunities for citizen input on the [Point Cadet Waterfront Project](#).

Downtown Restoration progress...

The improvements to Howard Avenue (\$1.7M) are scheduled to be completed in 4-6 weeks. (Pics taken 09/09/18)



Pic #1 Howard Avenue, looking west from George Ohr Street

Pic #2 Howard Avenue, looking east from George Ohr Street

New curbing, sidewalks, lights... paving bricks, for the road surface, are stacked on the right (Pic #1).

Traffic/Road closures and Street sweeping schedule (scroll down) for the weeks ahead [See the list](#)

This week's podcast [Listen](#) (Gerald Blessey talks Waterfront; First Friday and more)

Have a question? Send it to me...

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Hope your teams won this weekend,
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