

October 07, 2018

Good afternoon all...

There is no Council meeting this week.

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, October 16, 1:30 p.m., at city hall.

#### Other meetings/agendas...

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

Architectural & Historical Review Commission [Agenda not posted](#) (Second and fourth Thursdays)

Planning Commission [No meeting this week](#) (First and third Thursdays) .

#### Highlights of this past week's Council meeting (10/02/18)... [See the video \(youtube\)](#)

(The time in parentheses at the end of selected items below refers to the video and when that topic was discussed.)

(1) Tabled an Ordinance change to rezone portion of a 4 acre parcel that fronts Pass Road, immediately west of Edgewater Estates, from Single Family Residential to Neighborhood Business (20:25)

(2) Tabled a lobbying Agreement with Key Impact Strategies

(3) Reappointed Curtis Harrison (Ward 1), August Parker (Ward 1), Johnnie Smith (Ward 2), Cheryl Thompson (Ward 2), David Stanovich (Ward 3), JoAnn Humphries (Ward 3), Kay Bankston (Ward 4), David Washer (Ward 4), Steve Delahousey (Ward 5), Jimmy Poulos (Ward 5), Kyle Carron (Ward 6), Joe Kin (Ward 7) and Gary Lechner (At-Large) to the Biloxi Planning Commission

(4) Approved Resolution to activate the Main Street CSXT Railroad Crossing; grant from MDOT will be used to reduce the angle of incline/decline at that crossing (similar to the north side of the Porter Avenue crossing a number of years ago); this Resolution begins the process; actual construction is approximately 18 months from now (1:25:06)

(5) Appointed Arlene Canaan to the Biloxi Housing Authority Board

(6) Approved a study agenda directing the Planning Commission to study and make recommendations for Short Term Rental properties to create an overlay district along the water's edge. *My advice: Keep an eye on this topic if you live on the water or by the water; it will have implications for you!* (1:35:00)

#### Bits & Pieces...

● Monday, October 8... No school for students attending Biloxi Public Schools, Columbus Holiday

● Thursday, October 11, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center, Hwy 90... 2018 Biloxi Cemetery Tour Sneak Peek

● Have a question or issue regarding curbside trash, trimmings, debris pickup? Call Pelican Waste & Debris, 228.232.0850.

● Have a question or issue regarding garbage pickup? Call Team Waste, 228.328.1820.

● And, don't forget the city has a Citizens' Representative, or call center, for any complaints or issues of concern: 228.435.6271 or [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us).

● Pics of Cruisin' the Coast's Biloxi Block Party on the city's facebook page [See the pics \(facebook\)](#) [See the video \(youtube\)](#)

● A special Thank You to Matt McDonnell, Executive Director of the Coliseum, for opening the "short cut" during Cruisin' the Coast. I was told the short cut was not available... and then Police Chief John Miller was contacted to say it would be open... and it was!

#### Tickets on sale for Biloxi First Roast of Mayor Gilich (Bmail)...

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich will be the roastee for the 16th annual Biloxi First Roast, Thursday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the IP Casino Resort Spa. [See your invitation to the Roast](#) The event is the major annual fundraiser for Biloxi First, a non-profit organization that has provided more than a quarter-million dollars in funding for innovative classroom projects in Biloxi Public Schools.

Gilich will be roasted by well-known Biloxian, insurance agent and raconteur Errol Bradley; businessman, musician and Biloxian of the Year Robert Collier; advertising executive Ted Riemann; and Jaye Brice, the mayor's sister. Emcee will be Reed Guice.

Tickets are \$50 for individuals; \$250 for a patron sponsor, which admits two; or a \$1,000 reserved corporate table for 10. To reserve your seats or tables, contact Dewey Mason, 228-229-8733, [dewey.mason@bxsi.com](mailto:dewey.mason@bxsi.com); or Ann Denison, 228-860-8871, [ann.denison@biloxischools.net](mailto:ann.denison@biloxischools.net). Ticket money should be sent to Biloxi First, P.O. Box 488 Biloxi, MS 39533.

#### North Bay Elementary School is a National Blue Ribbon School...

North Bay Elementary School was recently named a 2018 Blue Ribbon School - one of only 3 in Mississippi! This is the second time that North Bay has received this honor - the first time was in 2011. North Bay Principal Teresa Martin said, "This distinction really speaks volumes about the dedication of the staff, students and parents of North Bay. The support and resources we receive as part of the Biloxi Public School District makes it possible for us to serve our students at this high level. We are so proud to be a Blue Ribbon School and we are continuing to work hard every day

to be the best we can be." For details about the National Blue Ribbon program [click here](#). (from Windtalker, publication of Biloxi Public Schools)

### **If you're job hunting (or know someone who is)...**

Premiere LUX Cine will host a Job Fair at Edgewater Mall (specifically, the former "Lady Footlocker" store, between "My Kind of Place Outfitters" and "Bella Rose Boutique"; across from "Justice", near the food court) on Tuesday Oct. 9 and Wednesday Oct. 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Positions available include: Concession/Cashier, Usher/Door, Bartender/Served, and Kitchen Staff.

Guidelines...

1. Complete the online application at <http://www.pccmovies.com/page/3481/Join-Our-Team>  
Be sure you select the Biloxi, MS location.
2. Upon arrival, pick up your application at the check in desk and keep it with you until your interview. Your interviewer will keep your application when interview is complete.
3. You're welcome to bring a resume (if you have one) with you.
4. Be prepared for a 5-10 minute interview.
5. Applicants wanted for hire will be notified by the end of the day on Thursday, November 1, 2018.

### **City Website feature: GIS Mapping...**

The city's GIS Mapping team has put together a helpful tool for anyone to use... and it's pretty cool. The city GIS map consists of a number of "layers" that enable you to look at the city infrastructure and physical layout from different perspectives. The link is on the city's website/homepage; column on the right side of the page under the section titled Resources, or, [Go to GIS Mapping](#)

Let's look at a practical example. What ward do I live in (so I know where to vote, who my council person is, etc.)?

- (1) Click the "I agree..." box and then click on "Accept"
- (2) A dialogue box titled "Layer List" permits you to select a single or multiple layers to view. Since I'm for the ward I live in, I'll check the "City Council Wards" box AND then I'll click on the little triangle to the left of that box and click on it.
- (3) A submenu appears below "City Council Wards and I can check any (or all) of the choices that are revealed: Voting Locations, City Council Wards, and Voting Precincts. For my purpose I'll check "City Council Wards" only.
- (4) Then close the "Layer List" dialogue box.
- (5) You should now be looking at a map of the city/gulf coast with color coded wards in the city of Biloxi.
- (6) You move around the map by placing your cursor on the map, then clicking and dragging.
- (7) Click on the + or - buttons, top left of the page, to zoom in and out, or use the scroll button on your mouse to zoom. There's quite a bit of information at the city website if you know where to look and how to use it!

### **Traffic/Road closures for the week ahead [See the list](#)**

(Scroll to bottom of the webpage to see the complete street sweeping schedule.)

Ward 5 Street sweeping:

October 18 & 19: Beachview, Beacon, Briarfield, Deming, Mercury, Oakmont, and Pine Grove

October 28: Debuys, Eisenhower, Walmart Lane, C.T. Switzer Dr.

**This week's podcast** [Listen](#) (Biloxi Block Party, Main Street awards and Mayor Gilich)

***Have a question? Send it to me...***

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