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Employee Meetings Held Today
Information Shared About Health Benefits and Other Topics

August 1, 2018 - Today the City of Pascagoula held two meetings at the Senior Center with all employees required to attend one of them. They were informed of the severity of the city's financial situation, and the proposed actions that will directly impact them.

City Manager/City Attorney Ryan Frederic outlined for attendees the proposed changes to their benefits packages, as discussed at last night's City Council meeting. This includes an increase in employee contributions to their health insurance. Vision and prescription benefits are slated to change, with a more direct cost borne by employees who utilize those specific services or plans.

Additionally, employees were told of a proposed freeze on merit raises and a freeze on any new enrollees in the tuition reimbursement and education compensation programs, excluding those classes required for their jobs.

Frederic also outlined manpower reductions the city is making. The individuals personally impacted were told of the layoff personally by city officials. Four full time employees have been told their positions have been eliminated effective Sept. 1, and seven part time employees were let go effective today.

"These changes are sad. We're a family. But we are doing everything in our power to dig out of the hole and streamline city government. The sacrifices for all of us, employees and citizens, are not easy. We will get through this," he said.

