

**RECESSED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011, AT 9:00 A. M.
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP BUILDING
GAUTIER CAMPUS
GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met on the campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Building, Gautier, MS, in a recessed regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Robert H. Maxwell
Councilman Joe Abston
Councilman Frank Corder
Councilman Jim Milstead
Councilman Robert Stallworth, Sr.
Councilman Harold Tillman, Jr.

Councilman George L. Wolverton, Sr. - absent

City Manager Joe Huffman
City Attorney Eddie Williams
Asst. City Clerk Brenda Reed
City Clerk/Comptroller Robert J. Parker

Others present:

Executive Management Team
Kathie Boulter, Administrative Assistant to City Manager
Amy Whitten, The Whitten Group – Retreat Facilitator

Mayor Maxwell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The proposed agenda for the City Council retreat today was as follows:

**PASCAGOULA CITY COUNCIL RETREAT
AGENDA**

July 26, 2011
Outdoor Recreation Leadership Building
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gautier Campus

July 26 – 8:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

1. Retrospect and Update on projects (Staff)
 - A. Strategic Plan
 - B. Accomplishments
 - C. Priorities

2. Discuss new program and project opportunities (Council & Staff)
 - A. EMT Recommendations
 - a. Residential Development Plan – Power Point Presentation
 - b. Municipal Offices – Long Term Plan

 - B. Council Member Recommendations
 - a. Point Park Conference Center - Power Point Presentation
 - b. Market Street and 14th Street Improvements
 - c. River Park Pier
 - d. Belair Shopping Center

 - C. Financing Alternatives

(Break for Lunch – Noon -1:00 p.m.)

3. General Discussion of upcoming budget (Council & Staff)

4. Other Items
 - a. Utility Partners Contract
 - b. Lobbying Consultant
 - c. Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Harry Schmidt, Community & Economic Development Director, introduced Richard Lucas, member of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, who briefed the Council on the new Strategic Plan brochure and discussed various projects the committee is working on. A question and answer session followed.

The City Manager gave a Power Point presentation on a residential development plan. According to the local hiring forecast, it was noted that Ingalls could be hiring from 4,000-5,000 employees. The group discussed various incentives that could be used to bring new residents to our City.

Jaci Turner, Program Manager, gave a Power Point presentation on a long term plan for municipal offices. Various options were discussed on ways to provide more convenient service

locations to our citizens. She also provided a Power Point presentation for a proposed new conference center that could be built and discussed various location options. A question and answer session followed.

Steve Mitchell, Operations Manager, discussed Market Street and 14th Street improvements and options for milling/paving the streets.

Darcie Crew, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the River Park pier and possible repairs.

The City Attorney provided the Council with an update on the Belair Shopping Center property matter. Possible uses of the property were also discussed once it has been cleaned.

Bobby Parker, City Clerk/Comptroller, briefed the Council on potential bond issue scenarios and millage information. The City Manager stated they have been working on the FY2012 budget and will be presenting a draft copy to them soon for review.

Darcie Crew then introduced John Lavender, with Lose & Associates, Inc., who gave a Power Point presentation on a master plan for the Parks & Recreation Department. The last one was prepared in 1976. A question and answer session followed.

The City Manager led a discussion regarding the Utility Partners contract and privatization matters.

(Councilman Stallworth left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

Darcie Crew then introduced Mike McIlhaney who advised the Council the Recreation Commission fully supports the need for a new master plan for the Parks & Recreation Department. He encouraged the Council to proceed with this request.

The City Manager discussed the lobbying consultant issue with the Council and whether an outside consultant was actually needed or if the work would be done in-house.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Abston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Corder and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "ABSENT", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "ABSENT".

The meeting ended at 4:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert H. Maxwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Reed, Asst. City Clerk