

Minutes of September 9, 2025
Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Be it remembered that a recess meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun and held at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th day September of 2025, at the Long Beach City Hall Meeting Room, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, in said City and the same being the time, date and place fixed by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, recessing the meeting from September 2, 2025.

There were present and in attendance on said board and at the meeting the following named persons: Mayor Timothy I. Pierce, Aldermen Donald Frazer, Patrick Bennett, Jesse Allen, Joseph "Joey" Giuffria, Timothy McCaffrey, Jr., Greg Bonds, Pete L. McGoey, and City Clerk Emma Ward.

Absent: City Attorney Stephen B. Simpson, Esq.

There being a quorum present sufficient to transact the business of this recess meeting, the following proceedings were had and done.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen took up for consideration the matter of final approval and adoption of the Municipal Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, and for related purposes. After a discussion of the subject, Alderman McCaffrey offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, SETTING FORTH ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID BUDGET; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "Governing Body") of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi (the "Municipality"), having made due investigation therefore, do now find, determine, adjudicate and declare as follows:

(A) Pursuant to the provisions of MCA §21-35-5, the Governing Body of the Municipality prepared or caused to be prepared a complete budget of the municipal revenues, expenses, and working cash balances for the next fiscal year, including the amount to be raised by levy of ad valorem taxes, sales, fines and forfeitures, and other sources for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, and said Governing Body has further prepared a statement showing the aggregate revenues collected during the current fiscal year in the Municipality for municipal purposes, which statement shows every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source;

(B) The Governing Body, on the 17th day of June, 2025, in regular meeting duly assembled, did adopt that certain order providing for a proposed municipal budget for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for a public hearing to give the general public an opportunity to make oral or written comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in said budget; providing for notice of such hearing; and for related purposes.

(C) Pursuant to the aforesaid order a copy of said proposed Municipal Budget in detail was filed and remained on file in the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall in the Municipality and at the Long Beach Public Library, in the Municipality for public inspection and examination during business hours as provided in the said resolution;

(D) Notice of the Budget and Tax Levy Public Hearing provided for in the said resolution to be held at the Long Beach City Hall in said Municipality at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, was published in *The Gazette Gazette*, a newspaper qualified under the provisions of MCA §13-3-3, which newspaper is published in Harrison County, Mississippi, wherein the Municipality is located, and has a general circulation in said Municipality; such publication having been made in said newspaper in the issue of August 22, 2025, and August 29, 2025 and proof of publication of which notice with clipping attached is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the Municipality;

(E) The Governing Body of the Municipality did meet at the Long Beach City Hall Meeting Room in said Municipality at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the date fixed for holding of said public hearing, and did hold such hearing on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the aforesaid proposed Municipal Budget, at which hearing all persons and the general public were given an opportunity to be heard and to make oral or written comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in said proposed Municipal Budget and Tax Levy for Municipality for the ensuing fiscal year; and

(F) At and after the aforesaid public hearing the Governing body did provide for amendments to said Municipal Budget, and thereafter, on the 9th day of September, 2025, at least one (1) week following the said public hearing, the said Municipal Budget was finalized, which final Municipal

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Budget for the Municipality for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, should be now finally approved and adopted and appropriations therefore made in words and figures made a part of this resolution as hereinafter set forth

IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Municipal Budget

The Municipal Budget for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, of anticipated revenues and the estimated expenditures for the said fiscal year be, and the aforesaid Municipal Budget is finally approved and adopted as and for the Municipal Budget for the Municipality in words and figures as follows:

See Attached Exhibit "A"

SECTION 2. Appropriations

The amounts, respectively, hereinabove in Section 1 set forth as anticipated revenues and the corresponding anticipated expenditures in each of the funds and categories as authorized to be expended, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the purposes and in the amounts hereinabove set forth, as and for the Municipal Budget: Appropriation of Revenues and Expenditures to be made for the fiscal year, October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. Publication of Budget

As provided by MCA §21-35-5, the Budget Summaries as hereinabove in Sections 1 and 2 set forth in the Municipal Budget aforesaid, shall be published one (1) time in The Gazebo Gazette, a newspaper qualified under the provisions of MCA §13-3-31, published in Harrison County, Mississippi, having a general circulation in the city of Long Beach, Mississippi, there being no newspaper published in the Municipality so qualified to publish legal notices.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions

All orders and resolutions of the Governing Body of the Municipality in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby modified, rescinded and repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. Effective Date

It being necessary and in the public interest that appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, be made and expenditures thereof authorized in order to provide necessary municipal services, including services, sewer services, fire protection services, police protection services, and other proper municipal purposes and in order to provide for the immediate and

temporary preservation of the public peace, and the immediate preservation of order and of the public health and safety and to provide for the general welfare of the community, this resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its adoption

Alderman McGee seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote by the Mayor, the result was as follows:

Alderman Donald Frazer	voted	Aye
Alderman Patrick Dennett	voted	Aye
Alderman Jesse Allon	voted	Aye
Alderman Joseph "Jney" Gintlis	voted	Aye
Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Greg Bonds	voted	Aye
Alderman Pete McGee	voted	Aye

The quest on having received the affirmative vote of all of the Aldermen present and voting the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and approved this the 9th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:

TIMOTHY L. PIERCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

EMMA WARD, CITY CLERK

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Exhibit A City of Long Beach, Mississippi - Approved Fiscal year 2025-2026								
Revenues								
Source	General Government 53.23 Mills	Municipal Debt Serv 0.4 Mills	Debt Serv Schools	Water/Sewer	Port/Harbor	Capital Imp. Funds	Special Revenue	Total
Cash Reserves		5,495						5,495
Disaster Funds	214,000							214,000
Property Tax	6,433,270	47,216						6,480,486
Lot Clean Up	1,000							1,000
Automobile Tags	1,329,076	9,987						1,339,063
Prior Year	50,000	1,000						51,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,000							5,000
Penalties & Interest	70,000							70,000
Sales Tax	2,000,000			25,000				2,025,000
Sales Tax Diversion	1,035,000							1,035,000
Privilege Licenses	25,000							25,000
Golf Cart Permits	15,000							15,000
Vacation Rental Homes	50,000							50,000
Building Permits	150,000							150,000
Plumbing Permits	40,000							40,000
Electrical Permits	28,000							28,000
Contractors Permits	7,500							7,500
Permits - Variance	5,000							5,000
Permits - Other	12,000							12,000
Home Occupancy Permits	1,000							1,000
Franchise Fees	750,000							750,000
Police Grants	287,480							287,480
School Resource Officer	186,426							186,426
Library Insurance Grant	30,000							30,000
Fines/Forfeits	350,000							350,000
Library Fines	5,000							5,000
Vehicle Usage	5,000							5,000
State Municipal Aid	3,400							3,400
ABC License	35,000							35,000
Tire Rebate	105,000							105,000
DPS Grant	15,000							15,000
Fuel Tax	11,500							11,500
Homestead Reimbursement	299,000	3,000						302,000
Police Academy	10,000							10,000
Courty Road Tax	105,000							105,000
Courty Rail Tax	4,000							4,000
Maps/Copies	500							500
User Fees	5,000							5,000
Summer Rec Program	12,500							12,500
Senior Nutrition	10,000							10,000
Senior Crafts	6,000							6,000
Admin Reimbursement	432,802			15,235				448,037
Cemetery	17,000							17,000
Rents	17,000				72,000			89,000
Interest Earned	15,000							15,000
Other Revenue	20,000			40,000				60,000
Credit Card Fees								
Loan Proceeds								
Cemetery Lots	30,000							30,000
Dockage Fees								
Rents (Land Leases)								
Delinquent Charges				135,000				135,000
Contingency				150,000				150,000
Water Charges				1,600,000				1,600,000
Sewer Charges				1,500,000				1,500,000
Sewer Treatment				925,000				925,000
Waste Water Deb:				2,325,000				2,325,000
Solid Waste				1,675,000				1,675,000
Water Tap				47,000				47,000
Sewer Tap				57,000				57,000
Auction Proceeds				75,000				75,000
Total Revenues	14,234,454	71,698	-	8,569,235	72,000	-	-	22,947,387

Exhibit A City of Long Beach, Mississippi - Approved Fiscal year 2025 - 2026						
Expenditures	Personnel	Supplies	Other Charges/Services	Capital Outlay	Transfers Out	Total
Mayor's Office	98,806	2,200	4,000			205,006
Aldermen	92,647		2,500			95,147
Municipal Court	230,414	7,500	256,300			494,214
Legal			36,000			36,000
General Administration	327,253	5,000	3,500			335,753
Municipal Operations		35,250	1,778,000	1,135,000		2,948,250
Police Dept	3,930,242	295,400	263,050	249,000		4,737,692
Fire	2,756,806	129,200	87,550			2,973,556
Streets & Drainage		142,900	319,077			461,977
Vehicle Maintenance		7,200	3,400			10,600
Parks & Cemeteries		4,725				4,725
Library	260,212	29,200	27,910			317,322
Senior Citizens	171,636	35,000	700			197,336
Recreation	364,998	93,114	33,100	150,000		641,212
Planning & Zoning	253,752	8,000	31,200			292,952
Total General Fund	8,556,771	794,689	3,348,287	1,534,000	-	14,233,747
Enterprise Funds						
Water/Sewer Operation & Maintenance	113,713	680,276	7,398,056	376,500		8,568,545
Port/Harbor	204,879	4,900	58,852			268,631
Total Enterprise Funds	318,592	685,176	7,456,908	376,500		8,837,176
Debt Service Funds						
			Fees	Principal	Interest	Total
Municipal				64,963	6,735	71,698
Water/Sewer						
Total Debt Service Funds				64,963	6,735	71,698
Total Expenditures						\$ 23,142,621

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen took up for consideration the matter of providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, and for the Long Beach Public School District. After a discussion of the subject, Alderman Frazer offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, FIXING AND LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AND WITHIN THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ADDED TERRITORY AS CONTAINED IN THE ASSESSMENTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, AS PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PROVIDED BY LAW, AND UPON THE UNIFORM MOTOR VEHICLE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE AS MADE ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "MOTOR VEHICLE AD VALOREM TAX OF 1958" AS AMENDED, AND UPON ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES PROPERTIES MADE BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION, EXCEPT AS TO SUCH VALUES AS MAY BE EXEMPT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM CERTAIN LEVIES BY LAWS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "Governing Body") of the City of Long Beach, (the "Municipality"), having made due investigation therefore, and now find, determined, adjudicate and declare as follows:

(A) The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi, wherein the Municipality and the Long Beach Public School District with added territory (the "District") are located, has completed a countywide appraisal and does make or has made a countywide assessment of properties as provided by MCA §21-33-9, whereby the Municipality is required under the provisions of MCA §27-35-167, to adopt the assessments made or to be made by said Board of Supervisors containing the taxable property located in said Municipality and in said District.

(B) The Municipality has been furnished or will be furnished by the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors, a copy of the Land Roll Assessment values and the Personal Property assessment values of said Harrison County as contained in said Municipality and in said District, and has been furnished a copy of the recapitulation of said Land and Personal Property Assessment Rolls

(C) Under the provisions of MCA §21-33-45, the Governing Body of the Municipality is required by resolution to fix the tax rate or levy of ad valorem taxes for the Municipality and for the Long Beach Public School District as therein provided.

(D) The Board of Trustees of said District has furnished the Governing Body of the Municipality a certified request for levy of ad valorem taxes to provide funds for the Budget of the District for the ensuing year.

(E) Time is of the essence that the Governing Body of the Municipality fix and establish the ad valorem tax levies for the Municipality and for said District on taxable property as shown upon the Land and Personal Property Assessment Rolls furnished or to be furnished the Municipality by said Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi, as provided by law and as the same may be corrected and/or amended, as further provided by MCA §21-33-1; all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety for providing immediate and necessary water and sewer services, police and fire protection, health and morals of public school students, for the immediate and temporary preservation of order and of the public health and safety.

(F) The levy of ad valorem taxes for said Municipality and district as hereinafter made, do not exceed any limit prescribed by law and will not result in rendering in total receipts from all levies any amount more than the receipts from such source during the next preceding fiscal year plus an increase of not more than ten percent (10%) of such receipts as to said Municipality, nor in any amount more than the receipts from such source during the next preceding fiscal year, plus an increase of not more than seven percent (7%) of receipts as to such District as provided by law.

(G) The Governing Body of the Municipality is authorized and empowered to fix and establish the ad valorem tax levies for said Municipality and District to raise funds for the ensuing fiscal year as hereinafter provided.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TAX LEVY

That an ad valorem tax of 120.04 mills be, and the same is hereby made, fixed and levied and declared for the year, 2025-2026, upon each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property as of January 1, 2025, within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi (the "Municipality") and within the Long Beach Public School District with added territory (the "District"), as the same is now assessed and listed, or as the same may be hereafter assessed and listed or corrected or amended and furnished to the Municipality by the Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi, upon the Real and Personal Property Assessment Rolls of said Municipality and District for the year, 2025, and upon the assessment of motor vehicles as made according to the provisions of the "Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Act of 1958", as amended, as shown on the Uniform Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the Municipality and District for the year, 2024-2025 as adopted by the Municipality, and upon all of the Public Utilities Properties assessed by the State Tax Commission in said Municipality and District; all taxable according to law, in the amount of mills or fractional parts of mills, and for the purposes hereinafter set forth and as follows:

AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY

(A) FOR GENERAL REVENUES AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS:		
Upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Municipality [Authority: MCA §§ 21-33-45(a) and 27-39-307]		53.23 Mills
(B) FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS AND INTEREST (Including General Obligation Notes):		
Upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Municipality [Authority: MCA §§ 21-33-45(d) and (e), and 21-33-87]		0.40 Mills
TOTAL LEVY OF TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES		53.63 Mills

AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

(C) FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE:		
Upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Municipality and within the added territory of the District [Authority: MCA §§ 21-33-45(b), 37-57-1, 37-57-105 and 37-57-107]		55.00 Mills
(D) FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM:		
Upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Municipality and within the added territory of the District [Authority: MCA §§ 21-33-45 AND 37-59-101]		3.00 Mills
(E) FOR SCHOOL BOND DEBT SERVICE		
Upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Municipality and within the added territory of the District [Authority: MCA §§ 21-33-45 AND 37-59-101]		8.41 Mills
TOTAL TAX LEVY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES		66.41 Mills
TOTAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES:		120.04 Mills

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SECTION 2. COLLECTION OF TAX

That the above rates or levies, in mills or in decimal fractions thereof, shall be collected by the Tax Collector of the Municipality, by and through the Harrison County Tax Collector pursuant to contract with the Municipality, upon each dollar of assessed valuation of the Real and Personal Property Assessment Rolls of the Municipality and of the District as of the 1st day of January, 2025, and the ensuing year, and as said rates or levies are hereinabove respectively fixed, levied and declared, save and except as to such values as may be exempt, in whole or in part, as provided by the applicable laws of the State of Mississippi; and that the above rates or levies, in mills or in decimal fractions thereof, shall be collected by the Tax Collector of Harrison County, Mississippi, upon the motor vehicle assessments as contained upon the Uniform Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule adopted by the Municipality, and/or the Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi, as provided by law.

SECTION 3. FUNDS

That all taxes and/or moneys received by the Tax Collector of the Municipality, as a result of the above rates or levies, shall be placed in the appropriate fund or funds of the Municipality and of the District, respectively, as the case may be, and as above provided, and that said funds shall be expended in the manner and for the purpose for which the aforesaid levy or levies of ad valorem taxes are made, and for no other purpose, except as may be otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION, CERTIFIED COPIES

That certified copies of this resolution shall be prepared by the City Clerk of the Municipality and transmitted, one each to (a) the Motor Vehicle Comptroller of the State of Mississippi, (b) the State Auditor of the State of Mississippi, (c) the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi, and (d) the Tax Collector of Harrison County, Mississippi.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

That for good cause shown as provided in the preamble to this resolution, and the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety so requiring it for the conduct of business of the Municipality and of the District, and it being necessary forthwith to transmit the levy or levies hereinabove made to each of the officers set forth in Section 4, above for purposes provided by law, this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption; but the same shall nevertheless be published, printed and spread upon the official minutes of the Governing Body of the Municipality as provided by law.

Alderman McCaffrey seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote by the Mayor, the result was as follows:

Alderman Donald Frazer	voted	Aye
Alderman Patrick Bennett	voted	Aye
Alderman Jesse Allen	voted	Aye
Alderman Joseph "Joey" Giuffria	voted	Aye
Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Greg Bonds	voted	Aye
Alderman Pete McGoeys	voted	Aye

The question having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Aldermen present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and approved this 9th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:

TIMOTHY L. PIERCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

EMMA WARD, CITY CLERK

Alderman McCaffrey made motion seconded by Alderman McGoeys to declare an Executive Session for the transaction of public business, to wit: personnel matter.

The question having received the affirmative voice vote of all the Aldermen present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried, whereupon the Board entered into Executive Session.

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The Meeting resumed in Open Session, whereupon Alderman McGoeys made motion seconded by Alderman McCaffrey to accept termination of Animal Control Officer, Quentin Denney, effective September 9, 2025.

Alderman Frazer made motion seconded by Alderman Bennett and unanimously carried to add and approve employee insurance renewal for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi to agenda. Alderman Frazer informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

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that the renewal rate was presented at 40% increase, however the Insurance Committee along with our agent at Brown & Brown, were able to negotiate the rate increase down to 20%.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at this time, Alderman Frazer made motion seconded by Alderman McCaffrey and unanimously carried to adjourn until the next recessed meeting in due course.

APPROVED:

Alderman Donald Frazer, At-Large

Alderman Patrick Bennett, Ward 1

Alderman Jesse Allen, Ward 2

Alderman Joseph “Joey” Giuffria, Ward 3

Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr., Ward 4

Alderman Greg Bonds, Ward 5

Alderman Pete L. McGoey, Ward 6

Date

ATTEST:

Emma Ward, City Clerk