

Minutes of September 8, 2026
Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Be it remembered that a Public Hearing of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun and held at 5:15 p.m., on the 8th day of September 2026, 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 Alderman at a Special Meeting duly held on August 26, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the Long Beach City Hall Meeting Room.

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, Joey Giuffria, Timothy McCaffrey, Jr., Greg Bonds, Pete L. McGoey, City Clerk Emma Ward.

Absent: City Attorney Stephen B. Simpson, Esq.

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

The public hearing was called to order to receive public input on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

City Clerk Emma Ward reported that pursuant to that certain order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a public hearing duly held and convened on August 26, 2026, Comptroller Michelle Johnson did cause to be published in the Gazebo Gazette, a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Long Beach and published in Harrison County, Notice of Public Hearing as evidenced by the Publisher’s Proof of Publication.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED
TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL
YEAR FOR LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI**

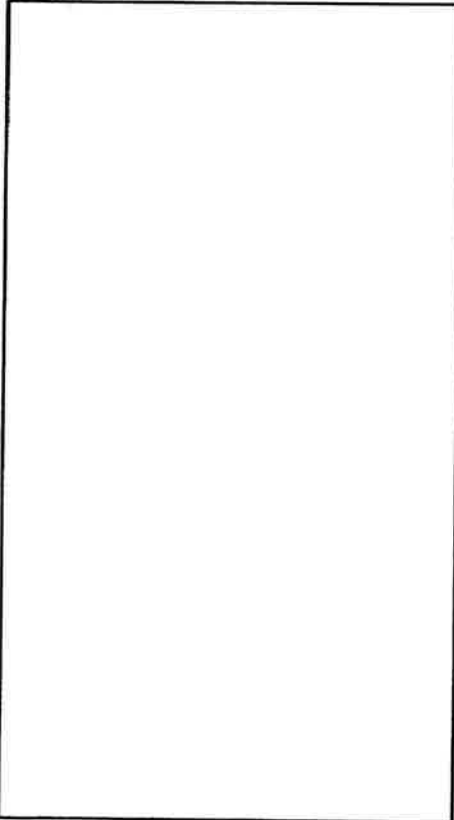
The City of Long Beach, Mississippi, will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:15 o'clock p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi, 39560.

The City of Long Beach is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$22,803,689; 34% or \$7,888,346 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$23,847,028. Of that amount, 34% or \$8,059,670 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the total ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

Any citizen of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Proof of Publication



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON**

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned notary in and for said County and State, HUNTER DAWKINS, publisher of THE GAZEDO GAZETTE, a newspaper printed and published in Harrison County, who being duly sworn, deposes and says the publication of this notice hereunto attached has been made to the said publication _____ weeks in the following numbers and on the following dates of such paper:

- Vol. ~~XXI~~ No. 35 dated 28 day of August, 2026
- Vol. ~~XXI~~ No. 36 dated 4 day of September, 2026
- Vol. ____ No. ____ dated ____ day of _____, 20____
- Vol. ____ No. ____ dated ____ day of _____, 20____
- Vol. ____ No. ____ dated ____ day of _____, 20____
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Affiant further states on oath that said newspaper has been established and published continuously in said county for period of more than twelve months prior to the first publication of said notice.



Publisher
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of August, A.D. 2026.


Notary Public



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Alderman McCaffrey made motion, seconded by Alderman Bonds, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pierce opened the floor for Public Comments.

There being no Public Comments, Alderman McCaffrey made motion, seconded by Alderman Frazer, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

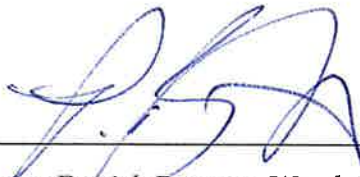
Mayor Pierce announced that the FY 2026-2027 Budget would be adopted at the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Long Beach City Hall Meeting Room.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at this time, Alderman McCaffrey made motion, seconded by Alderman Bennett, and unanimously carried to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

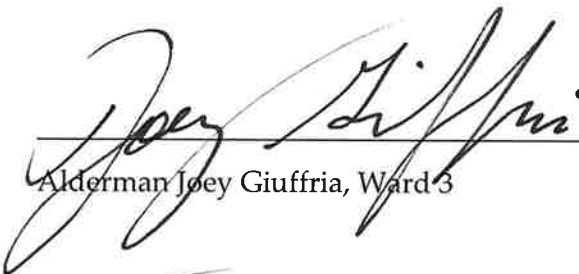
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APPROVED:


Alderman Donald Frazer, At-Large


Alderman Patrick Bennett, Ward 1


Alderman Jesse Allen, Ward 2


Alderman Joey Giuffria, Ward 3

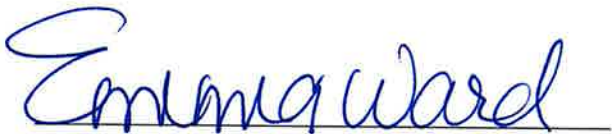

Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr., Ward 4


Alderman Greg Bonds, Ward 5


Alderman Pete L. McGoey, Ward 6

9-15-26
Date

ATTEST:


Emma Ward, City Clerk