



City Council Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2025 at 5:30 PM

598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge

PRESENT

Councilman Doug Seal

Councilman Gene Hoffman

Councilman Jeffrey Reed

Councilman Josh DeSalvo

Councilwoman Linda Davis

Councilman Kyle Lewis

Councilman Gary Knoblock

Agenda Amendments if Needed

Announcements

1. April 22, 2025 - Primary Run-Off Election Day
2. April 22, 2025 - Next City Council Meeting
3. April 23, 2025 - Blood Drive at City Hall 10:00am to 4:00pm

Guests

4. Child Abuse Awareness Month - Hope Haven Children's Advocacy Center GH
Rachel Knight read aloud a proclamation advocating for Child Abuse awareness.
5. Proclamation - Junior Auxiliary of Hancock County MF
The mayor read aloud a proclamation proclaiming April 6-12 Junior Auxiliary week in Bay St Louis.
6. Ms. Scott - Tobacco Free Coalition GK
7. Ethan Mauffray - Eagle Scouts Program GK
Ethan spoke requesting permission to build a flag box outside at City Hall.
8. Chris Johnson - Loading/unloading zones downtown. KL
Chris Johnson spoke regarding the issues of loading and unloading zones in the downtown area.
9. Connie Voight, Nikki Moon and Penny Kelley - Traffic safety at Central and St. Charles KL
Connie Voight spoke regarding motor safety issues on the corner of St. Charles and Central Avenue.

10. Anita Warner - Pocket Park and Pickleball Court trees. GK

Anita Warner spoke with updates on the pocket park and requesting sand to fill low spots, and to put some trees around the pickleball courts.

Minutes Approval

11. Motion to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2025.

Motion made by Councilman Seal, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

APPROVED

Mayor's Report

12. Motion to overturn the BSL Historic Preservation Commissions decision and authorize the demolition of the existing residence at 343 St. George Street.

Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, Seconded by Councilman DeSalvo.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilwoman Davis

Voting Nay: Councilman Seal, Councilman Knoblock

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13. Motion to waive the rental fee for the Bay St Louis Train Depot Grounds for Hancock County Tourism's Wednesday at the Depot on April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2025.

Mckenzie and Rachel Knight spoke requesting the fee waived for their monthly event.

Motion made by Councilman DeSalvo, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilwoman Davis

Voting Nay: Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock

APPROVED

Council Business

14. Motion to move regular scheduled meeting from Tuesday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 23 due to run off election.

Motion made by Councilman Seal, Seconded by Councilwoman Davis.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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Public Forum

Michelle Davison spoke regarding ADA regulations at the Council Chambers.

Anita Warner spoke regarding trees

John Ohman spoke regarding waiving of rental fees

Project Updates

15. Engineer's Report

6:54pm Council Member DeSalvo left the room.

16. Motion to authorize the City Engineer to advertise bids for the ARPA Sewer Improvements Project Phase - Bay St. Louis Lift Station Assessment Project.

Motion made by Councilman Seal, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

Away: Councilman DeSalvo

APPROVED

17. Motion to approve change order 1 for Bay St. Louis Citywide Sewer Improvement to include new pay items.

Motion made by Councilman Seal, Seconded by Councilman Reed.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

Away: Councilman DeSalvo

APPROVED

6:56pm Council Member DeSalvo entered the room.

18. Motion to authorize the city engineer to advertise bids for the Unit Price Maintenance Contract for asphalt roadway, concrete repairs and drainage repairs.

Motion made by Councilman DeSalvo, Seconded by Councilman Lewis.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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City Clerk's Report

19. Motion to approve the lowest and best quote by Bay Carpet and Interiors for \$42,232.90 to replace the flooring in the Old Town Community Center.

6:58pm Council Member Knoblock recused himself for the vote.

Motion made by Councilman DeSalvo, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Seal, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilwoman Davis

Recused: Councilman Knoblock

APPROVED

7:00pm Council Member Knoblock entered the room.

20. Motion to approve Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the city of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of a grant anticipation note, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to raise money for the purpose of providing interim financing for various projects for which grant commitments have been received by the city and paying the costs of issuance for the note and for related purposes.

7:15pm Council Member Seal & Council Member DeSalvo left the meeting.

21. Motion to approve Docket of Claims 25-013 dated April 8, 2025 in the amount of \$2,260,392.52.

Motion made by Councilman Lewis, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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Consent Agenda

Remove Item 27 and 28

22. Motion to approve street closures on April 12, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm for Bikes and Brunch event hosted by the Hancock County Historical Society.
23. Motion to approve street closures on May 10, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Cue Street for Dog Day in the Bay hosted by the Hancock County Historical Society.
24. Motion to approve street closures on April 12, 2025 at 8:00am to roughly 9:00am starting at South Second street from Mockingbird to Union Street, Union Street to South Beach Boulevard, South Beach Boulevard to Washington Pier for the Bay Rollers Cycling Club event. Contingent upon Board of Supervisors approval.
25. Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Bay St. Louis and the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Board of Trustees for the grant for the Ulman Ave. Beach Access ADA Low-Level Pier Project and to authorize the administration to execute the agreement.
26. Motion to approve payment of \$3,850 to Kendra Necaie, Hancock County Circuit Clerk, for the primary election for Bay St. Louis.
29. Motion to approve Work Order No. 15-007-037 with Chiniche Engineering for Harbor Topo Survey for the settlement repairs being designed by Moffat and Nichols for \$4,500.
30. Motion to approve pay application #2 from Bottom 2 Top Construction in the amount of \$59,431.53 for the Washington Street Sidewalk Improvements project.
31. Motion to approve payment of \$5,000 to Urban Development Toolbox (Laurence Leyens) for professional services to create the TIF Redevelopment Plan.
32. Motion to approve the invoices from Chiniche Engineering in the total amount of \$46,841.92.
33. Motion to approve the interfund transfers between funds.
34. Motion to approve payroll change notice for Officer Raven Sikes.
35. Motion to approve the certification letter for Docket of Claims 25-013 dated April 8, 2025.
36. Motion to spread the emergency repairs for the fire truck with Delta Fire and Safety for \$31,955.95.
37. Motion to spread the executed contract with Gulf Pride Paving, LLC for the Depot Paving Project.

38. Motion to spread the notice of award to Gulf Pride Paving, LLC for the depot paving project.

39. Motion to spread the Bay Saint Louis Payroll in the amount of \$241,952.58 dated March 21, 2025, on the Minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, Seconded by Councilman Reed.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

Consent Agenda Items 27 & 28

27. Motion to surplus the following police vehicles because they are obsolete, beyond repair, too costly to repair, or damage/destroyed and to authorize the City Administration to dispose of these city assets.

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 875, Vin: 2C3CDXAT7EH150875

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 876, Vin: 2C3CDXAT9EH150876

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 355, Vin: 2C3CDXAT1FH919355

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 358, Vin: 2C3CDXAT7FH919358

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 360, Vin: 2C3CDXAT5FH919360

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 874, Vin: 2C3CDXAT5EH150874

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 878, Vin: 2C3DCXAT2EH150878

2010 Dodge Charger Unit 037, Vin: 2B3CA3CV0AH277037

Motion made by Councilwoman Davis, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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28. Motion to authorize the Administration to sell eight police vehicles to the Hancock County Sheriff Department for a lump sum of \$16,000.

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 875, Vin: 2C3CDXAT7EH150875

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 876, Vin: 2C3CDXAT9EH150876

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 355, Vin: 2C3CDXAT1FH919355

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 358, Vin: 2C3CDXAT7FH919358

2015 Dodge Charger Unit 360, Vin: 2C3CDXAT5FH919360

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 874, Vin: 2C3CDXAT5EH150874

2014 Dodge Charger Unit 878, Vin: 2C3DCXAT2EH150878

2010 Dodge Charger Unit 037, Vin: 2B3CA3CV0AH277037

Motion made by Councilman Lewis, Seconded by Councilman Reed.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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Spread Reports

40. Motion to spread the Cash Balances, Wage & Hours Report, Detailed Grant Revenue, Grant & Intergovernmental Revenue Report, Revenue Report, Gaming Sales Tax Report, Harbor Report, March Chamber Meetings Report.

Motion made by Councilman Reed, Seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

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Attorney's Report

Executive Session (If Needed)

NO ACTION NEEDED

41. Motion to enter into closed session to determine the need to go into Executive Session.
42. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss City of BSL v. Dale Partners, et al.
43. Motion to exit Executive Session

Adjourn

44. Motion to adjourn the meeting of April 8, 2025.

Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, Seconded by Councilman Reed.

Voting Yea: Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Reed, Councilman Lewis, Councilman Knoblock, Councilwoman Davis

APPROVED

Gary Knoblock, Councilman At Large	Date
Doug Seal, Councilman Ward 1	Date
Gene Hoffman, Councilman Ward 2	Date
Jeffrey Reed, Councilman Ward 3	Date
Kyle Lewis, Councilman Ward 4	Date
Linda Davis, Councilwoman Ward 5	Date
Josh DeSalvo, Councilman Ward 6	Date
Mike Favre, Mayor	Date
Caitlin Bourgeois, Clerk of Council	Date