

**Minutes of September 10, 2024  
Mayor and Board of Aldermen**

**MUNICIPAL DOCKET  
RECESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI  
5:00 O'CLOCK P.M. LONG BEACH CITY HALL, 201 JEFF DAVIS AVE.  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS**
- VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL DOCKET**
- VII. APPROVE MINUTES:**
- VIII. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS NUMBER(S):**
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1. Resolution – Adopting Municipal Budget Fiscal Year 2025**
- XI. DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**
- XII. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY**
- XIII. ADJOURN (OR) RECESS**

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 the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, 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 3, 2024.

There were present and in attendance on said board and at the meeting the following named persons: Mayor George L. Bass, Aldermen Donald Frazer, Patrick Bennett, Bernie Parker, Angie Johnson (via telephone), Timothy McCaffrey, Jr. (via telephone), Mike Brown, Pete L. McGoey, Deputy City Clerk Kini Gonsoulin, and 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.

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At the request of Mayor Bass, Alderman Frazer made motion seconded by Alderman McGoey and unanimously carried to add Ratify Proclamation of a Civil Emergency and Additional Valuation for Arbitration as items #2 & #3 respectively under New Business.

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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, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, and for related purposes. After a discussion of the subject, Alderman Parker 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, 2024, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, 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, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; 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 3, 2024, was published in *The Gazebo Gazette*, a newspaper qualified under the provisions of MCA §13-3-31, 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 23, 2024, and August 30, 2024 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 3, 2024, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, 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, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, 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, 2024, 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, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

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, 2024, 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

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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 Brown 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 Bernie Parker	voted	Aye
Alderman Angie Johnson	voted	Aye
Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Mike Brown	voted	Aye
Alderman Pete McGoey	voted	Aye

The question 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

APPROVED:

  
GEORGE L. BASS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
STACEY DAHL, CITY CLERK

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Exhibit A City of Long Beach, Mississippi - Adopted Fiscal year 2024 - 2025								
Revenues	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		7,000						7,000
Disaster Funds	134,200							134,200
Property Tax	6,119,824	45,979						6,165,803
Lot Clean Up	2,500							2,500
Automobile Tags	1,299,615	9,766						1,309,381
Prior Year	50,000	1,000						51,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,000							5,000
Penalties & Interest	75,000							75,000
Sales Tax	2,050,000			25,000				2,075,000
Sales Tax Diversion	1,000,000							1,000,000
Privilege Licenses	25,000							25,000
Golf Cart Permits	15,000							15,000
Vacation Rental Homes	55,000							55,000
Building Permits	140,000							140,000
Plumbing Permits	44,000							44,000
Electrical Permits	28,000							28,000
Contractors Permits	7,500							7,500
Permits - Variance	5,000							5,000
Permits - Other	10,000							10,000
Home Occupancy Permits	1,000							1,000
Franchise Fees	750,000							750,000
Police Grants	299,962							299,962
School Resource Officer	113,600							113,600
Library Insurance Grant	31,250							31,250
Fines/Forfeits	375,000							375,000
Library Fines	5,000							5,000
Vehicle Usage	5,000							5,000
State Municipal Aid	8,400							8,400
ABC License	25,000							25,000
Fire Rebate	105,000							105,000
DPS Grant	15,000							15,000
Fuel Tax	11,500							11,500
Homestead Reimbursement	275,000	8,000						283,000
Police Academy	10,000							10,000
County Road Tax	105,000							105,000
County Rail Tax	3,500							3,500
Maps/Copies	500							500
User Fees	5,000							5,000
Summer Rec Program	12,500							12,500
Senior Nutrition	11,000							11,000
Senior Crafts	6,000							6,000
Admin Reimbursement	432,802			15,235				448,037
Cemetery	15,000							15,000
Rents	15,000							15,000
Interest Earned	30,000							30,000
Other Revenue	20,000			25,000				45,000
Credit Card Fees								-
Loan Proceeds								-
Cemetery Lots	45,000							45,000
Dockage Fees								-
Rents (Land Leases)						66,000		66,000
Delinquent Charges				125,000				125,000
Contingency				150,000				150,000
Water Charges				1,575,000				1,575,000
Sewer Charges				1,475,000				1,475,000
Sewer Treatment				915,000				915,000
Waste Water Debt				2,300,000				2,300,000
Solid Waste				1,615,000				1,615,000
Water Tap				40,000				40,000
Sewer Tap				50,000				50,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,797,653</b>	<b>71,745</b>	-	<b>8,310,235</b>	<b>66,000</b>	-	-	<b>22,245,633</b>

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<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>Other Charges/Services</b>	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mayor's Office	167,875	2,200	4,000			174,075
Aldermen	92,371		2,500			94,871
Municipal Court	198,052	12,500	258,625			469,177
Legal			36,000			36,000
General Administration	248,628	5,500	6,000	2,000		262,128
Municipal Operations		36,000	1,744,500	1,035,000		2,815,500
Police Dept	3,684,943	290,400	261,702	353,943		4,590,988
Fire	2,829,052	120,500	86,550			3,036,102
Streets & Drainage		142,900	799,694			942,594
Vehicle Maintenance		7,200	3,200			10,400
Parks & Cemeteries		4,725				4,725
Library	273,969	28,600	30,850			333,419
Senior Citizens	114,043	46,250	700			160,993
Recreation	344,718	90,824	40,321			475,863
Planning & Zoning	236,552	12,000	34,700			283,252
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>8,190,203</b>	<b>799,599</b>	<b>3,309,342</b>	<b>1,390,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,690,087</b>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>						
Water/Sewer Operation & Maintenance	112,333	793,276	7,266,679	136,500		8,308,788
Port/Harbor	193,994	4,900	58,852	3,000		260,746
<b>Total Enterprise Funds</b>	<b>306,327</b>	<b>798,176</b>	<b>7,325,531</b>	<b>139,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,569,534</b>
<b>Debt Service Funds</b>						
			<b>Fees</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Municipal			-	63,509	8,190	71,699
Water/Sewer			-	-	-	-
<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>63,509</b>	<b>8,190</b>	<b>71,699</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>						<b>\$ 22,331,320</b>

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Alderman Frazer made motion seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried to ratify the following Proclamation of a Civil Emergency for Hurricane Francine:

**City of Long Beach**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

**PROCLAMATION OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, as Chief Administrative Officer of said City, does now find, determine and adjudicate, that conditions of extreme peril to the public health and safety of the citizens and property in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, do now exist, caused by torrential rain, flooding, wind and storm surge damage and other related disastrous consequences created by Tropical Storm Francine, anticipated to become Hurricane Francine by landfall on or about September 11, 2024; and said conditions warrant the proclamation of a civil emergency as defined in §45-17-1 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a civil emergency is hereby deemed to exist within the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, as of the date hereof, until its termination is further proclaimed by the undersigned Mayor of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, Long Beach, Harrison County, Mississippi.



George L. Bass, Mayor  
The City of Long Beach, Mississippi

  
Stacey Dahl, City Clerk

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There came on for discussion Additional Valuation for Arbitration, whereupon Mayor Bass apprised the Board, the City's counsel for Hurricane Zeta arbitration recommends extracting 5-10 piers from the harbor to perform visual inspections of damage and perform additional cost estimates to support the 50% damage rule. After

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further discussion, Alderman Parker made motion seconded by Alderman McGoey and unanimously carried to authorize the aforementioned work.

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

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APPROVED:

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Alderman Donald Frazer, At-Large

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Alderman Patrick Bennett, Ward 1

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Alderman Bernie Parker, Ward 2

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Alderman Angie Johnson, Ward 3

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Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr., Ward 4

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Alderman Mike Brown, Ward 5

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Alderman Pete L. McGoey, Ward 6

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Date

ATTEST:

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Kini Gonsoulin, Deputy City Clerk