



## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Friday, July 11, 2025, at 12:00 PM**

**FY26: BUDGET WORKSHOP #1**

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### **Minutes**

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting: FY26 Budget Workshop #1 is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 12:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

The Mayor called the July 11, 2025, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order (Budget Workshop #1). The Mayor presented the Notice of Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

Board Members Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Chip Williams, Alderman Jayce Powell and Alderwoman Jessie Campbell.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Deputy Clerk Scott Maugh, Planning & Zoning Director / Building Official William Hall, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Court Clerk Stephanie Burton, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Slaven, Lieutenant Stephen Tucker, Grant Administrator Ruth Stogner, Financial Planner Tim Youngblood, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

#### **2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

No action taken.

#### **3. New Business**

##### **A) Discussion of FY26 Budget, Workshop #1 (Preliminary Draft)**

*City Financial Planner Tim Youngblood and City Clerk Lindsay Kellum presented the first draft of the proposed FY26 municipal budget (Exhibit "B") to the the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.*

*The Mayor advised the Board of Aldermen that he would like them to come back on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the next budget workshop (#2) prepared to discuss the FY26 tax levy.*

No action taken.

#### **4. Public Comment**

*No members of the public signed up to address the board.*

No action taken.

#### **5. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session**

The Board considered entering closed session to determine whether to go into executive session. The Mayor requested a motion. Alderman Powell made a motion to enter into closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderman Taylor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters related to the job performance of two individuals in the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments, and to discuss an economic development project, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

*The Board entered executive session. The City Clerk made a public announcement that the Board had entered executive session to discuss personnel matters related to job performance of two individuals in the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments, and to discuss an economic development project.*

#### **A) Personnel Matter (Related to Travel Submissions), Planning and Zoning & Building Departments**

Upon conclusion of discussion and review of the facts related to a personnel matter involving fraudulent travel reimbursement submissions, the Board determined that both employees had submitted travel reimbursements in violation of City policy and the State Department of Finance and Administration Travel Guidelines. The Mayor requested a motion to approve the following disciplinary actions:

- Prohibition from all future travel at City expenses for both individuals (for a term of one year).
- Ineligibility for any pay increase for Fiscal Year 2026.
- Mandatory repayment to the City of any overpaid travel reimbursement amounts in full.
- Formal apology to be submitted by each individual to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- The incident shall be reported to the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor in accordance with applicable procedures.

Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the above actions, and it was seconded by Alderman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Williams, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Powell

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **B) Economic Development Project**

*The Mayor discussed a potential economic development project with the board.*

No action taken.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session. Alderman Powell made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, and it was seconded by Alderman Williams. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.* The Mayor and Board then exited executive session and re-entered open session.

*A public announcement was made by the City Attorney that the Board had taken disciplinary action related to employment matters in the Planning and Zoning and Building Department regarding unauthorized travel submissions, as well as discussed the status of a potential economic development project, but the board took no further action.*

## **6. Adjourn**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Williams, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Powell

The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM  
CITY CLERK



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