



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

BUDGET WORKSHOP #4

Friday, September 12, 2025, at 12:30 PM

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 12:30 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 September 12, 2025, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. 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 (via telephone), and Alderwoman Jessie Campbell.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Court Clerk Stephanie Burton, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Slaven, Financial Planner Tim Youngblood, and City Attorney John Scanlon.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Janet Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Morrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action taken.

3. Old Business

A) Consideration of Approval of Revision of Magnolia Commons Site Plan (Parking and Landscaping)

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The Mayor requested a motion to approve the revised Magnolia Commons Site Plan. (Exhibit "B"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the revised Magnolia Commons Site Plan, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B) Consideration of Gluckstadt Road Widening Project

The Mayor requested a motion to authorize a transfer from the General Fund returning funds previously spent on engineering services for the Gluckstadt Widening Project to the Gluckstadt Road Improvement FY24 Legislative Allocation Account in the amount of \$164,381.81. (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to authorize transfer from the General Fund to the legislative account in the amount of \$164,381.81, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C) Consideration of Cancellation of Lobbying Contract

The Mayor requested a motion to terminate the lobbying contract with Cascio Sanford Governmental Law Group, PLLC (Exhibit "D"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to terminate the lobbying contract, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

D) Discussion of FY26 Budget, Workshop #4 (Finalization)

The Mayor opened the floor for discussion by the Board of Aldermen. Alderwoman Campbell began the discussion, addressing event funding in the proposed budget and expressing concern with allocating \$50,000 for Germanfest, the Fourth of July, and the Christmas Parade. She addressed the City's funding following the decision not to raise taxes while mentioning the funding cuts for major projects important to the city, such as the park and road infrastructure. Alderwoman Campbell expressed that she felt those funds should be reallocated and used for other budget areas in the city such as dividing it between the Police Department and Public Works, or using it for the retention of employees. Alderman Powell then addressed the board in opposition of the reduction of the event line item. Alderman Powell argued that the city would recoup most if not all the money spent on these events. Alderwoman Bates questioned what the operational costs for past events totaled and what would be the staffing needs for future events. The City Clerk did not have an exact number for the past spending on events. The Mayor then called for motions on the FY26 tax levy.

Alderman Powell made the motion to keep the \$50,000 in the budget for Germanfest, July 4th, and the Christmas Parade, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Powell, Alderman Williams

Voting Nay: Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell

The Mayor declared the motion carried 3-2.

Alderwoman Campbell made a supplemental motion to remove the \$50,000 from community events and divide the funds between the Police Department and Public Works, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Motion failed 3-2.

Alderwoman Bates made a motion to keep the \$64,900.06 in the budget to retain part-time police positions, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Mrs. Lauren Bishop addressed the Board expressing her support for Gluckstadt and the board members; further, she requested a future, topic-focused town hall to educate citizens on city finances and understanding tax levies (fund restrictions, allocations, timelines). The Mayor agreed to hold additional sessions and to target finance topics.

No action taken.

5. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

6. Adjourn

Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderman Williams.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

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WALTER C MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

