



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

FY26 BUDGET ADOPTION

Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:30 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 Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:30 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 15, 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, and Alderwoman Jessie Campbell.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Interim Planning and Zoning Director Mike McCollum, Chief of Police Barry Hale, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

No action taken.

3. New Business

A) Request for Approval to Implement 5% Cost of Living Raise for Full Time and Part Time City Staff on October 1, 2025 (Beginning of New Fiscal Year)

The Board considered a request presented by City Clerk Lindsay Kellum to implement a 5 percent cost-of-living raise for all city staff, to be effective in the first full pay period of the new fiscal year (FY 2026) in October.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the implementation of 5 percent cost of living raises for full time and part time city staff effective October 1, 2025. Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the implementation of 5% cost of living raises for full time and part time staff effective October 1, 2025, 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.

4. Old Business

A) Discussion and Consideration of Adoption: FY26 Municipal Budget

The Mayor presented the Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026. (Exhibit "B").

Prior to the vote, Alderwoman Campbell requested that it be specifically noted in the minutes that she was opposed to the \$50,000 allocation for events, stating she believes those funds should be directed toward public safety or infrastructure. The Mayor acknowledged the statement for the record and clarified that individual expenditures would be brought before the Board for further approval prior to being spent.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt the FY2026 Budget as presented, 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.

B) Discussion and Consideration of an Amended Ordinance Establishing Landscape Regulations

The Mayor and Board discussed the proposed amendment to the city's landscape ordinance, which was prompted by a request from Wellspring Church seeking relief from existing requirements. The amendment, drafted by City Attorney Mr. Giddy, introduces a provision for temporary relief of the ordinance.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the city's landscape ordinance. (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the city's landscape ordinance, 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.

5. Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the board.

No action taken.

6. 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. A motion was made by Alderwoman Bates 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 the resignation of an individual from the Police Department and the recommendation to hire two new individuals to the Police Department, 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. A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board had entered executive session to discuss the resignation of one employee and the hiring of two individuals in the Police Department.

A) Acceptance of Employee Resignation

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Kelly Jones from the police department. Alderman Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Kelly Jones from the police department, 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.

B) Request to Hire School Resource Officer

The Mayor requested a motion to hire Daniel Sloma for the position of School Resource Officer for the Police Department, at an annual salary of \$50,000, plus employee benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks and drug screening. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to hire Daniel Sloma for the position of School Resource Officer for the Police Department, at an annual salary of \$50,000, plus employee benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks and drug screening, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C) Request to Hire Police Officer

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The Mayor requested a motion to hire Laron Simpson for the position of Police Officer for the Police Department, at an annual salary of \$48,000, plus employee benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks and drug screening. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to hire Laron Simpson for the position of Police Officer for the Police Department, at an annual salary of \$48,000, plus employee benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks and drug screening, 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.

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 Alderwoman Campbell. *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 Clerk that the Board accepted the resignation of one individual in the Police Department and hired two individuals in the Police Department.

7. Adjourn

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

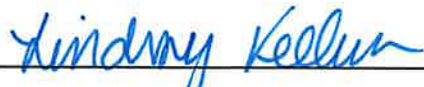
Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:

DATE:

10/14/25





LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

WALTER C MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

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