



City Council | Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 2:45 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers
2309 15th Street, Gulfport

2:45 PM

The Mayor and Members of Council met at City Hall at 2:45 PM, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Regular Meeting on September 16, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Hugh Keating, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, **Councilmembers:** Kendal Buckner (Teleconference), Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., and Johnny Hoggatt. **Absent:** Councilmembers: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, and Carrissa Corbett

The President announced a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Special Call Meeting

Motion to Declare a Special Called Meeting and to have the meeting notice thereof happened as Exhibit "A" to these minutes, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

Policy Issues

- 1 Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport, by and through the Engineering Department, to apply to the Mississippi Development Authority for the Hurricane Zeta CDBG-DR- FEMA Match Program, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

- 2 Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the Sunset Concert and View the Cruise events, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn until October 7, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 24th day of September, 2025, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GULFPORT, BY AND THROUGH THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, TO APPLY TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE HURRICANE ZETA CDBG-DR-FEMA MATCH PROGRAM FOR GRANT FUNDING, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2022, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) allocated Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds to the State of Mississippi to support recovery efforts following Hurricane Zeta; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-DR funds allocated by HUD are fully separate from and in addition to any regular CDBG formula grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the MDA Community Incentives Division launched the FEMA Match Program to help local governments in Harrison County meet their required cost share for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects; and

WHEREAS, Under FEMA’s funding structure, 90% of eligible costs are covered by FEMA, while the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) contributes an additional 5% with the remaining 5% being the responsibility of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Match Program will cover some or all of the 5% that is the responsibility of the unit of local government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the City of Gulfport, by and through the Department of Engineering and other required individuals, is hereby authorized to take whatever steps are required, including execution of applications, to apply to the Mississippi Development Authority for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds in connection with Hurricane Zeta to support the City’s post Zeta recovery efforts.

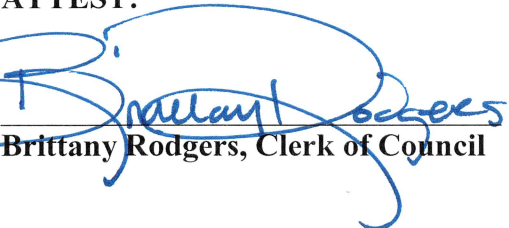
Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in effect as provided by law and spread upon the minutes of the Governing Authority.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Sellers, seconded by Councilmember Hoggatt, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

<u>YEAS:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
Buckner	None	Roland
Walker		Holmes-Hines
Sellers		Corbett
Hoggatt		

WHEREUPON the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 25th day of September, 2025.



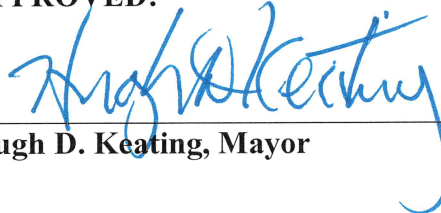
ATTEST:

Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:

F.B. “Rusty” Walker, IV, President

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 25th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:



Hugh D. Keating, Mayor



Memorandum:

To: Mayor Hugh Keating and Members of the City Council

CC: Wayne E. Miller, CAO
Joe Dalto, Director of Finance and Accounting
J. Tyler Gentry, Director of Public Works
Robert Lee, P.E., Assistant City Engineer
Andrew Shaddix, Project Manager
Jessica Versiga, Purchasing Agent
Legal Department

From: Jeremy R. Harrison, P.E., Director of Engineering

Date: September 22, 2025

Re: Request Permission to Apply for Hurricane Zeta CDBG-DR FEMA Match Program

The Engineering Division requests permission to apply to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for the Hurricane Zeta CDBG-DR FEMA Match Program Infrastructure Recovery “Round One” for eligible Zeta repair projects completed prior to August 26, 2022.

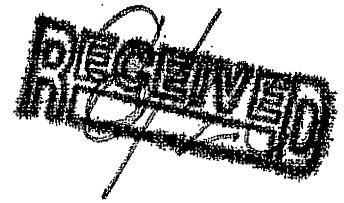
On August 26, 2022, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) allocated Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds to the State of Mississippi to support recovery efforts following Hurricane Zeta. CDBG-DR funds allocated by HUD are fully separate from and in addition to any regular CDBG formula grant funds.

The MDA Community Incentives Division launched the FEMA Match Program to help local governments in Harrison County meet their required cost share for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects. Under FEMA’s funding structure, 90% of eligible costs are covered by FEMA, while the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) contributes an additional 5%. The remaining 5% local match is the responsibility of local governments. The FEMA Match Program will cover the 5% local match. The deadline for application submittals is September 30, 2025.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Charles L Bearman, MDA Community Incentives Division, dated August 11, 2025





State of Mississippi

TATE REEVES
Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

William V. Cork
Executive Director

August 11, 2025

The Honorable Hugh D. Keating
Mayor of Gulfport
Post Office Box 1780
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

RE: Hurricane Zeta CDBG-DR FEMA Match Program
Request for Updated Project Worksheets

Dear Mayor Keating:

On August 26, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (“HUD”) allocated Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds to the State of Mississippi to support recovery efforts for Hurricane Zeta, which struck Harrison County on October 28, 2020. In March 2023, the Mississippi Development Authority-Community Incentives Division (“MDA-CID”) announced the creation of the “FEMA Match Program” (“FMP”) to assist local governments in Harrison County with covering their required local match for Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Public Assistance (“PA”) projects arising from the disaster.

On March 15, 2023, MDA-CID mailed the FMP application template with a cover letter outlining program requirements to each local government identified in the HUD Most Impacted and Distressed Area (“MID”) – Harrison County, Mississippi. Local governments were invited to submit applications for the first round of funding, along with copies of the FEMA Project Worksheets (“PWs”) for all funded PA projects.

During a June 2023 technical assistance visit, the HUD team advised MDA that prior HUD guidance concerning the practical application of CDBG-DR rules to past FEMA PA projects was not applicable to the 2020 disaster, and that all CDBG-DR cross-cutting requirements, including Davis Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), would apply. In August 2023, MDA-CID formally requested a determination from HUD and the Department of Labor (DOL) as to whether labor standards would be applicable to FEMA projects that were completed before the state entered into the Grant Agreement with HUD on August 26, 2022 and, if so, whether they could be waived to allow CDBG-DR funding to be used to assist ULGLs in meeting the required FEMA

match. While awaiting a response from HUD/DOL, the FMP was placed on hold pending a determination from the Department of Labor (DOL).

In May this year, MDA-CID received guidance from HUD/DOL advising that labor standards would be waived for those FEMA PA projects with completed construction on or before August 26, 2022. Receipt of this authorization allows MDA to reopen the FMP application process with local governments in Harrison County. A copy of HUD's "CDBG-DR Guidance: Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) Applicability and Department of Labor Waiver Provisions" is attached.

As you will recall, program funds are to be awarded in phases, with the first round of funding covering FEMA PA projects that completed construction on or before the effective date of the grant agreement between HUD and MDA, which was August 26, 2022. With the HUD waiver determination and guidance, MDA will formally reopen Round One effective immediately. Please fill out the attached application for funding and submit with it your FEMA PWs for those projects that completed construction on or before August 26, 2022. Round One will remain open for application until September 30, 2025, after which no additional Round One applications will be considered.

Following funding awards from Round One, MDA will open Round Two, which will consist of those FEMA PA projects which were started before August 26, 2022 but not completed as of that date. Notification of the opening of this round will be provided to you. If there is a need for additional rounds of funding, MDA will advise you accordingly.

If you wish to request CDBG-DR funding to cover the local match balance, a single application should be submitted that includes all PA projects for which you are requesting Round One funding. These PWs should include **final, actual** costs paid by FEMA and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") as well as the local match balance. If you previously applied for funding, we encourage you to review your initial application for completeness and correctness and submit a revised application if necessary.

As a reminder, program requirements are as follows:

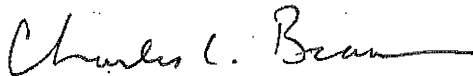
- Priority will be given to those projects that document in the Application how they meet or will meet the HUD National Objective of benefitting low – to moderate – income persons.
- CDBG-DR awards in the Program **cannot** exceed the local match percentage of the total FEMA PA project set by federal law at 44 CFR § 206.47 and **cannot** exceed the actual local match amount paid per federal "duplication of benefits" rules.
- If FEMA issues supplemental payments to a local government for a PA project after CDBG-DR funds have been applied to the local match share for that project, the CDBG-DR award amount must be adjusted proportionately and any overpayment remitted to MDA-CID.

- Projects for which construction was ongoing or initiated after August 26, 2022, must be approved with FEMA funds obligated before application is made for FMP funding.
- Federal environmental requirements must be completed before application is made for FMP funding.
- Projects for which construction was ongoing or initiated after August 26, 2022 and for which application may be made must comply with all HUD CDBG-DR rules and requirements.
- Applications must address all Program criteria as set forth in the Hurricane Zeta CDBG-DR Action Plan, which may be viewed online at <https://msdisasterrecovery.com>.

Please understand that this is not a commitment of funds, and a completed application must be provided to enable MDA-CID to make final funding decisions. MDA-CID reserves the right to negotiate all aspects of the application, including, but not limited to, the cost and percentage of participation. The attached acknowledgement form must be executed and returned to our office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (601) 359-9345 or cbearman@mississippi.org. We look forward to partnering with you to assist with your community's recovery from Hurricane Zeta.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Bearman
Director
Community Incentives Division

Enclosures

cc: Sheena Robinson-Gill
Karen McCarty

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT A REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION IS NOT A COMMITMENT OF FUNDS AND A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

Signature of Chief Official

Name and Date



September 24, 2025

To:
Chuck Bearman, Director
Mississippi Development Authority – Community Incentive Division
501 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Mailing: P.O. Box 849
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0849

**RE: Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery Program
FEMA Match Infrastructure Recovery Program Application for Funding**

Dear Director Bearman:

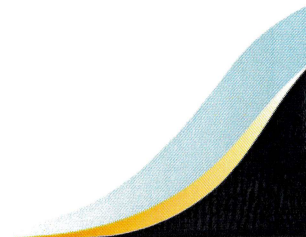
As Mayor of the City of Gulfport, I hereby acknowledge and certify that the City has not received, nor will it seek, any duplication of federal financial assistance for the projects included in this FEMA Match Infrastructure Recovery Program application.

The City affirms that Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds requested under this program will be used solely for eligible costs related to FEMA Public Assistance project worksheets and will not duplicate funding received from FEMA, the State of Mississippi, insurance proceeds, or any other federal or non-federal sources.

This signed statement is provided in compliance with federal and state requirements to ensure that CDBG-DR funds are used in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Hugh Keating,
Mayor, City of Gulfport



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-
DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM**

**FEMA MATCH INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**



**DISASTER RECOVERY DIVISION
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

501 North West Street ■ Post Office Box 849 ■ Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0849

**MISSISSIPPI CDBG-DR PROGRAM
FEMA MATCH INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM APPLICATION
PROJECT OVERVIEW**

APPLICANT INFORMATION							
<p>Applicant: _____</p> <p>Street Address _____</p> <p>P. O. Box _____</p> <p>City/State/ZIP _____</p> <p>County _____</p> <p>Chief _____</p> <p>Official Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p> <p>Fax _____</p> <p>Population _____</p>	<p>If the application was prepared by someone other than the applicant, please complete the following:</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Agency _____</p> <p>Street/P.O. Box _____</p> <p>City/State/ZIP _____</p> <p>County _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p> <p>Fax _____</p> <p>Cost to Prepare _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>						
PROJECT DESCRIPTION							
<p>_____</p>							
NATIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVE(S) ADDRESSED							
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Low and Moderate Income <input type="checkbox"/> Slums and Blight</p>							
COST INFORMATION							
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SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a basic description of the problem(s) being addressed by the project worksheets.

2. For each Project Worksheet not fully completed, please provide a status and timeline for completion.

3. Funds required for this CDBG-DR project:

List sources and amounts of all other funds committed to this project in the appropriate space. Please note that certain common sources of funds are already identified. In the column headed "Status," describe the level of commitment (i.e., application submitted, approved, or committed, etc.) and attach evidence. Examples of commitment evidence would include letters from financial institutions, letters of firm commitment from other federal agencies, and/or a resolution by the local unit of government to provide funding. **PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMITMENTS OF OTHER FUNDS MUST BE FINALIZED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.**

The applicant must provide a SUBTOTAL for local cash and value of in-kind contributions. A TOTAL for all other funds (including the above SUBTOTAL) must be provided as shown. CDBG-DR funds requested and the TOTAL PROJECT COST must be provided as shown.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
FEMA	_____	_____
Local Cash	_____	_____
Value of Local Land Donations:	_____	_____
Other (Grants/Loans):		
Grant: _____	_____	_____
Loan: _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL A		<u>\$0.00</u>
Value of In-Kind Contributions:	_____	_____
Type of In-Kind Contributions:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL B		<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL (Subtotal A + B)		<u>\$0.00</u>
CDBG-DR Funds Requested		_____
TOTAL PROJECT COST		<u>\$0.00</u>

SECTION B: BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

1. Project Location _____

Census Tracts and Block Group Number(s) within the applicant's jurisdiction: _____

Census Tracts and Block Group Number(s) within the applicant's jurisdiction with majority LMI populations: _____

2. Number of beneficiaries, low/mod beneficiaries and methodology used for this determination:

If the methodology involved a survey, the applicant is required to use the MDA-DRD Grant Survey Form. The completed Grant Survey Summary and Disclosure Form should accompany the application.

Benefit area is townwide

Specific project area

Total Beneficiaries

Total Low-Income Beneficiaries

Total Moderate-Income Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries determined by census Y/N

Beneficiaries determined by survey Y/N

If survey, date of survey:

Survey Response Rate

Total households in project area

Total Surveyed

If activity includes water or sewer improvements; please complete the following for the project area:

Total number residential customers

Total number commercial customers

Total number of households in project area

Total households surveyed

Total Vacant

Total Not Home

Total No Response

3. Complete the following table regarding the number of persons who will **directly benefit** from this project.

	Total	Hispanic		Total	Hispanic
a. White			j. Other Multi-Racial		
b. Black/African American			k. Asian/Pacific Islander		
c. Asian			l. Hispanic		
d. American Indian/ Alaskan Native					
e. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander			m. Female Heads of Households		
f. American Indian/ Alaskan Native and White			n. Number of Minorities		
g. Asian and White			o. Number of Elderly (+62)		
h. Black/African American and White			p. Number of Handicapped		
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native and Black/African American			q. Number of Children 18 or Younger		

SECTION C: GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Will the proposed project require the acquisition of real property or easements? Yes No
If yes, please provide a detailed explanation.

2. Will the proposed project result in the displacement of any families or businesses? Yes No
If yes, describe the availability and type of relocation resources.

3. Will any activity(ies) take place on Sixteenth Section land? Yes No
If yes, provide a detailed explanation.
If the applicant is in the Chickasaw Cession area of the state, place N/A in the explanation.

4. Does any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the applicant(s), or of any designated public agencies have a personal or financial interest in the proposed project other than approved eligible administrative personnel costs? Yes No
If yes, please provide a detailed explanation.

5. Identify how this activity addresses one or more of the following national policy objectives. (Provide a detailed explanation as to how the project will meet the selected national objective):

Benefit to low- and moderate-income families:

Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs:

Alleviation of Slums and Blight:

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION

This list is designed to aid the preparer in determining that all sections of this application have been included before signatures are attached to indicate that the application is complete.

- Budget page
- Chief Official's Certification
- If applicable***, Application Preparer's Certification
- If applicable***, Public Participation Documentation
- Detailed Census Tract Map showing locations of FEMA PA Projects
- Survey Map - If low- and moderate-income percentages are based on survey data, the survey must be tied to a map in which the house numbers on the map and survey correspond. The map must be legible, and surveys should follow the street layout. This map and the surveys are to be maintained by the local unit of government in the event of a site inspection.
- Resolution Passed by Corporation/Non-Profit/Other Organization Approving Application Submittal
- National Objective Documentation
- Copy of Applicant's Conflict of Interest Policy
- Signed statement by the Chief Official acknowledging no duplication of federal funds
- Source and Use of Funds Disclosure Form
- If applicable***, Governmental designation of Slum/Blight

BUDGET SPREADSHEET

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SPREADSHEET, LISTING EACH PROJECT WORKSHEET (PW) IN THE APPROPRIATE FEMA CATEGORY *(insert additional rows as needed)*:

A	B	C	D
PW NUMBER	PW COST	BUDGETED AMOUNT	PW FULLY COMPLETED (YES/NO)
DEBRIS REMOVAL			
EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES			
ROADS AND BRIDGES			
WATER CONTROL FACILITIES (FLOOD CONTROL/STORMWATER)			
BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT			

CERTIFICATIONS

Chief Executive Officer's Certification

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant has no outstanding serious audit or monitoring findings on previously funded CDBG-DR projects, and all data contained in this application is true and correct. Its submission has been duly authorized by the governing body. I certify that all requirements of the state's citizen participation plan are being followed. I also certify that: no work on this project has been accomplished and that no work will be undertaken until environmental clearance has been obtained and a subgrant with MDA-DRD has been executed; OR, if FEMA-funded activities were completed prior to execution of a CDBG-DR subgrant with MDA-DRD, an environmental review process was conducted that adhered to the basic requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other statutes, Executive Orders, and Federal regulations, and that a copy of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and environmental clearance documentation were provided or made available to MDA-DRD.

Signature, Chief Official

Title (typed)

Name (typed)

Date

Office Telephone Number

Home Telephone Number

Application Preparer's Certification (if applicable- enter "N/A" if no outside preparer was used)

I certify that I am not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program, and I also affirm that all data contained in this application is true and correct.

Signature, Application Preparer

Company

Name (typed)

Date

Office Telephone Number

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT A REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION IS NOT A COMMITMENT OF FUNDS AND A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

Signature of Chief Official

Name and Date

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 24th day of September, 2025, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE 2025 SUNSET CONCERT AND 16TH ANNUAL VIEW THE CRUISE, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-15 provides that “[t]he governing authorities of municipalities shall have power to make all needful police regulations necessary for the preservation of good order and peace of the municipality and to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with public or private property”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant, therefore to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-15 and numerous Mississippi Attorney General opinions concerning the same, the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, may temporary close a municipal right of way for public purposes and/or public events, in order to preserve “good order” and prevent damage to public or private property, so long as alternative means of ingress and egress to the affected areas are available to the public; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, public events are held around the City, including the event which is the subject of the street closure request letter/memo attached hereto as Exhibit A, which require temporary closure of a public street in order to preserve “good order” and prevent damage to public or private property and where alternative means of ingress and egress to the affected areas are available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the street closure request letter/memo contains specific and necessary information regarding the portion of public rights of way to be closed temporarily, and the date/s and time/s of said closure, including closure to parked vehicles, so as to allow the City to make an informed decision about the need for the closure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are of the opinion that the right of way closure, including closure to parked vehicles, requested in Exhibit “A” hereto is in the best interest of the City so as to preserve “good order” and to prevent damage to public or private property and that alternative means of ingress/egress to the affected areas are available to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters, facts, and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. That the portion of street identified in Exhibit “A” hereto shall be closed for the date/times identified in Exhibit “A” (or for other city approved date/times as may be required due to rescheduling of the event due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances), including to parked vehicles, in order to preserve “good order” and to prevent damage to public or private property and that alternative means of ingress/egress to the affected areas shall be made available to the public.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Gulfport City Council, and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to law.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Sellers, seconded by Councilmember Hoggatt, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:
Buckner
Walker
Sellers
Hoggatt

NAYS:
None

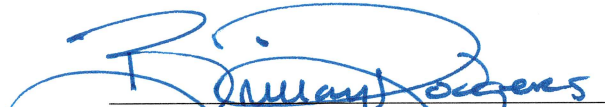
ABSENT:
Roland
Holmes-Hines
Corbett

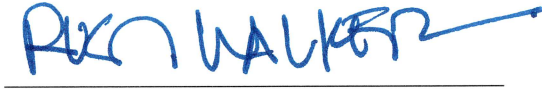
WHEREUPON the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted,
this the 25th day of September, 2025.



ATTEST:

ADOPTED:


Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council


F.B. "Rusty" Walker, IV, President

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the
Mayor, this the 25th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:


Hugh D. Keating, Mayor



Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

CC: Jeff Bruni, Esq., City Attorney
Margaret Murdock, Esq. Assistant City Attorney

From: Alicia Bennett

Date: 9/18/2025

Re: Road Closure – 2025 Sunset Concert and View the Cruise

Mainstreet's highly anticipated Annual Sunset Concert is scheduled for October 4, 2025, followed by View the Cruise on October 5, 2025. These popular events showcase classic cars and brings vibrant community engagement to Downtown Gulfport. To facilitate successful and enjoyable experiences, specific road closures and parking restrictions will be necessary.

Details:

- **Event Date:** October 4, 2025
- **Road Closure:** From 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- **No Parking:** Starting at 10:00 AM on October 4, 2025
- **Affecting Downtown Gulfport**
 - 28th Ave at 13th St
 - 14th St at 28th Ave
 - 28th Ave at West Railroad

Details:

- **Event Date:** October 5, 2025
- **Road Closure:** From 5:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **No Parking:** Starting at 12:00 AM on October 5, 2025
- **Affecting Downtown Gulfport**
 - 25th Ave between 17th Street and Hwy 90
 - 30th Ave East
 - 20th Ave West



In accordance with Ordinance #2988, No Parking signs will be installed 96 hours in advance of the event to ensure compliance and public awareness.

Attachments:

- Detailed Event Map

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please reach out if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alicia Bennett
Special Events Coordinator



Notes:

Point Features: Type, Colors and Size are customizable.
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 Edits: Mark anything that needs to be modified or added onto a print out or in your software and return as a .PDF. The Map will be updated and returned with modifications. When all edits are complete and a final version is ready we can print this out in large format for display/presentation etc.

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View The Cruise 2025

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| View the Cruise Central | Stage | Police Station | Popcode, Popcode |
| Entry Checkpoint | Portalet | Aquarium | Police Tent, Police Tent |
| Fire Engine | Parking | Bus Station | Vendor Village, Vendor Village |
| Fire Engine with Flag | Paid Parking | Cones *5 | Other |
| | Fire Department | Barrier Type 3 (43) | Special_Events_Ply |
| | | Metal Crowd Control Fence | |