



# City Council | Agenda

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – 2:45 PM

*City Hall – Council Chambers*  
2309 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Gulfport

**2:45 PM**

## **Declaration of Special Call Meeting**

### **Policy Issues**

- 1 Resolution - authorizing publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the upcoming fiscal year, and for related purposes.

## **Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities across the state of Mississippi, according to state law, must adopt a municipal budget for the coming fiscal year no later than September 15 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, state law requires that a public hearing be held prior to adoption of such a budget, with notice of the public hearing to occur as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-203; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority for the City of Gulfport proposes to hold its public hearing on a budget at 5:15 p.m. on September 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers at Gulfport City Hall (2309 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Gulfport) in order to provide sufficient time to subsequently adopt a budget in accordance with state law; and

**WHEREAS**, state law holds that the public hearing on a budget not take place less than seven (7) days after the date of first advertisement of notice of the hearing and that publication of the same occur two (2) weeks preceding the adoption of a final budget; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 27-39-203, there is a need to advertise notice of the public hearing on a budget for the City of Gulfport in The Sun Herald newspaper, which is found herein to be one of general interest and readership in the community, and the City proposes to publish the notice attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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

**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 proposed notice which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” be and the same hereby is, approved and the City is authorized to submit the same to be published in The Sun Herald newspaper according to law.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution be, and it is hereby ordered to be spread on the minutes of the Governing Authority, and to 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 ready by the Clerk, was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

**AYES**

**NAYS**

**ABSENT**

**WHEREUPON,** the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**(SEAL)**

**ATTEST:**

**ADOPTED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDENT**

The above and foregoing Resolution was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE  
UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE  
CITY OF GULFPORT

The City of Gulfport will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026) at 5:15 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, in the Council Chambers of Gulfport City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2309 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The City is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$247,917,578 and \$29,634,470 of this, or 11.95 percent, is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For fiscal year 2026, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$274,213,694. Of that amount, \$30,868,000, or 11.3 percent, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2026 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2026.

The following disclosure is required due to a countywide reappraisal of the valuation of property that resulted in an increase in assessed valuation: A millage rate of 32.72 mills will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes for the City of Gulfport as was collected the prior year. The millage rate for the City of Gulfport for the prior fiscal year was 34.00 mills.

Public Hearing

Any citizen of the City of Gulfport is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2026 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Rashida Bell City Clerk