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Pascagoula Receives Funds for Lighthouse Park Improvements, Restoration of Passenger Rail Service

PASCAGOULA – The City of Pascagoula is working diligently to partner with local and state officials to leverage resources to increase recreational amenities, make citizen-friendly improvements, and drive economic development to the community through increased traffic and opportunities for visitors to enjoy Mississippi's Flagship City.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, two items of note were approved by the Council:

- The Council approved a Tidelands grant agreement in the amount of \$450,000 to construct an observation pier, install pervious concrete to the existing boat ramp, construct a dog park and other amenities.
- The Council approved submission of a grant through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program to construct a new passenger rail platform and improve parking areas in anticipation for the return of passenger rail service through Amtrak. This grant is a 50/50 match, with the estimated project cost of \$340,000. The Jackson County Board of Supervisors agreed to assist the City in this match, approving \$173,000 on October 21, 2019, following a presentation by Acting City Manager Frank Corder.

“These two projects are both items we had on our development and improvement agenda when we first took office in 2017,” Mayor Dane Maxwell said. “It is good to see that Lighthouse Park is being made into a true destination for our City as we support community events that drive visitors to our area, and with this opportunity secured for the return of passenger rail service, Pascagoula will be the one stop in the Jackson County to hop on board and ride the rails.”



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