

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010, AT 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a special meeting Friday, April 30, 2010, at 4:30 P.M., as per the following notice:

**CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MS**

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, hereby consent to a special meeting of said council at 4:30 P.M. on April 30, 2010, in the City Hall of said city for the purpose of declaring a state of emergency because of the impending danger posed by the explosion and sinking of the drilling rig, BP Deepwater Horizon, and the resulting oil spill, and purposes related thereto.

/s/ Robert H. Maxwell
Robert H. Maxwell, Mayor

/s/ Joe Abston
Joe Abston, Councilman

/s/ Frank Corder
Frank Corder, Councilman

/s/ Jim Milstead
Jim Milstead, Councilman

/s/ Robert Stallworth, Sr.
Robert Stallworth, Sr., Councilman

/s/ Harold Tillman, Jr.
Harold Tillman, Jr., Councilman

/s/ George L. Wolverson, Sr.
George L. Wolverson, Sr., Councilman

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Robert H. Maxwell
Councilman Joe Abston
Councilman Frank Corder
Councilman Jim Milstead
Councilman Robert Stallworth, Sr.
Councilman Harold Tillman
Councilman George L. Wolverton, Sr.

City Manager Kay J. Kell
City Attorney Eddie Williams
Asst. City Clerk Brenda J. Reed

The Council then considered the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAW OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION AND SINKING OF THE BP DEEPWATER HORIZON DRILLING RIG IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND THE RESULTING UNCONTROLLED OIL SPILL

WHEREAS, on or about April 22, 2010, the British Petroleum Oil Drilling Rig, BP Deepwater Horizon, exploded and sank in the Gulf of Mexico thereby causing an uncontrolled flow of crude oil from the well-head; and

WHEREAS, as of the time of the adoption of this proclamation, a massive oil spill is moving through the Gulf of Mexico toward the coast of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in view of the impending arrival of this massive oil spill it is appropriate to declare a state of emergency pursuant to the Mississippi Emergency Management Law (Sections 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972); and

WHEREAS, we find and determine that the public interest requires that we proclaim a state of local emergency as authorized by said law:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, hereby proclaims that a local emergency exists in the City as of 4:30 P.M., April

30, 2010, and hereby declares that the City shall exercise all powers and authority granted to it under the Mississippi Emergency Management Law to deal with such emergency.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this state of local emergency shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless extended or terminated prior to the expiration thereof.

The above Proclamation was introduced by Councilman Corder, seconded for adoption by Councilman Stallworth, and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". The Mayor then declared the Proclamation adopted on the 30th day of April, 2010.

The Council then considered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this City Council, on April 30, 2010, declared a state of emergency to exist in the City due to the threatened impact of the oil spill engendered by the explosion and sinking of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig on April 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a number of contractors and subcontractors may be coming to the City to deal with the impact of the oil spill and the cleanup efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is also anticipated that some of these contractors and subcontractors may need to acquire temporary offices and buildings for the staging of their operation in industrial zones throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to expedite the staging of these contractor and subcontractors as they arrive in the City to assist with the cleanup efforts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee, is authorized by the City Council to waive the provisions of Ordinance No. 25-1973, Section 711 for the sole purpose of accommodating any contractors and/or subcontractors who may temporarily locate in the City to

assist in the oil spill cleanup and in any other activities that may be required of them during the pending emergency.

SECTION 2. This waiver of the requirements of Ordinance No. 25-1973, Section 711 shall remain in effect for the duration of the state of emergency as declared on even date herewith and any further extensions thereof.

The above Resolution was introduced by Councilman Corder, seconded for adoption by Councilman Tillman, and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE". The Mayor then declared the Resolution adopted on the 30th day of April, 2010.

General comments were made regarding the oil spill. Mayor Maxwell advised that British Petroleum (BP) has now opened an office on Delmas Avenue and will be managed by Pat Presley.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Wolverton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stallworth and received the following vote: Mayor Maxwell "AYE". Councilmen Abston "AYE", Corder "AYE", Milstead "AYE", Stallworth "AYE", Tillman "AYE", and Wolverton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert H. Maxwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Reed, Asst. City Clerk