

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5A

Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2023

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: E. Michael Leonard, CAO *eml*

Katie McMahan, Mayors Office

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing expenditures to Hibernia Irish Society in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify):

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Lawrence	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Gines	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Newman	___	___	___	___	Barrett	___	___	___	___
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ACTION TAKEN:

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO HIBERNIA IRISH SOCIETY. IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 TO HELP SPONSOR THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S
DAY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, Hibernia Irish Society will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day celebration and parade on March 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hibernia Irish Society expends a considerable amount of money to fund the celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi wishes to show its support of the St. Patrick's Day celebration by co-sponsoring the event; and

WHEREAS, the advertisement and publicity provided by Hibernia Irish Society's activities provides favorable publicity concerning the city as a whole and is an important resource when viewed by tourists, future residents and economic interests evaluating the city for business location and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Hibernia Irish Society has benefitted the city as noted above, by and through their involvement in Biloxi and constitute a form of public entertainment through which the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Biloxi may be advertised; and

WHEREAS, the favorable publicity generated by the activities of the Hibernia Irish Society enhances the good name and goodwill of the City of Biloxi; and

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Mississippi Code Sections 17-3-1 and 17-3-3, the City of Biloxi is empowered to authorize expenditures for the purpose of advertising the moral, financial or other interest of the City of Biloxi to give favorable notice to the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 are available in the FY 2023-2024 Non-

Departmental, Line-Item No. 01812-6649-ND136.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The findings, conclusions, and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified, and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Hibernia Irish Society to help sponsor the 2024 St. Patrick's Day celebration.

SECTION THREE: Funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 are available in the FY 2023-2024 Non-Departmental, Line-Item No. 01812-6649-ND136.



Hibernia IRISH Society of Mississippi, LLC

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The Honorable Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich,

Thank you and the Biloxi City Council for the approval of a \$7,500 donation for our 2024 **St. Patrick Parade & Irish Malarkey Arts & Cultural** The parade will roll through downtown Biloxi and our Cultural event will be held across from City Hall.

The money received from your donation will enable us to advertise, promote and create interest in Irish cultural while promoting the wonderful City of Biloxi. Last year, we rerouted our parade, worked closely with local businesses to also draw interest to them.

Based on polls of attendees we had visitors from New Orleans, Mobile, Hattiesburg, Jackson and surrounding cities of all of these locations. Many stated they saw our advertising which brought them to the event.

Please mail the City of Biloxi's donation fund of \$7,500 to HMS, PO Box 707, Biloxi, MS 39533.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at HMSPres1978@gmail.com.

Thank you again, for your support of our organization.

Celeste O'Keefe
HMS President