

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 566

Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2023

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: E. Michael Leonard, CAO *qu*
Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a Notice of Completion regarding Tidelands Award Grant Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources ("MDMR"), for Capital Project No. 1054: Eagle Point Park Development

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Notice of Completion

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 SUBMISSION OF A NOTICE OF COMPLETION REGARDING TIDELANDS AWARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES (“MDMR”), FOR CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1054: EAGLE POINT PARK DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, in connection with Capital Project No. 1054: Eagle Point Park Development (“Project 1054”), by Resolution No. 704-21, the governing authorities of the City of Biloxi (the “City”) authorized entry into a Tidelands Award Grant Agreement FY22-P601-11 (the “Agreement”) with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (“MDMR”) for a Tidelands Trust Fund Program Grant in the total amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00);

WHEREAS, all expenses incurred for Project 1054 which are eligible for reimbursement under said Agreement have been submitted to the MDMR and reimbursed to the City;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City submit a Notice of Completion to the MDMR, closing Tidelands Grant No. FY22-P601-11;

WHEREAS, Project 1054 will continue after the closing of said grant utilizing other funding currently available in the municipal budget;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering, that the City submit of the Notice of Completion, attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” to the MDMR, for Tidelands Grant No. FY22-P601-11, in connection with Project 1054.

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

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

SECTION TWO: Christy LeBatard, as Program Manager, is hereby authorized to execute and submit, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, the Notice of Completion, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, closing Tidelands Grant No. FY22-P601-11, which provided funding for Capital Project No. 1054: Eagle Point Park Development.

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

Mississippi Tidelands Public Trust Fund NOTICE OF COMPLETION



Project Title: Eagle Point Park Development	
Project Number: FY22-P601-11	Fund Source(s):
Project Manager: Christy LeBatard	Tidelands: _____
Organization: City of Biloxi, Mississippi	Other: _____
	TOTAL: \$ 0.00

Was this project effort previously funded through the Tidelands Trust Fund? yes no
 If yes, what is the project number? FY20-P601-05 and FY21-P601-07

I hereby certify that I, Christy LeBatard on behalf of the City of Biloxi have completed FY22-P601-11 in accordance with the terms and provisions as established in the Tidelands Grant Agreement, and have successfully met and accomplished the goals of this project as described in my proposal.

Signature Date

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Received by Tidelands Administrator: _____ Date: _____

Required Elements Present and Complete:

• Project objectives <input type="checkbox"/>	• Project summary and conclusions <input type="checkbox"/>
• Identification of benefits <input type="checkbox"/>	• Photographs of project work completed <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Mississippi Tidelands Public Trust Fund PROJECT REPORT

Please provide the required elements, present and complete, as it pertains to the above referenced project:

1. Detailed Description of Project

Please include final project objectives and goals, summary and conclusions, and benefits to the community and public.

This Tidelands grant project allowed the City of Biloxi to complete development of an eight-acre site in Eagle Point into a multi-use park. The City has worked with the Harrison County Utility Association and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality during the past several years to convert a closed sewage lagoon into a much-needed recreational area for North Biloxi residents. The site now meets state and federal requirements for cleanup and safe re-use for public benefit as a community park.

The City has awarded contracts for site preparation activities that include earthwork; sodding of a soccer/ball field; and installation of an asphalt walking trail; construction of a basketball court, and a pickleball court. The FY2022 Tidelands grant supported completion of park development that included construction of pavilions and landscaping. Lighting will be installed under an FY24 Tidelands grant.

Residents of Woolmarket neighborhoods have benefited from the safe space for enjoying outdoor activities. The conversion of a closed sewage lagoon into a much-needed recreational amenity addresses the public's need for more parks north of the Back Bay of Biloxi at the same time it addresses the Public Trust Tidelands Act's objective to conserve and enhance Tidelands areas for the benefit of the public.

2. Current photo(s) of project site (if applicable)

Please attach to email or print out.

3. Photo(s) of current funding sign (if applicable)

Please attach to email or print out.

Date Project Initiated 7/1/20

Anticipated Date of Completion 9/30/22

Please be sure to attach or include all required elements, present and complete.

Signature

Date