

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: **4E**

Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer
Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a Request for Ranking and Consideration for Funding to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Fund Program through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Resolution ☒ Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

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

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Request for Ranking and Consideration

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor ☒

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

<u>Vote:</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>AFR</u>	<u>ABST</u>
	Gray	_____	_____	_____	_____	Tisdale	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____	Glavan	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR RANKING AND
CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
REVOLVING FUND LOAN FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi (the "City") is eligible to receive low-interest loan funding from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Fund ("WPCRLF") Program a/k/a Mississippi's Clean Water State Revolving Fund ("CWSRF"), through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;

WHEREAS, such loans are available at an interest rate of 1.75% for a twenty (20) year term, or 2.75% for a thirty (30) year term;

WHEREAS, the City currently needs One Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,615,000.00) as a match to a Four Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,965,000.00) Water Resources Development Act ("WRDA") grant received from the U.S. Department of the Army in connection with Capital Project No. 1098: Woolmarket Acres Infrastructure Improvements ("Project 1098"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to apply for a WPCRLF loan, in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,615,000.00) in order to attain funding for the necessary match to the WRDA grant for Project 1098 by submitting the Request for Ranking and Consideration for Funding, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the MDEQ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND 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, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, is hereby authorized to execute and submit the Request for Ranking and Consideration for Funding, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, and to do all things necessary to perfect the intent of this resolution.

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

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND LOAN FUND PROGRAM
WASTEWATER, STORMWATER, AND NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS**

REQUEST FOR RANKING AND CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING

**EXHIBIT
A**

1. Fiscal Year Ranking/Funding Desired (Check one):

☐ FY-2025 (10/1/24 – 9/30/25) ☐ FY-2026 (10/1/25 – 9/30/26) ☒ FY-2027 (10/1/26 – 9/30/27)

2. Name, address, phone number(s), and email address of public entity requesting ranking.

Name: City of Biloxi Address: 214A Delauney Street
City: Biloxi State: MS Zip Code: 39530
Phone Number: (228) 435 - 6269 Fax Number: (228) 435 - 4149
Email Address: engineering@biloxi.ms.us

3. Name, title, address, phone number(s), and email address of person authorized by public entity to request ranking.

Name: Andrew Gilich Title: Mayor
Address: 140 Lameuse St.
City: Biloxi State: MS Zip Code: 39530
Phone Number: (228) 435 - 6254 Fax Number: (228) 435 - 6129
Email Address: mayor@biloxi.ms.us

4. Description of each water pollution control project for which ranking is requested. (Check the appropriate box below.)

- ☐ Segmented Project – any remaining segment(s) of projects that previously received funding for an integral portion of that project, and that are necessary to make the previously funded segments operable.
- ☐ Raw Discharge Correction Project – project for communities with sewage collection but no treatment facilities.
- ☐ Existing Facilities Upgrades (Not Meeting Final Limits) Project – project including only the upgrade, expansion, replacement, rehabilitation, and repair (including infiltration/inflow removal) of existing wastewater transportation and treatment facilities, or drinking water sludge discharge treatment facilities, and necessary to bring the existing treatment facility into compliance with final effluent limitations, or to eliminate existing treatment facilities not meeting final limits.
- ☐ Non-point Source and Stormwater Pollution Correction Project – project which may include program costs, conservation easements, sedimentation basins, levees, canals and other structures for the purpose of correcting non-point and storm water sources of pollution.
- ☒ New Collection (Existing Buildings) Project – project that is necessary to construct eligible sewers and treatment facilities for existing (at the time of facilities plan submittal) residences, business and public buildings. Projects in this category may not include the construction of wastewater treatment or transportation facilities to serve areas that are not now developed.
- ☐ Wastewater Overflow/Bypass Elimination Project – project including only the replacement, rehabilitation, and/or repair of existing transportation facilities that are necessary to eliminate documented bypasses and/or overflows of raw sewage from these transportation facilities for a 2 year, 24-hour rainfall event, as documented in the facilities plan for the project and approved by the Department. To be eligible for this category the bypasses and/or overflows documented in the facilities plan must have been reported, by the deadline for submission of the facilities plan, to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the loan applicant's NPDES permit.

- ☐ Existing Facilities Upgrade (Meeting Final Limits) Project – project for the upgrade, expansion, replacement, rehabilitation, and repair of existing wastewater treatment and transportation facilities, including the removal of infiltration/inflow. The scope of these projects may not include the construction of new wastewater treatment or transportation facilities where none now exists.
- ☐ New Facilities (Developmental) Project - project may include the expansion or upgrade of existing wastewater treatment and transportation facilities and the construction of new wastewater treatment and transportation facilities to accommodate or encourage future growth within the design flow for the planning area to be served.
- ☐ Industrial Project - facilities to be built or upgraded under this category must be owned and constructed by a WPCRLF loan eligible public entity and may include industrial wastewater treatment and transportation facilities.
- ☐ Green Projects – Provisions similar to those included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 regarding the “Green Project Reserve” (GPR) have also been associated with CWSRF appropriations since then; thus, additional priority is being given and incentives made available to help ensure that some specified portion of the appropriated funds are awarded to such GPR projects. Check the appropriate boxes below if the project (or components of the project) for which you are requesting ranking would qualify as green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency, or environmentally innovative.
 - ☐ Green Infrastructure (Wet Weather) Projects – include a wide array of practices at multiple scales that manage wet weather and that maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltrating, evapotranspiring and harvesting and using stormwater. On a regional scale, green infrastructure is the preservation and restoration of natural landscape features, such as forests, floodplains and wetlands, coupled with policies such as infill and redevelopment that reduce overall imperviousness in a watershed. On the local scale green infrastructure consists of site – and neighborhood – specific practices, such as bio-retention, trees, green roofs, permeable pavements and cisterns.
 - ☐ Water Efficiency Projects – the use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water. This encompasses conservation and reuse efforts.
 - ☐ Energy Efficiency Projects – the use of improved technologies and practices to reduce the energy consumption of water quality projects to be able to achieve a 20% net energy reduction, use energy in a more efficient way, and/or produce/utilize renewable energy.
 - ☐ Environmentally Innovative Projects – projects that demonstrate new and or innovative approaches to delivering services or managing water resources in a more sustainable way.

Note that projects which don't categorically qualify for GPR, as per guidance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are required to submit a “business case” with the project facilities plan in order to be eligible for additional priority or incentives that may be available. For additional EPA guidance information on GPR, the types of projects that qualify, business cases, etc. please refer to the GPR information provided by EPA at: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/green-project-reserve-guidance-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf>

5. Briefly describe the project(s) for which you are requesting ranking and consideration for funding. If the project falls into more than one of the above categories, a separate description for the facilities under each category must be given.

Installation of a new wastewater collection system in a phased approach. Phase 1 will consist of installing approximately 22,000 LF of gravity sewer line and 4,500 LF of force main line.

6. If new sewer collection lines to serve existing buildings are included in a project, provide the number of existing unsewered residences, public buildings and businesses to be served for each individual drainage basin within the loan recipient's jurisdiction.

Drainage Basin(s) (include number of sewer connections for each)

7. If a project will eliminate existing treatment facility discharges (either public or private), provide below the name and NPDES permit number of all discharges to be eliminated for each project.

<u>Permit Number(s)</u>	<u>Facility Name(s)</u>
MS _____	_____
MS _____	_____

8. Estimated Wastewater Flow (*):

For this project: N/A MGD

For the entire system: _____ MGD

Eliminated/Conserved by this project: N/A MGD

9. Environmental Benefits: Describe the environmental benefits that are expected to be realized once this project is completed. (Check the applicable boxes below) (*):

Contributes to water quality: ☒ improvements ☐ maintenance ☐ not applicable

Allows the system to: ☐ meet standards ☐ maintain compliance ☐ not applicable

Allows the system to address: ☐ existing TMDL ☐ projected TMDL ☐ watershed mgmt. plan

Other benefits: _____

10. Estimate of total eligible cost of each project, including the following costs:

	WPCRLF Loan	Other Funds	Total
Planning/Loan Application Phase Prof. Services	\$	\$	\$
Design/Land Acquisition Phase Prof. Services	\$	\$	\$
Land/Easements	\$	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$
Construction Phase Professional Services	\$	\$	\$
Contingency (10% for this form, 5% after bidding)	\$	\$	\$
Total Project Cost			\$1,615,000
Total Eligible for WPCRLF participation			\$1,615,000
Expected Source of Other Funds:			

Use WPCRLF loan program regulations effective December 19, 2004 for definition of eligible costs.

11. Project Detail Information, if known:

Desired Date of Loan Award: 9-1-2026 (No Later Than 9/30/25 for FY-25 Funding)
Desired Construction Start Date: 6-1-2027
Estimated Construction Time: 458 days
Estimated Design Life of this Project: 50 years

12. Name, address and telephone number(s) and email address of entity's consulting engineer(s) on the project, if known.

Name: Jon McLeod (Pickering Firm, Inc.) Address: 2001 Airport Road, Ste 201
City: Flowood State: MS Zip Code: 39232
Phone Number: (601) 956 - 3663 Fax Number: () -
Email Address: jmcleod@pickingfirm.com

13. Name, address and telephone number(s) and email address of entity's legal counsel who will assist with land acquisition or other work, if known.

Name: Peter Abide Address: P.O. Box 429
City: Biloxi State: MS Zip Code: 39533
Phone Number: (228) 435 - 6254 Fax Number: () -
Email Address: pabide@curriejohnson.com

I understand that the complete WPCRLF facilities plan must be submitted by November 1, 2024; including a completed Cost and Effectiveness Certification; all IGR agency comments, a copy of the public notice for the proposed project, copies of any comments received from the public, and a summary of how each comment was addressed, if the above referenced project(s) are to be ranked and considered by the Commission for funding on the FY-25 Priority List in accordance with the Priority System. I understand that the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program Regulations for Projects Awarded on or after December 19, 2004, and the "Guidance For Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Projects Funded Beginning Federal FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 and After)" must be complied with during the planning, design and construction of such projects. I also understand that the loan interest rate will not be reduced after the original loan award.

I understand that if the applicant has existing debt with the Rural Utilities Service (formerly Farmers Home Administration) a copy of the WPCRLF facilities plan should be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, along with a request for their approval to incur this additional debt.

Signature of Authorized Official

(Title)

(Date)

Email to: Greg Eiler at: geiler@mdeq.ms.gov