

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.:

4D

Council Meeting Date:

July 28, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Council Member Kenny Glavan

CONTACT PERSON:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, expressing strong support for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) inclusion of U.S. wild-caught peeled and deveined shrimp in emergency food assistance programs, recognizing the profound positive impact on Biloxi's shrimpers and processors, and directing transmittal to federal and state lawmakers and agencies.

Resolution ☒ Ordinance ☐ Public Hearing ☐ Routine Agenda ☐

Exhibits for Review

Contract ☐ Minutes ☐ Plans/Maps ☐ Deed ☐ Lease ☐

Other (Specify):

Submittal Authorization: Council President ☒ Mayor ☐

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, EXPRESSING STRONG
SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S (USDA)
INCLUSION OF U.S. WILD-CAUGHT PEELED AND DEVEINED SHRIMP IN
EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, RECOGNIZING THE PROFOUND
POSITIVE IMPACT ON BILOXI'S SHRIMPERS AND PROCESSORS, AND DIRECTING
TRANSMITTAL TO FEDERAL AND STATE LAWMAKERS AND AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, historically and proudly known as the "Seafood Capital of the World," relies on the commercial shrimping and processing industries as foundational pillars of its economy, heritage, and unique cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the domestic shrimping fleet and processing facilities in Biloxi and across the Gulf Coast have faced unprecedented financial hardships, razor-thin margins, and economic instability caused by unfair competition from cheap, heavily subsidized foreign imports flooding the American marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced plans to officially add U.S. wild-caught, peeled and deveined shrimp to the Foods Available List for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) starting in Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, this vital federal initiative delivers immediate and critical "pluses" to the City of Biloxi, including:

1. Guaranteed Market Stabilization: Creating a massive, predictable federal demand that provides critical price relief and revenue security for local shrimping fleets.
2. Local Processing Job Retention: Generating high-volume contract labor for Biloxi's state-of-the-art peeling, deveining, and packaging facilities, ensuring local workers stay employed.

3. Nutritional Excellence for the Vulnerable: Delivering a clean, domestic, easy-to-prepare, premium protein to food-insecure families in Mississippi and across the nation.

4. Reinforcing the Buy American Mandate: Securing strict 100% domestic sourcing requirements that ensure taxpayer dollars directly support hardworking American mariners; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Kenny Glavan, Ward 6 representative, popularly known to his constituents as "the Saltwater Councilman," as part of an unyielding, concerted effort to build awareness, foster economic growth, and inject renewed confidence into our coastal seafood community.

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

SECTION ONE: The City of Biloxi hereby stands in full, unwavering support of the USDA's decision to integrate domestic wild-caught shrimp into TEFAP and commends this action as a historic victory for American fishermen.

SECTION TWO: The City of Biloxi sends a clear, powerful message to our processors and shrimpers: your local leadership hears you, values your heritage, and promises that we will never give up fighting for our way of life.

SECTION THREE: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); The Director of the USDA Office of Seafood; U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith; U.S. Representative Mike Ezell (MS-04); Governor Tate Reeves of Mississippi; The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine

Resources (MDMR) to urge their continued vigilance, funding oversight, and support for the Gulf Coast seafood industry.

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