

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.:

5F

Council Meeting Date:

August 18, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer

Christy LeBatard, Director of Public Works

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution supplementing Resolution No. 485-26 authorizing submission of a Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application to the Mississippi Development Authority for funding to be utilized in connection with Dredging Brasher Bayou

Resolution ☒ Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

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

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Grant Application

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
	Gray	_____	_____	_____	_____	Tisdale	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____	Glavan	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Nail	_____	_____	_____	_____	Shoemaker	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 485-26 AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF A GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED IN
CONNECTION WITH DREDGING BRASHER BAYOU

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 485-26, the governing authorities of the City of Biloxi (the "City") authorized the submission of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application to the Mississippi Development Authority for funding to be utilized in connection with Dredging Brasher Bayou;

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application was not yet completed and available at the time Resolution No. 485-26 was adopted;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 485-26 should be supplemented by inclusion of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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

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

SECTION TWO: Resolution No. 485-26 should be, and hereby is, supplemented by inclusion of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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

Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Funding Request

Applicant: City of Biloxi

Project Name: Brasher Bayou Dredging

Project Information

Project Year: 2027
Project Name: Brasher Bayou Dredging
Project Location: Brasher Bayou, Biloxi, MS
County: Harrison

**EXHIBIT
A**

Applicant

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City: Biloxi
State: Mississippi
Zip: 39533

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Project Description/Overview

The proposed project is to further re-establish suitable navigable channels within Brasher Bayou. Continued siltation from storm water runoff, impact from storm surge, normal wave action and accumulated debris have contributed to the shallow water depths within these nearshore areas. The shallowing of these waterways is impacting safe recreational usage and increasing the waterways depth and width, will restore adequate stormwater runoff, safe navigation of waterways and provide enhanced recreational opportunities.

Maintenance dredging of an existing waterway approximately 500' in the north-south section of the bayou. It will be approximately 30' wide and dredged to a final depth of 4' below mean low tide.

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Project Timetable/Milestones

Estimated Start Date: 07/01/2027

Estimated Completion Date: 12/01/2029

Milestones

Design – the City intends to award a engineering contract within 1 month of grant award. Design itself is anticipated to require 2-3 months.

Permitting - the permitting process can be initiated immediately following design and is anticipated to last 12 months.

Bid - the City anticipates advertising for dredging bids within 16 months of award and expects the process to require 2 months to complete and award a construction contract.

Construction - dredging could begin as early as 1 month from award and is anticipated to require 12 months to complete.

Total Project time is expected to be 29 months from grant award.

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Funding Section	
GCRF Funds Requested	\$400,000
Total Matching Funds	\$396,982
Overall Total Funds	\$796,982
Applied For Matching Sources	The City has applied for an FY28 Tidelands Grant
Secured Matching Sources	The City is requesting that the \$396,982.75 of Tidelands funds previously expended on this project be considered as leverage to the \$400,000.00 requested by this application.
Previously Funded With GCRF Funds	No
Legislative Session	

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Multi-Phase Project/Employment	
Multi-Phase Project	Yes
Total Number of Phases	2
Which Phase Is This	2
Description of all phases	During Phase 1 of this project, J.E. Talley Construction, Inc. was contracted to dredge 2,832 linear feet of Brasher Bayou in Biloxi Mississippi to a depth of 4' below mean low tide and dispose of the dredging materials at Harrison County development Commission Disposal Area C-1 located in the Industrial Seaway. Phase 2 consists of maintenance dredging of an additional 500' in the north-south section of the bayou. It will be approximately 30' wide and dredged to a final depth of 4' below mean low tide.
Current Full-Time Employment	0
Increase in Full-Time Employ From Proj	0
Total Full-Time Employment	0
Total Indirect Jobs	0

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Legislative Priorities Met Section

Priority	Description	Met By
1	Will impact the long-term competitiveness of the region and may result in a significant positive impact on tax base, private sector job creation and private sector investment in the region	• Tax Base Enhancement: Restoring navigable water depths immediately increases the market value of hundreds of waterfront residential and commercial parcels along Brasher Bayou. Higher property values directly expand the City and County ad valorem tax bases. • Private Sector Investment: Unlocking water access induces significant private capital expenditure. Property owners will invest in deferred marine infrastructure, including private boat houses, piers, & bulkheads
2	Demonstrates the maximum long-term economic benefits and long-term growth potential of the region based on a financial analysis such as a cost-benefit or a return-on-investment analysis	• Cost-Benefit Ratio: A standard cost-benefit analysis (CBA) for coastal dredging shows a highly favorable ratio, where a one-time public infrastructure spend yields compounding private investments over a 15-to-20-year cycle. • Return on Investment: The ROI is realized through the permanent elimination of navigation barriers. This turns underutilized, shallow waters into premium marine access points, accelerating local maritime commerce, boat registration fees, and localized retail spending.
3	Demonstrates long-term financial sustainability, including clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project	Sustainability: The project will be integrated into the City's long-term capital improvement and maintenance schedule. Initial GCRF funds cover the heavy capital lift of primary dredging, while future routine maintenance can be sustained by the expanded municipal tax base. Performance Metrics: Success will be tracked via clear, quantifiable key performance indicators: (1) Post-dredging bathymetric surveys verifying maintained channel depths (2) number of marine construction permits issued
4	Leverages or encourages leveraging of other private sector, local, state and federal funding sources with preference to projects that can demonstrate contributions from sources other than BP settlement funds	- o Fund Matching: This project aggressively leverages a blended funding model to minimize reliance on BP settlement funds alone. - o Diverse Contributions: GCRF dollars are matched by local municipal capital improvement funds (City of Biloxi) and state-level Tidelands grants (Mississippi Department of Marine Resources). Private property owners provide a 100% match for the secondary infrastructure (piers/boat houses) built using their own capital

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5	Supported by multiple government or private sector entities	- o Public Coalitions: The project sits at the intersection of municipal, county, and state alignment. It is actively supported by the City of Biloxi, Harrison County, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR). - o Private Alliances: It is heavily championed by local neighborhood associations, waterfront business owners, commercial marine contractors, and the local Chamber of Commerce, ensuring absolute community consensus.
6	Can move quickly and efficiently to the design, engineering, and permitting phase	- o Shovel Readiness: The project can move immediately into execution. The City of Biloxi maintains established engineering relationships and historical bathymetric data for the area. - o Streamlined Permitting: Because Brasher Bayou is an existing, historically utilized waterway, the permitting process through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and MDMR follows a well-defined maintenance or restoration framework, significantly reducing regulatory lead times compared to new channel creation.
7	Enhances the quality of life/place and business environment of the region, including tourism and recreational opportunities	- o Recreational Access: Siltation currently restricts boat sizes and safe navigation. Dredging restores seamless access to the Mississippi Sound for recreational boaters, kayakers, and fishermen. - o Tourism & Quality of Place: Enhancing the bayou improves the overall aesthetic and environmental health of the Biloxi waterfront. It boosts local marine-based tourism, charter boat operations, and enhances the "Quality of Place" metrics vital for attracting and retaining residents.
8	Expands the region's ability to attract high-growth industries or establishes new high-growth industries in the region	o Marine Technology & Services: While primarily supporting water access, a reliable, deep-water bayou supports the expansion of high-growth coastal sectors, such as private marine engineering services, eco-tourism charters, and specialized coastal restoration tech firms that require water-testing and vessel deployment access.
9	Leverages or further enhances key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, ports, airports, rails and military bases	- o Port & Waterway Connectivity: The project directly connects Brasher Bayou to the wider regional navigation network, including the Biloxi Back Bay and the Port of Gulfport corridor. - o Asset Integration: It maximizes the utility of public boat launches, regional marinas, and coastal research waterways utilized by local universities (such as USM's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory) by expanding the navigable footprint of the Mississippi Sound network.

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10	Transformational for the future of the region but creates a wider regional impact	- o Regional Supply Chain Ripple: While the physical dredging is localized to Biloxi, the economic impact is regional. Marine contractors, suppliers of treated lumber, steel piles, and bulkhead materials are sourced from across Harrison, Hancock, and Jackson counties. - o Macro-Environmental Benefits: Proper dredging and sediment management improve regional water circulation and tidal flushing, contributing positively to the overall health of the Biloxi Bay ecosystem.
11	Enhances the marketability of existing industrial properties	o Commercial Marine Viability: For commercial or light-industrial zoned parcels along the water corridor, dredging transforms land locked by silt into highly marketable, operational waterfront real estate. It makes these sites viable for commercial marine storage, repair yards, or seafood processing support facilities.
12	Enhances a targeted industry cluster or creates a Center of Excellence unique to the region	o Blue Economy Cluster: The project directly reinforces the Gulf Coast's target industry cluster: the Blue Economy (maritime commerce, marine construction, and coastal tourism). By restoring primary infrastructure, it creates a thriving sub-cluster of specialized residential and commercial marine construction expertise unique to the region.
13	Infrastructure project for business retention and development	- o Business Retention: Existing water-dependent businesses (marinas, bait shops, charter operations) currently face operational bottlenecks due to shallow depths. Dredging ensures these businesses stay profitable and remain in Biloxi. - o Business Development: Restored depth creates new commercial opportunities, lowering the barrier to entry for new marine service providers and waterfront commercial developments.
14	Enhances research and innovative technologies in the region	- o Business Retention: Existing water-dependent businesses (marinas, bait shops, charter operations) currently face operational bottlenecks due to shallow depths. Dredging ensures these businesses stay profitable and remain in Biloxi. - o Business Development: Restored depth creates new commercial opportunities, lowering the barrier to entry for new marine service providers and waterfront commercial developments.

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15	Provides outcome and return on investment measures, to be judged by clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project or program	- o Accountability Framework: The project incorporates strict post-construction transparency metrics over a multi-year duration: □ Metric A: Total dollar value of private marine construction permits issued within 36 months of project completion. □ Metric B: Percentage increase in ad valorem property tax revenues from the affected Brasher Bayou parcels. □ Metric C: Documented vessel traffic increases and commercial business revenue growth along the waterway.
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Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Application Budget

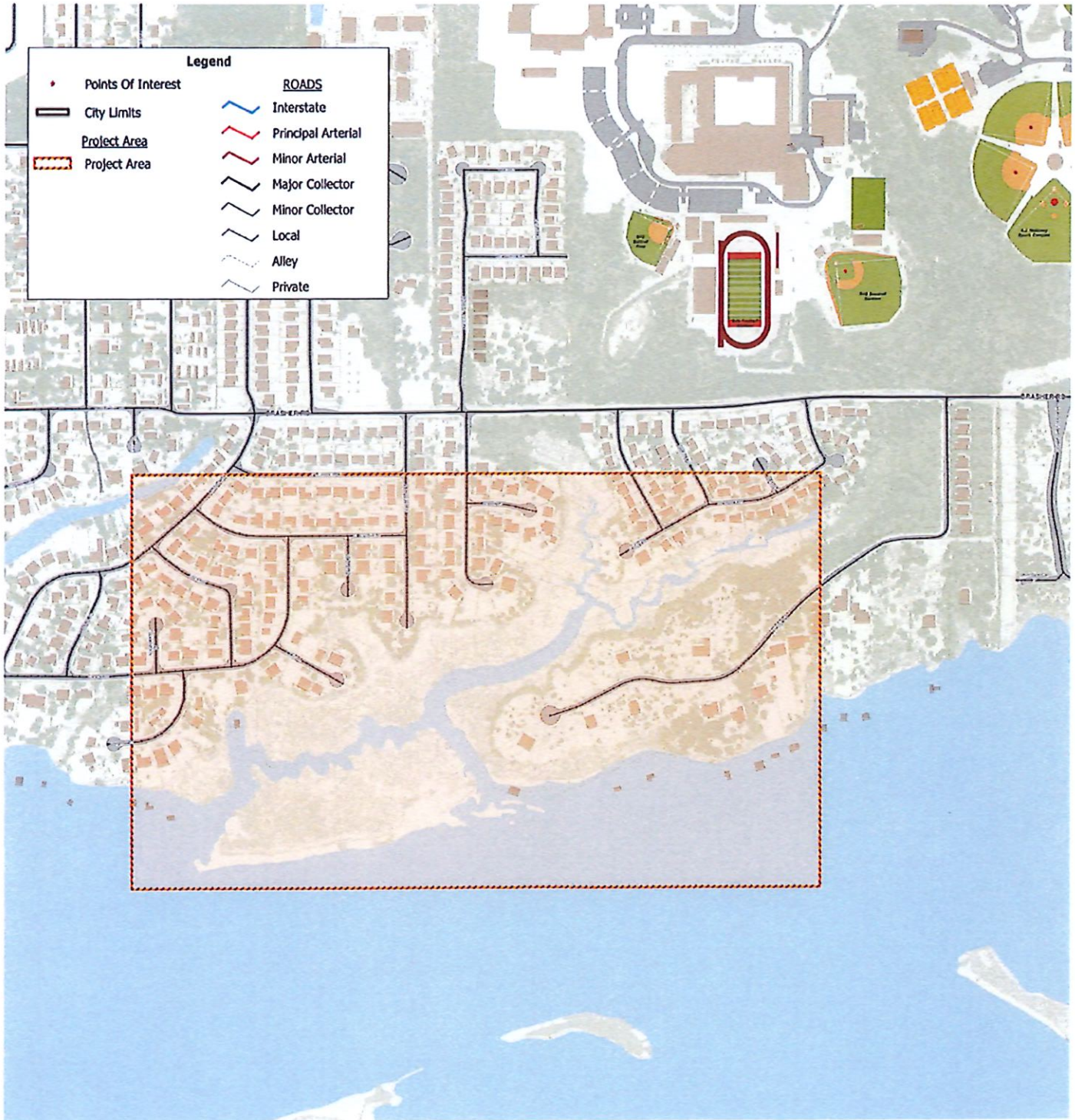
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Type	Application Budget									
	SWF	Travel	Arch/Eng	Legal	Consult	Construct	Site Work	Equip	Land Acq	Total
GCRF	0	0	20,500	0	0	0	379,500	0	0	400,000
Prior Tidelands	0	0	20,500	0	0	0	376,482	0	0	396,982
Total	0	0	41,000	0	0	0	755,982	0	0	796,982

SWF = Salaries, Wages, Fringe
Arch/Eng = Architecture & Engineering
Consult = Consulting
Construct = Construction
Equip = Equipment
Land Acq = Land Acquisition

City of Biloxi Brasher Bayou Project Area



COST ESTIMATE

The City of Biloxi's cost estimate is based on the recently completed Phase 1 of Brasher Bayou Dredging. Details attached.



Project Register

Friday, July 31, 2026

1119 Dredging Project at Brasher Bayou

Total Project Budget: \$396,982.75

\$235,291.92 Current Year Budget

Total Costs: \$396,982.75

\$0.00 Prior Year(s) Purchase Order Costs

\$0.00 Current Year Purchase Order Costs

\$161,690.83 Prior Year(s) Contractual Costs

\$235,291.92 Current Year Contractual Costs

Total Contractual Encumbrances: \$396,982.75

\$0.00 Remaining Contractual Encumbrances

Unencumbered Funds: \$0.00

Remaining Funds in Budget: \$0.00

IN BUDGET

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\$238,309.17

TIDELD3C-6658-C1119

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J.E. Talley Construction, Inc.			160-25
7/30/2025	1-30JUL25	139579	\$149,390.83
10/30/2025	2-13OCT25	140767	\$84,362.13
11/30/2025	3-15NOV25	141733	\$123,905.65
3/19/2026	4-31DEC25	142278	\$18,824.14
Total Value of Contract:			\$376,482.75
Total Paid:			\$376,482.75
Remaining on Contract:			\$0.00
Seymour Engineering, PLLC			640-23c
6/30/2025	9462	138685	\$2,050.00
7/29/2025	9486	139093	\$4,100.00
8/26/2025	9517	139442	\$4,100.00
9/30/2025	9560	139841	\$2,050.00
10/29/2025	9589	140628	\$4,100.00
3/30/2026	9734	142142	\$4,100.00
Total Value of Contract:			\$20,500.00
Total Paid:			\$20,500.00
Remaining on Contract:			\$0.00
GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE			999-1119
<i>Beginning Grant</i>			<i>\$0.00</i>
			<i>\$0.00</i>
			<i>\$0.00</i>
Total Value of Contract:			\$0.00
Total Paid:			\$0.00
Remaining on Contract:			\$0.00
			\$0.00



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Company Information

Company Name CITY OF BILOXI	Doing Business As (DBA) Name ---
Company ID 1342539	Enrollment Date Sep 17, 2016
Employer Identification Number (EIN) 646000153	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) ---
DUNS Number ---	Total Number of Employees 500 to 999
NAICS Code 923	Sector Public Administration
Subsector Administration of Human Resource Programs	

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