

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 4D

Council Meeting Date: November 3, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Kenny Glavan

CONTACT PERSON:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi expressing strong support for the USDA Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) guaranteed loan program expansion and the America First Seafood Strategy.

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: _____

<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>
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	Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____	Glavan	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI,
EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE USDA STRENGTHENING PROCESSING
FOR U.S. RANCHERS (SPUR) GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM EXPANSION AND
THE AMERICA FIRST SEAFOOD STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the commercial seafood industry, independent harvesters, and working waterfronts represent the historic foundation of the culture, economy, and maritime identity of the City of Biloxi;

WHEREAS, the Biloxi seafood fleet and shoreside infrastructure have suffered catastrophic, recurring economic and ecological damages over the past decade due to the prolonged freshwater openings of the Bonnet Carré Spillway, which severely impacted local marine habitats, brown shrimp yields, and oyster populations;

WHEREAS, the Save Our Sound Coalition and local community advocates have consistently championed the urgent need for federal intervention, structural supply chain relief, and resilient seafood processing infrastructure to protect the northern Gulf ecosystem and its traditional harvesters;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the allocation of at least \$5 billion in funding through the Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) Guaranteed Loan Program to expand and modernize independent processing plants, cold storage facilities, and shoreside maritime infrastructure;

WHEREAS, this program offers commercial lenders a 90% loan guarantee on loans up to \$175 million per borrower, with flexible options to defer payments for two years, creating an unprecedented avenue for structural maritime investment;

WHEREAS, this resolution is introduced by Ward 6 City Councilman Kenny Glavan, in his capacity as a dedicated advocate for Biloxi's seafood industry, fishermen, and shrimpers.

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

SECTION ONE: The City Council of the City of Biloxi hereby expresses its support for the expansion of the USDA Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) program and the America First Seafood Strategy as vital tools for rebuilding domestic seafood supply chains.

SECTION TWO: The City urges local financial institutions, maritime cooperatives, and independent processors within the Biloxi region to utilize the program's specific underwriting and compliance parameters to expand and secure our working waterfronts.

SECTION THREE: The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA); the Mississippi State Director of USDA Rural Development; the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries); U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith; U.S. Senator Roger Wicker; U.S. Representative Mike Ezell; U.S. Representative Trent Kelly; U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson; and U.S. Representative Michael Guest to advocate for the prioritization of Biloxi-specific maritime infrastructure projects.