

#### OFFICE OF MAYOR

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Council President Ricky Dombrowski Councilman Kenneth Casey Councilwoman Ella Holmes-Hines Councilman F. B. "Rusty" Walker, IV Councilman Myles Sharp Councilman R.Lee Flowers Councilwoman Cara Pucheu

## Dear Council Members,

I respectfully submit to you for consideration the appointment of Mr. Robert Pharr, Jr. to serve on the City of Gulfport Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. A resident of Ward 1, Mr. Pharr recently retired from being self-employed at Pharr Construction Company and has served our city for over twenty years as a member of the Construction Board. Prior to opening his construction company, he was employed by the City of Gulfport as an animal control officer and worked in security and vocational training at Gulfport Job Corps. A complete resume of Mr. Pharr's accomplishments is included for your review. Mr. Pharr will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Ken Compton and his term will expire March 31, 2019.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Pharr and am confident in his ability to serve our city in this capacity. Your confirmation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Billy Hewes

Mayor

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# Robert Pharr, Jr.

## **Objective**

Utilize prior tenure of approximately 20 years on the construction board of adjustment and appeal and construction background to review and/or mediate planning and zoning in the city of Gulfport.

## **Experience**

# 1998-Present Retired Pharr Construction Company Gulfport, MS

## **General Contractor**

- Available for any activities conducive to ensuring that the social and economic welfare of our community serves its citizens
- Previous responsibilities included general construction and consulting services in residential and light commercial construction including (but not limited to): general and personnel management, job estimates, planning, budgeting, and project supervision. Maintained quality control, safety, coordinated and evaluated subcontractor performance, troubleshooting and problem solving.

## 1995-1998 Gulfport Police Department Gulfport, MS Animal Control Officer

• Conducted all aspects of animal recovery, safety, and control including drafting of local ordinances and policies relating to abuse, training, and neglect for standard operations and procedures.

# 1992-1995 Job Corps Gulfport, MS

## Vocational Manager

 Created and implemented vocational training curriculum, staff hiring, training and supervision, controlled budget and materials, and promoted positive relationships among staff, students, and the community.

## 1989-1994 Job Corps Gulfport, MS

## **Director of Security**

• Managed and directed entire security operation, property protection, and safe guarded agency assets. Created and implemented department policies, staff hiring, training, and supervision which included grounds patrols, surveillance, investigations, crime prevention, community relations, and operations with local law enforcement.

## **Organizations**

**Gulf Coast Community Action Agency Executive Board of Directors** 

City of Gulfport Board of Adjustments and Appeals

West Gulfport Civic Club

Gethesemane Christian Center Elder

**Gulfport Elks Lodge** 

IBPOE, Temple 1288, Member

Lifetime Member University of Southern Mississippi Alumni

Lifetime Member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Lifetime Member of Association of American Retired Persons

(AARP)

Lifetime Member of National Association for Advancement of Colore

People (NAACP)

**Military** 

Vietnam Veteran

Miscellaneous Training **USDOL Instructor Training** 

**USDOL** Construction Safety & Health Training

**Management Development Training** 

Clayton State College General Industry Safety Training

### Education

April 2000 Faith Grant College

Master of Art in Business Administration

Birmingham, AL

July 1999 Faith Grant College

Birmingham, AL

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration** 

May 1989 University of Southern Mississippi

**Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice** 

Long Beach, MS

May 1978 MS Gulf Coast Community College

Gulfport, MS

**Associates in Applied Science** 

#### References

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