

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the _____ day of _____, 2014, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT NEGOTIABLE BONDS OF THE GULFPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$41,240,000) SHALL BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING, ERECTING, REPAIRING, EQUIPPING, REMODELING AND ENLARGING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING GYMNASIUMS, AUDITORIUMS, LUNCH ROOMS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING BUILDINGS, LIBRARIES, SCHOOL BARNs, GARAGES FOR TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR; ESTABLISHING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS AND NECESSARY FACILITIES CONNECTED THEREWITH AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR; PROVIDING NECESSARY WATER, LIGHT, HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR; ALL ABOVE DESCRIBED PROJECTS BEING MAINLY FOR, BUT NOT ALL INCLUSIVE, THE GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL; AND PAYING THE COST OF BORROWING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FIXING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS NECESSARY TO BE ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, INCLUDING A GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND OF THE DISTRICT FOR PURCHASE BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK; AND/OR GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, AND TO AUTHORIZE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF GULFPORT NECESSARY TO CONDUCT SUCH ELECTION, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Gulfport School District is a duly and legally created, organized, existing and functioning school district located within the City limits of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2014, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport School District, the Board voted to adopt a Resolution “Determining the Necessity of Purchasing, Erecting, Repairing, Equipping, Remodeling and Enlarging School Buildings and Related Facilities, Including Gymnasiums, Auditoriums, Lunch Rooms, Vocational Training Buildings, Libraries, School Barns, Garages for Transportation Vehicles and Purchasing Land therefor; Establishing and Equipping School Athletic Fields and Necessary Facilities Connected therewith and Purchasing Land therefor; Providing Necessary Water, Light, Heating, Air Conditioning and Sewerage Facilities for School Buildings and Purchasing Land therefor; all

above described Projects being mainly for, but not all inclusive, the Gulfport High School; and paying the cost of borrowing funds therefor, and fixing a maximum amount of bonds necessary to be issued for such purposes and calling an Election to determine whether or not (1) a General Obligation School Improvement Bond of the District for purchase by the Mississippi Development Bank; and/or (ii) General Obligation School Improvement Bonds of the District, in one or more series, all in the maximum amount of not to exceed Forty One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$41,240,000) shall be issued and sold in the manner provided by law to raise money for the purposes set forth in such Resolution”, a copy of which Resolution is incorporated herein and attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**;

WHEREAS, the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, is a Municipal Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and upon request by and Order of the Gulfport School Board, and pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 37-59 1, et seq., the City of Gulfport is authorized to conduct a Special Election to determine whether or not negotiable bonds shall be issued for the purposes herein provided and more fully set forth in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann Sec. 37-59-15, as amended, the Special Election shall be held “as far as is practicable, in the same manner as other elections are held in such county or municipality”; and

WHEREAS, the City limits of the City of Gulfport extend beyond the boundaries of the Gulfport School District and two of the current Municipal polling places, Precleared by the United States Department of Justice prior to the last Municipal Election, have residents within the School District boundaries, but the polling locations presently sit outside of the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Special Election only, voters eligible to vote in the Special Election whose assigned polling location sits outside of the boundaries of the Gulfport School District shall be reassigned to polling locations that are within the District as identified in **Exhibit “B”**; and

WHEREAS, polling places to be used for this Special Election are as follows:

Ward 1

- 1-A Gaston Hewes Recreation Center, 2722 33rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS
- 1-B Gaston Point Recreation Center, 1505 Mills Avenue, Gulfport, MS
- 1-C 19th Street Community Center, 3319 19th Street, Gulfport, MS

Ward 2

- 2-A Westside Community Center, 4008 8th Street, Gulfport, MS
- 2-B Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, 246 Dolan Avenue, Gulfport, MS
- 2-C Francis X. Collins Lifetime Fitness Center, 2204 Swetman Blvd., Gulfport, MS

Ward 3

- 3-B Knights of Columbus Hall, 733 34th Street, Gulfport, MS
- 3-C Knights of Columbus Hall, 733 34th Street, Gulfport, MS

Ward 4

- 4-A Bayou View Elementary School, 4898 Washington Avenue, Gulfport, MS
- 4-B Handsboro Community Center, 1890 Switzer Road, Gulfport, MS

Ward 5

- 4-B Handsboro Community Center, 1890 Switzer Road, Gulfport, MS

WHEREAS, the Special Election shall be conducted by the Municipal Election Commission for the City of Gulfport and any costs associated with or incurred by the City, including, but not limited to the payment of poll workers and printing of ballots, are subject to reimbursement by the Gulfport School District.

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

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the Governing Authority for the City of Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, pursuant to a Resolution adopted April 7, 2014, by the Board of Trustees of the Gulfport School District, does hereby call and authorize the Municipal Election Commission to conduct a Special Election as provided by law to determine whether or not negotiable bonds in the maximum amount of Forty One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$41,240,000) of the Gulfport School District shall be issued for the following purposes:

Purchasing, Erecting, Repairing, Equipping, Remodeling and Enlarging School Buildings and Related Facilities, Including Gymnasiums, Auditoriums, Lunch Rooms, Vocational

Training Buildings, Libraries, School Barns, Garages for Transportation Vehicles and Purchasing Land therefor; Establishing and Equipping School Athletic Fields and Necessary Facilities Connected therewith and Purchasing Land therefor; Providing Necessary Water, Light, Heating, Air Conditioning and Sewerage Facilities for School Buildings and Purchasing Land therefor; all above described Projects being mainly for, but not all inclusive, the Gulfport High School; and paying the cost of borrowing funds therefor, and fixing a maximum amount of bonds necessary to be issued for such purposes and calling an Election to determine whether or not (1) a General Obligation School Improvement Bond of the District for purchase by the Mississippi Development Bank; and/or (ii) General Obligation School Improvement Bonds of the District, in one or more series.

Section 3. That the following polling locations, all within the boundaries of the Gulfport School District, shall be used for this Special Election:

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Section 4. That the Municipal Election Commission is hereby directed to meet and adopt this Resolution, and to take any and all necessary action to conduct the Special Election,

including the hiring and training of Poll Workers, with payment to Poll Workers not to exceed the amounts previously approved by the Governing Authority.

Section 5. That the City Clerk, or designated Deputy City Clerk, pursuant to any procurement requirements established by Mississippi Law, shall be authorized to purchase sufficient ballots for this Special Election, which Official Ballot shall be styled as previously approved by the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport School District (Exhibit “A”).

Section 6. That the City Clerk and City Attorney’s Office, be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an Agreement for the rental of any electronic voting machines necessary to conduct the Special Election, and the Mayor, upon his review and approval, be and hereby is authorized to execute such Agreement, with the final Agreement placed into the Official Minutes for the City of Gulfport.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to law, and shall be spread upon the minutes of the Gulfport City Council.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this
the _____ day of _____, 2014.

APPROVED:

MAYOR