




Office of the Mayor
A.J. Holloway

DATE: July 27, 2009

TO: Councilmember George Lawrence
Councilmember William "Bill" Stallworth
Councilmember Lucy Denton
Councilmember Clark Griffith
Councilmember Tom Wall
Councilmember Edward "Ed" Gemmill
Councilmember David Fayard

FROM: Mayor A.J. Holloway 

RE: Veto of Resolution No. 397-09, a resolution authorizing solicitation for bids for the construction of a water park and bathroom facilities at John Henry Beck Park

I hereby veto Resolution No. 397-09, which authorizes the solicitation for bids for the construction of a water park and bathroom facilities at John Henry Beck Park, not to exceed \$350,000.

My reasons for this veto:

1. There remains a great deal of uncertainty regarding the city's financial outlook at this point in time. In fact, funding for this project would come from a line-item in the budget, "Ward 2 projects," that should not even exist, according to the state Attorney General.
2. This resolution proposes to take bids for construction on a project that has yet to be designed.
3. While I appreciate the popularity of the so-called "splash pads" -- which I believe is the goal of this resolution, instead of constructing a "water park" -- I think when adequate funding is available to pursue such initiatives, we should take a holistic approach, and consider those parks where the most public benefit will occur, such parks as Miramar and Hiller, which have far more usage than Beck Park.

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I am sending a duplicate original of this veto message to Lucy Brashier, Clerk of the City Council, for inclusion in the minutes.

Attachment: Resolution 397-09

RESOLUTION NO. 397-09

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A WATER PARK AND BATHROOM FACILITIES AT JOHN HENRY BECK PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget contains a balance of \$350,000.00 in unexpended and unencumbered funds for use for parks and recreational expenses on facilities in Ward 2; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the citizens of Ward 2 to utilize those funds to construct and equip a water park and bathroom facilities in John Henry Beck Park;

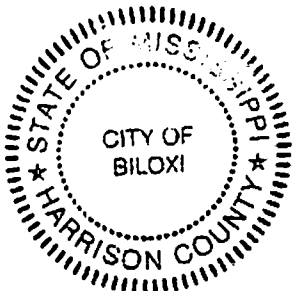
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

The Administration is hereby authorized and requested to solicit bids for the construction and equipping of a water park and bathroom facilities in John Henry Beck Park, with said facilities to be designed not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$350,000.00.

The foregoing Resolution having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Lawrence seconded by Councilmember Stallworth and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Gemmill	NAYS:	Denton
	Stallworth	Fayard		Griffith
	Wall			

The Vice-President then declared the Resolution adopted this the 21st day of July, 2009.



ATTEST:

Karen Brasher
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Res. No. 397-09

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the ____ day of July, 2009.

APPROVED:


MAYOR



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FROM: Mayor A.J. Holloway 

RE: Veto of Resolution No. 398-09, a resolution authorizing solicitation for bids for the purchase of recreational equipment for use at the city's Mercy Cross gym facility

I hereby veto Resolution No. 398-09, which authorizes the solicitation of bids for the purchase of recreational equipment for use at the city's Mercy Cross gym facility

My reasons for this veto:

1. There remains a great deal of uncertainty regarding the city's financial outlook at this point in time.
2. Attendance figures at the Mercy Cross gym show an average of 30 people visit this particular gym each day. I question the benefit of spending an unspecified amount of money to accommodate 30 people.
3. The approved and signed resolution received from the Clerk of Council is incomplete; it fails to identify a specific amount of funding for this proposal. The amount of specified funding has been left blank.

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RESOLUTION NO. 398-09

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF
RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT THE CITY'S MERCY CROSS GYM
FACILITY

WHEREAS, the City's Mercy Cross Gym recreational facility is in need of additional recreational equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Main Street Project has a fund balance in the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget of \$450,000; and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of all of the citizens of the City of Biloxi who utilize the Mercy Cross Gym facility to purchase additional recreational equipment for that facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS;

The Administration is hereby authorized and requested to solicit bids for the purchase of recreational equipment for use at the City's Mercy Cross Gym facility, at a price not to exceed \$_____. The City of Biloxi 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget is hereby amended by decreasing the Main Street Project line item by the amount of \$_____, and increasing the line item specified for recreational improvements in Ward 2 by that amount, with the purchase of the Mercy Cross Gym equipment to be funded from that increased line item.

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ATTEST:

Karen Brasher
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED:

[Signature]
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 23rd day of July, 2009.

APPROVED:

MAYOR