

CITY OF BILOXI INAUGURATION 2017

The Beginning

The stage is set for a safer, friendlier
and more vibrant Biloxi



GOVERNANCE IN BILOXI

Since the arrival of the French in 1699, Biloxi has been governed under a variety of forms of government.

In 1978, Biloxi citizens voted to enter the city's present form of governance, the Mayor-Council form of government. After three years, in 1981, the Biloxi electorate chose a mayor and seven councilmembers, elected by citizens in wards throughout the city. Biloxi continues to employ this type of government.

The City Council meets regularly on the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month in the City Council room on the second floor of City Hall, 140 Lameuse St.

The first meeting of the month is at 6 p.m.; subsequent weekly council meetings are at 1:30 p.m. The meeting schedule may change in the event of holidays, and additional, special-called meetings are scheduled from time to time. Notice of all meetings is provided to the media in advance and posted on the city website.

For a wealth of information about Biloxi, past, present and future, visit the city website at biloxi.ms.us.

THE FULL-TIME MAYORS OF BILOXI

- **1838 – Biloxi receives charter, with government of elected president and selectmen.**
- **On the eve of the Civil War, “titles of mayor and aldermen replaced the earlier designations for Biloxi’s part-time elected officials.”**
- **1919 – Biloxi voters choose their first full-time city officials, a mayor and two commissioners, elected to four-year terms. This mayor-commission form of government served the city through 1981.**
- 1919 – John J. Kennedy
- 1923 – John J. Kennedy
- 1927 – John J. Kennedy
- 1931 – John J. Kennedy
- 1933 – Hart Chinn
- 1935 – John A. O’Keefe
- 1936 – Louis Braun
- 1939 – Louis Braun
- 1943 – Chester Delacruz
- 1947 – G.B. Cousins
- 1951 – Hart Chinn
- 1953 – Laz Quave
- 1957 – Laz Quave
- 1961 – Daniel D. Guice
- 1965 – Daniel D. Guice
- 1969 – Daniel D. Guice
- 1973 – Jeremiah J. O’Keefe
- 1977 – Jeremiah J. O’Keefe
- **1978 – Voters choose the mayor-council form of government, which provided for a mayor elected at large, and councilmen elected from seven wards throughout the city.**
- 1981 – Gerald Blessey
- 1985 – Gerald Blessey
- 1989 – Pete Halat
- 1993 – A.J. Holloway
- 1997 – A.J. Holloway
- 2001 – A.J. Holloway
- 2005 – A.J. Holloway
- 2009 – A.J. Holloway
- 2013 – A.J. Holloway
- 2015 – Andrew “FoFo” Gilich

(Sources of information: “History of Biloxi governance,” and captions from Gallery of Mayors photo exhibit on second floor of City Hall.)

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Saenger Theater – June 28, 2017

- Musical Selections: “Ode to Joy,” from Symphony No. 9 in D minor,
Op. 125, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
“Rhapsody in Blue,” George Gershwin, 1924
- Welcome/Master of Ceremonies: William Sackett, host of City Desk podcast
- Presentation of Colors: City of Biloxi Police and Fire Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance: Kenneth Irvin, Kelton McGee, and
Scoutmaster Loyce Searight,
Boy Scouts Troop 419
St. Paul United Methodist Church
- National Anthem: Jacqueline Coale
- Invocation: The Rev. Paul D. Springer
Pentecostal of the Gulf Coast
- Oath of Office – Councilmembers: Ward 1, George W. Lawrence,
Oath by Honorable Albert Fountain

Ward 2, Felix O. Gines
Oath by Honorable Albert Fountain

Ward 3, Dixie Newman
Oath by Honorable Bruce Strong

Ward 4, Robert L. Deming III
Oath by Honorable Christopher Schmidt

Ward 5, Paul A. Tisdale
Oath by Honorable William Tisdale

Ward 6, Kenny Glavan
Oath by Honorable Albert Fountain

Ward 7, Nathan Barrett
Oath by Honorable Fant Walker
- Oath of Office – Mayor: The Honorable Albert Fountain
- Inaugural Address: Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich
- Benediction: The Very Rev. Bishop Louis F. Kihneman
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
- Musical Selections: “In the Air Tonight,” Phil Collins, 1981



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