

1. What are your top three goals for the city in the next four years (term of office)?

- First, I would like to bring sound fiscal responsibility to the city. Reviewing and curbing spending to allow the most economically sound policies their due.
- Second, restore **respect** for citizenry in their pursuit to be heard by the council.
- Third, Focus on major policy needs and restore harmony with the executive officer.

2. How would you foster cooperation between the City Council and Mayor?

Have regular meetings with the mayor himself, asses his input to major policy changes and clarify specific goals with which the council is moving. Allow free access to both the mayor and the council to better communicate any hindrances the council may find in the writing of major policies. Encourage the councilmen and mayor to attend regular professional enhancement workshops the Mississippi Municipal League as an example.

3. What measures would you support to increase the city's revenue?

Encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs throughout our fair city. I am extremely pro-business and I would support a tax-free zone within the city allowing small upcoming businesses to start off tax free for two years. This would allow businesses to put tax money back into their operation cost to help foster and give financial relief in their start up. I would be proactive in seeking other successful business models on the Gulf Coast to help facilitate a constant flow of new ideas.

4. List three ways you would foster support of and communication with the city's appointed commissions (Planning and Zoning, Harbor and Historic Preservation).

- First, I would have meetings with each of the different commissions and the council to listen to the needs of each of the commissions.
- Second, I would have individual meetings with each of the member of the different commissions to discern if there are any needs which must be addressed.
- Third, I would take the recommendations of the commissions under advisement and if there is a difference of opinion, allow them the courtesy of a visit with the reasoning of the council. As a council member, I would respect and accept the recommendations of these committees should they be in line with ordinances, state and local laws.

5. What are your ideas for preserving our community's unique character while supporting residential and business growth?

This has always been a difficult challenge in any small community. Our Old Town Merchants who are deeply entrenched in the major center of our town are great people. We must keep in mind their needs while addressing the needs of infrastructure and up and coming new businesses. We have the opportunity here to be in a win-win situation. In opening, encouraging and enticing, condos, hotels and restaurants we increase the amount of business in the Old Town merchant area and at the same time increase our tax revenue, while maintaining our small-town charm.

We can make greater use of our beautiful harbor with introducing eco-friendly industries like cruises, charter boat fishing, bird watching and photography.

We should further develop zones already set up for light industry like the one at the old Alcan plant which is simply deteriorating. The need for light industry such as solar or high tech would help generate income and increase the pool of workers here in our city.

We need to have the technical schools to support facilities like Stennis, the casino industry and AMR, police, fire etc. If we want to attract these types of industries, we must provide a skilled labor force to meet the industry needs.

6. What actions can the city take now to maximize benefits when it becomes a stop on the future Amtrak route?

Have the CTA stop at the Amtrak release of passengers and allow them a tour of our downtown area. There we can show off our Old Town district and entice new visitors with a view of our beautiful beaches and fun atmosphere. This will also allow the visitors to have access to our gaming facilities and bed and breakfast located in the historical district.

We should work closely with the Hancock County Tourism commission to allow passengers information about our area before arrival. Giving tourist our maps with brochures about the history of our area would greatly enhance the likelihood of their visit.

7. Should the city provide financial support to economic development organizations like the Hancock Chamber and Hancock County Tourism? Support your answer.

The adage, you have to spend money to make money, comes to mind here. We must support our tourism industry. We must have the exposure we need to foster our image throughout the country

as a getaway for families and couples as an alternative destination which is affordable and readily available with all the amenities necessary for a great vacation.

8. What importance do you place on proposed community amenities such as a swimming pool, additional bicycle paths and dog parks?

These amenities are almost a necessity in today's lifestyle. Our now health minded culture promotes physical activities such as swimming and bicycling to keep fit. Likewise, our furry friends are part of the family and deserve a place where they can roam and play. Socialization with other dogs is important to maintain both physical and psychological health of the animal. We must keep up with the times and the amenities our current generation has come to expect.

The current council was approached about making the city's property on Bouslog Street a dog park, which would have been perfect. The property was already fenced and would have needed little improvements. The council, instead, chose to sell the property, and only received about \$50,000. Now that this council has liquidated so much of the city's property, there is nothing left for a dog park. The city is now in a position where it must purchase property. We must do what is necessary to make this happen.

We need to have a committee to bring the YMCA to Bay St. Louis, which began several years ago, but never developed. The YMCA would have swimming facilities and other sport oriented facilities to induce leadership programs along with social development in our area. This would place the swimming facility under the auspices of a private entity, alleviating the need for the city to maintain and insure against liabilities.

9. What is your position on the possibility of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department managing the BSL Police Department. State the advantages and/or disadvantages you foresee.

I am absolutely, resolutely against this idea. I see no advantages to this idea. We are known as "A place apart," and should stay that way! To abdicate our sovereignty to the county would cause irreparable damage to our citizenry. This would manifest itself in long wait times for response, placing our people in harm's way. The level of training for the BSL police department is at a higher level than that of the Sherriff's Office and our police are more motivated to protect the place in which they live.

Due to the growth of our community, we would need to maintain an adequate and professional police department, which is community orientated. Police departments remain more intimate with its community as opposed to the Sheriff's Office, which is more task oriented and not normally involved in community policing. Due to the Sheriff's Office being located on Highway

90, response times would increase, thereby endangering our citizen's safety. (For example, the response time from the Sheriff's Office to my home on Old Spanish Trail is 13 minutes or 7.5 miles in distance.) Furthermore, with the Sheriff's Office in command, we here would have fewer officers and this would pose a greater risk to our community.

10. The number of golf carts on city streets continues to grow. How should golf cart use be regulated?

Why reinvent the wheel? We should look at how other cities regulate the use of carts. I.e. get the carts brought in for stickers for street use. Make sure they are street worthy with lights, horn, seat belts, etc. Most of all, only a licensed driver may use the carts on the streets. NO CHILDREN may be allowed to drive a cart!

Each Golf Cart owner shall provide an affidavit to the Town demonstrating that the Golf Cart meets all Town and State law requirements prior to operating on a Designated Street

Upon submitting a completed Permit application, affidavit, proof of insurance and the payment of a \$30.00 (one-time) application fee, the Town shall issue a Permit to operate a Golf Cart.

Here we may simply adopt the law written for Diamondhead. It is comprehensive and well done. An added benefit to this would be the alleviation of parking problems in Old Town.

11. As the city grows do you think it should consider changing its present form of government? Explain your answer. Note: The "BSL Government Overview" page on our Serve BSL website contains information and resources that might be helpful in answering this question.

No! The current city government Mayor/Council, which has been in effect since 1977 has worked great for our city. The dissolution of governmental power by moving to an aldermen form of government would not benefit us what so ever. Even larger cities near us like Nola has a council form of government. Our city fathers were forward looking enough to know if we were to grow larger, our needs would be met by our current form of government.