

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
SPECIAL MEETING - JANUARY 9, 2019**

1/9/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Craig Brown, Council Member Amy Bly, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Jackie Cole.

3. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Collection of delinquent water accounts - **Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin presented information on delinquent water accounts. Staff will bring back the following items in March for the Council's review and consideration: (1) expungement of uncollectible accounts, (2) a proposed ordinance amendment to formalize the collection process, and (3) an amendment to the Linebarger contract to include collection of closed water accounts with delinquent balances.**

2. Proposed Water Rate Adjustments - **Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin presented information on proposed water rate adjustments. The City's forecast and CIP assumed the need for \$1.55 million for new bonds and Gulf Coast Water Authority cost increase in FY 2019; rate increase anticipated 4% overall for water and sewer rates, 7% for water only FY 2019.**

3. Water Conservation Plan/Drought Contingency Plan - **Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook and LRE Water, LLC representative presented information on the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan. A Public Hearing will be held in February and will be on the March agenda for the Council's consideration.**

4. Port of Galveston - **Royal Caribbean International Cruise Terminal and Update on Walkway - Port Director Roger Rees presented information on Cruise Terminal 3 Preliminary Pier Layout.**

5. Seawall Parking Ballot Language - **City Attorney Don Glywasky reworked the draft ordinance that was previously sent to City Council. He presented three versions for Council discussion and consideration.**

6. Discuss an Ordinance that would allow overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd. during the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event and in addition, increase the parking violation fine from \$50 to \$250 per incident (night) for overnight parking and/or camping during the preceding Monday through Thursday of the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event - **City Manager Brian Maxwell provided information on the proposed ordinance.**

7. **Move various Board Appointments to October 1st - Mayor Yarbrough provided information on moving the appointment date of certain City board appointments to October 1st, and changing boards to two three-year terms. The change would be effective October 1st of this year. This will allow newly elected Council Members a few months of being in office before making board appointments.**

8. **Extension of the 4-B Industrial Development Corporation - November 2019 Special Election - Deferred**

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.A. Discuss And Consider For Action Approval Of The City Of Galveston's Recommendations To The U. S. Army Corps Of Engineers Regarding The Coastal Texas Protection & Restoration Feasibility Study And The Tentatively Selected Plan. (Brown/Yarbrough)

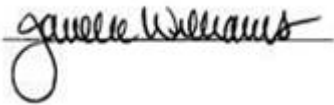
Motion was made by CM Collins, second by CM Listowski, to edit the draft letter and direct the City Attorney to compose the final letter based on today's comments for a Council vote on January 24th.

Mayor Yarbrough left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.; CM Bly left the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved: March 28, 2019