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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 27, 2025

2/27/2025 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Marie Robb, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member David Finklea, Council Member Bob Brown, Council Member Alex Porretto, and Council Member Beau Rawlins.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Richard Rhoades of First Lutheran Church.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICER BOARDS, AND CITY MANAGER

6.A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, The City Council May Report On Any Of The Following Items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Recognition of individuals

- a. Mayor's/Monarch Pledge Day - **presented by Mayor Brown.**
- b. Certificates of Recognition - I.L.A. Local 20, Family Service Center of Galveston County, Better Parks for Galveston - **presented by CM Brown.**
- c. Jerry Mohn Certificate of Recognition and Key to the City - **presented to Jerry Mohn by Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Robb.**

4. Reminders regarding City Council events

5. Reminders regarding community events

6. Health and safety announcement - **MPT Robb reminded the public about the presence of rattlesnakes in the dunes.**

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Claims: 25-004 - Audrey Dickson-Walker; 25-005 - Nicholas Gilmore; 25-006 - Celeste Taylor-Valasco; 25-007 - Edwardo Esquivel; 25-008 - Marcella Gallon; 25-009 - Eddie Calderas; 25-010 - Georgina Hullum; 25-011 - Darrell Singleton

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Changing The Zoning From Residential, Single-Family (R-1) Zoning District To Restricted Residential, Single Family (R-0) Zoning District On Various Properties Of The Sea Breeze Subdivision As A Restricted Residential, Single-Family (R-0) Zoning District. Properties Are Legally Described As Abstract 121 Page 48 Lots 1 Through 11 Sea Breeze And Abstract 121 Page 48 North 75 Feet Of Lot 12 (12-1) Sea Breeze, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas. Planning Case Number 25P-004; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (P. Milburn)

Ordinance No. 25-006 was read by caption. Pete Milburn provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Madonna Mamerow commented on the R-0 requirements for her neighborhood. The public hearing was closed. Motion was made by MPT Robb, second by CM Lewis, to approve the zoning change. Unanimously approved.

- 8.B. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Creating A Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Zoning District In A Commercial (C) Zoning District To Develop An Auto Fueling Station Land Use On Property Commonly Known As 13722-14000 San Luis Pass Road / FM 3005, And Which Is Legally Described As Part Of Lots 32 And 45 (45-5), And Adjacent Abandoned Street, Trimble And Lindsey Survey, Section 3, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 25P-001; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-007 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no speakers. Motion was made by MPT Robb, second by CM Brown, to approve the Planned Unit Development. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: June Collins Pulliam, Elizabeth Beeton, Shon Arthur, Tarris Woods, Thomas Singleton, and Pastor Tim Sykes spoke in support of Item 12A; Tony Brown requested deferral of Item 12A. Madonna Mamerow commented on Item 11D.

Non-Agenda Items: Jo Hewett commented on ghost wolves in Galveston; Emily Henderson offered an apology to City Council for past behavior; Sheila Bell commented on sidewalks and tornadoes.

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

- 10.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Designated Meeting Days For The Year 2025 Of Joint Meetings With The Park Board Of Trustees And The Board Of Trustees Of The Galveston Wharves; Reserving The Right Of Council To Schedule Additional Meetings As Needed; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Brown)

Ordinance No. 25-008 was read by caption. Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Porretto, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

11. CONSENT ITEMS - The Following Items Shall Be Considered For Action As A Whole, Unless One Or More Council Members Objects. The City Manager Is Authorized To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Lewis, to approve Consent Items 11A through 11Z, except Item 11D. Unanimously approved.

- 11.A. Consider For Approval The City Auditor's Office Audit On Hotel Occupancy Tax For The 2025 Audit Plan. (G Bulgherini).
- 11.B. Consider For Approval The City Auditor's Office Audit On Commercial Repair/Remodel Sales Tax Revenue For The 2025 Audit Plan. (G. Bulgherini).
- 11.C. Consider For Approval A Request Of The City Attorney For Retain The Services Of Peter Sapio Of The Doyle Law Firm For The Conduct Of Title Work Associated With He Pelican Island Bridge Project. (Legal)
- 11.D. Consider For Approval An Application By Madonna Mamerow To Place Her Art On A Public Sidewalk (Legal)

Motion was made by CM Porretto, second by CM Finklea, to deny the application to place art on a public sidewalk. Unanimously approved.

- 11.E. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Of Galveston Authorizing Acceptance Of Additional Grant Funds From The Texas General Land Office (GLO), For The Beneficial Use Of Maintenance Dredge Material, Associated With A 1.7 Mile Long Beach Nourishment Project; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Required Documents, Upon Final Approval Of The City Attorney; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (K. Clark)

Resolution No. 25-010

- 11.F. Consider For Approval Of An MOU Between The City Of Galveston And Broadway Monument LLC/ Mary Moody Northen Endowment For The Use Of The Lot Located At 2529 Sealy For Special Events, Training, And Educational Purposes. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (M. Varela)
- 11.G. Consider For Approval The Ratification Of \$27,000 For The Emergency Demolition Of The Structure Located At 1604 Market In Galveston, TX. (N.Yeley)
- 11.H. Consider For The Issuance Of Task Order #4 To Plexos Group, LLC For The Grant Administration Services Related To The Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) For The South Shore Drainage Improvement Project In The Amount Of \$678,875.00 And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents. (T Wroblecki)
- 11.I. Consider For Approval Changes To Membership And Rental Fees At McGuire-Dent Recreation Center, And Various Athletic Fields And Courts Under The Management Of The Parks And Recreation Department And Designating Special Revenue Accounts For Revenue Earned At Each Location; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.J. Consider For Approval The Acceptance Of A Donation Valued At \$1,500.00 From Josh's Benches For Awareness, In Collaboration With The American Foundation For Suicide Prevention, For A Park Bench That Raises Awareness Of Suicide Prevention, At Menard Park. Barbara Sanderson
- 11.K. Consider For The Approval Of A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston Approving The Amended 2025 City Of Galveston, Island Transit Title VI Plan As Required By The Federal Transportation Administration And The Texas Department Of Transportation. (D. Smith)

Resolution No. 25-011

- 11.L. Consider For The Approval Of The Agreement For The Payment To The Galveston County Health District (EMS) For Emergency Medical Services That Will Be Provided During The 2025 Mardi Gras Event For A Total Of \$23,408 And Authorize The City Managers Staff To Execute The Document Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.M. Consider For The Approval Of The Purchase Of One New Spartan Fire Pumper For The Fire Department To Be Purchased From Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists Inc. Through Sourcewell Coop For A Total Extended Price Of \$1,128,886.27 And Authorize The City Manager To Execute The Contract Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.N. Consider For The Approval Of A Prerequisite To Be A Recipient Of FTA Funding That Is Demonstrating The Legal Capacity To Carry Out The Project(S) Included In Federal Assistance Awards And Authorize The City Managers' Staff To Execute The Subject Item Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)

Resolution No. 25-015

- 11.O. Consider For The Approval Allowing The Purchasing Of Parts And Services Utilizing The Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Contract With Siddons Martin Emergency Group (Contract 698-23/746-24) And Authorize The City Managers Staff To Execute The Agreement Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.P. Consider Allowing The Purchasing Of Bulk Fuel By The Fleet Facility Utilizing The TASB Energy Cooperative Purchasing Contract With Sun Coast Resources And Authorize The City Managers Staff To Execute The Agreement Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.Q. Consider For The Approval Allowing The Purchasing Of Fuel Station Parts And Services Utilizing The Choice Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract With Liberty Equipment Sales (Contract 24/016MR-03) And Authorize The City Managers Staff To Execute The Agreement Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.R. Consider For The Approval Allowing The Fleet Facility To Purchase The Listed Rolling Stock (Police Service Units) And Associated Equipment From Silsbee Ford Through Tips Co-Op For A Total Price Of \$422,663.90 And Authorize The City Managers Staff To Execute The Contract Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.S. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving A Blanket Lighting Maintenance Agreement With The Texas Department Of Transportation (TxDOT) For A Continuous Lighting System Installation Project, Regarding Installation And Continued Maintenance Of A Continuous Lighting System In Areas Within The City Of Galveston; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement And All Other Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Texas Department Of Transportation; Providing For Findings Of Fact And For An Effective Date. (R Winiecke)

Resolution No. 25-012

- 11.T. Consider For Approval A Professional Services Contract With Freese & Nichols, Inc. (FNI) To Conduct The Engineering Design Of The Isla Del Sol Pump Station & 0.5 MG Ground Storage Tank (GST) Project For The City Of Galveston In The Amount Of \$829,688.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.U. Consider For Approval A Professional Services Contract With Pape-Dawson Engineers (Pape-Dawson) To Conduct The Engineering Design Of The Karankawa Beach & Gulf Palms Drainage Improvement Project For The City Of Galveston In The Amount Of \$969,555.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

- 11.V. Consider For Approval A Professional Services Contract With Arceneaux Wilson & Cole, LLC. (AWC) To Conduct The Engineering Design Of The Seawolf Park Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project For The City Of Galveston In The Amount Of \$199,615.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.W. Consider For Approval The Repair Of The Existing Electrical Service That Provides Power To The Solid Waste Transfer Station Processing Building Utilizing Our Current Contract Number, COG-CON -22-857 With Cresnet Electric. This Work Includes Bringing The Existing Services Up To Current CenterPoint And NEC Standards. (D Bender)
- 11.X. Consider For Approval The Acceptance Of The BuyBoard Contract #757-24 From Foster Fence, For Labor And Materials For The Restoration Of The Fence At Lift Station 38 In The Amount Of \$17,596.00. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.Y. Consider For Approval Awarding A 3-Year Contract For The Services Of Conducting Laboratory Sampling For The Water Supply And Wastewater Treatment Divisions (Bid 25-05) To Eastex Environmental Laboratory, Inc., In The Amount Of \$106,846.00. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.Z. Consider For Approval Minutes Of The January 9, 2025 Special Meeting Agenda. (J. Williams)

12. ACTION ITEMS

- 12.A. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Related To The Disposition Of L.A. Morgan School; Expressing Support For The Galveston Independent School District Trustees To Consider Alternative Use Plans For The L.A. Morgan School Site, Which Could Include A National Juneteenth Museum, And/Or A Community Park; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Lewis/C. Brown)

Motion was made by CM Lewis, second by CM Brown, to approve Resolution No. 25-013. In favor: C. Brown, Lewis, Finklea, B. Brown, Porretto, and Rawlins. Abstention: Robb. Motion carried.

- 12.B. Consider For Approval The Creation Of A Steering Committee Of Fourteen (14) Members; Charging The Committee To Review The City's Comprehensive Plan, To Provide Input And Feedback Of Long-Range Goals And Policies Affecting The City, And To Provide Recommendations As May Be Appropriate. (P. Milburn)

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by MPT Robb, to approve Resolution No. 25-014 creating a Steering Committee, and appointing Raymond Lewis, Janae Pulliam, Darryl Davis, Cate Black, Zurisday Robbins Briz, Christine Bryant, Jason Hardcastle, Gina Spagnola, Jonathan Zende Del, Erica Farmer, Laura Addison, Marty Miles, and William Schuster. Unanimously approved.

- 12.C. Receive And Accept The Report Of The City Auditor Related To The Conflict Of Interest Audit That Office Has Conducted On The Park Board.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Finklea, to defer Item 12C to the March meeting. Unanimously approved.

- 12.C.1. Consider For Action Any Recommendation Of The Auditors Office That The Conflict Of Interest Audit Conducted By The City Auditors Office Of The Park Board Be Expanded In Any Way.

Items 12.C.1 and 12.C.3 were combined into one motion:

Motion was made by CM Finklea, second by CM Porretto, to extend the scope of the current Park Board Conflict of Interest AND Staff's Use of HOT Funds Audit to include a 100% review of two years of activity. One year shall be under the leadership of the previous Executive Director, and one year shall be under the leadership of the current Executive Director. The selected years shall be at the discretion of the City Auditor. Unanimously approved.

- 12.C.2. Consider For Action Any Procedural Changes As May Be Recommended In Or Inferred From The Conflict Of Interest Report Delivered By The City Auditor Office.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Finklea, to defer Item 12.C.2. Unanimously approved.

- 12.C.3. Consider For Action An Amendment To The City Auditor's Audit Plan To Include Audits Of The Park Board Staff's Use Of HOT Funds As May Be Recommended By The City Auditor.

Approved with Item 12.C.1.

- 12.D. Discuss And Consider Appointments To The Following City Boards, Commissions, And Committees:

Short Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee - Motion was made by CM Lewis, second by MPT Robb, to appoint Dominique Brown. Unanimously approved.

Galveston Housing Finance Corporation/Galveston Property Finance Authority - no action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: