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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - AUGUST 26, 2021

8/26/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Bill Quiroga, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3.A. Clarification Of Consent And Regular City Council Agenda Items - This Is An Opportunity For City Council To Ask Questions Of Staff On Consent And Regular Agenda Items (20 Minutes)

Items 8F, 10A, 10B, 10C, 11P, and 12A were clarified by Staff.

- 3.B. Discussion Of The FY2022 Budget And Capital Improvement Plan (M. Loftin - 45 Minutes)

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin discussed with City Council the FY 2022 Proposed Budget and CIP, including: The FY 2022 Budget and CIP schedule; Where the City's revenue comes from (Total \$127.8 million); Where the money goes (\$149.7 million); Key budget items; Water and Sewer overview; Property and Sales Tax Fund major General Fund commitments; Budget items of interest; Key budget issues; Sales Tax revenue; Property Taxes; Restricted Funds; Galveston compared to other cities related to long-term debt; General Obligation debt; Water and Sewer debt; and FY 2022 - 2026 CIP.

City Council took a break from 10:58 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

- 3.C. Discussion Of The Annual Audit Plan And Contract Monitoring System (G Bulgherini - 20 Min)

City Auditor Glenn Bulgherini provided City Council with information on the Annual Audit Plan and Contract Monitoring System for FY2022. This item is on today's regular meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

- 3.D. Council Updates And Discussions

1. Update on the Status of the City's MOU with the Rosenberg Library (Brown - 15 min) - Mayor Brown provided an update on the MOU with the Library that would allow the Library to receive the same amount of revenues they have in the past but would put the Library under the same tax cap as the City per State law.

2. Update of Staff's research of an Annual Registration Fee for Short Term Rentals (D. Buckley - 15 min) - Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley provided an update on Staff's research. Staff is working with the Park Board to identify a software package that will be used to quantify data. A group has been formed to talk through the issues and will bring something forward. Staff is also working with the Police Department on ways to flag short term rentals in the PD's software system. To date, 3,400 short term rentals are now registered. Staff is also working with the off duty officers working security in the neighborhoods to gather data from that group. Mr. Buckley reported that it may take a

year to have a system in place, and registration of short term rentals should be an annual fee with no exemptions for paying the fee.

3. Discussion of an Occupancy Requirement and Annual Registration Fees for Short Term Rentals (Robb/Quiroga - 20 min) - CM Robb reported on a current 2014 City ordinance that exempts short term rentals from paying a fee. In the interim while the committee is coming up with an appropriate fee, she recommends that the City should pass an ordinance requiring an annual registration fee. It would eliminate the 2014 ordinance exemption, and would allow the City to quantify how many short term rentals are out there.

4. Discussion of Proposed Mental Health Officer Program (Brown - 15 min) - Mayor Brown provided an update on having Mental Health Officers available to respond to calls that are not criminal in nature. Steven Holmes at the County is looking into having this as a Countywide program. There are grants for these types of programs and would require partnerships such as with UTMB.

5. Review applications for City boards, commissions, and committees (Quiroga/Robb - 10 min) CM Quiroga recommended adding a question to the template board application form related to litigation or other convictions not related to a felony. CM Quiroga will meet with the City Attorney to discuss further.

6. Discussion of the process for City Council to receive information related to legal matters (Quiroga/Robb - 10 min) - CM Quiroga requested information on the process for City Council receiving more information on pending cases in order to make informed decisions about additional funding requests to pay outside Legal counsel on legal matters.

3.E. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Brown - 10 Minutes)

MPT Collins reported on the following: (1) The Park Board is pursuing additional education efforts to minimize trash; and (2) The five year CIP for the Park Board will be brought to Council next month.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: