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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 13, 2018

12/13/2018 - 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 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. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.A. A Joint Workshop Between The Galveston City Council And The Park Board Of Trustees To Discuss Stewart Beach Pavilion (City Council - 1 Hour)

A joint workshop was held between the City Council and the Park Board of Trustees. Park Board Chair Spencer Priest thanked the Council for the dialogue between the Park Board and City Council at the last meeting. Based on discussions between the Council and the Park Board, the Park Board proposes the following alternate investment plan for 2018/2019. None of the following items will place hard infrastructure in the park this year, with the exception of improvements to existing drainage and road work. All costs are being covered by grant and restoration funding sought by the Park Board and not through the Beach User Fees generated under the City of Galveston Beach Access Plan. The costs include: (1) Drainage - complete engineering and design and permitting - \$119,015; (2) Drainage improvements - road and ditch work with City of Galveston - \$130,000; (3) Pavilion confirmation and siting study together with updating of Master Plan - \$121,000; (4) Architectural design of comfort stations - \$46,000; (5) Market assessment and community outreach - \$18,000; (6) Trustee tour of competing facilities (Florida) - \$15,000; (7) Development and partnering of private sector attraction and entertainment venues - \$55,000; and (8) Development of fundraising and capital campaign - \$56,000. He reported that the first meeting between City Staff and Park Board staff to discuss the interlocal agreement resulted in some great ideas, one being that City Manager Brian Maxwell offered some of the City's services to the Park Board using the City's procurement. This will allow the Park Board to use the City's contractor to repave the asphalt at Stewart Beach. The Park Board will be asking City Council to approve an expenditure of \$130,000 for the drainage portion of the project at the January 24th meeting. The engineering portion of the project in the amount of \$119,000 does not require Council approval and will be moving forward. Atkins representative Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch reported on the drainage portion of the project.

3.B. Receive And Discuss Recommendations From The Seawall Parking Review Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Critical Inputs For The Parking Referendum, Including Hours For Parking Charges, And Amounts Per Hour, Per Day, And Annual Pass Charges; And Discuss Proposed Ordinance For Seawall Parking Referendum (R. Beverlin - 45 Minutes)

Seawall Parking Committee Chair Eddie Walsh provided Council with recommendations from the committee. Recommendations include the following: (1) the hours of operation should stay the same at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; (2) the rate should be set at \$2.00 per hour with a 2-hour minimum; (3) the annual permit cost should be set at a maximum rate of \$45.00, with the possibility of putting the permit on sale to give locals the opportunity to use the beach park at a reduced cost; (4) the sunset date should be ten years. The committee discussed future improvements and feels that having a capital improvement plan for Seawall Boulevard would assist in the election being successful.

- 3.C. Receive And Discuss A Progress Report From The Beach Access And Dune Protection Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee Related To Amendments To The City's Beach Access And Dune Protection Plan (D. Henry - 20 Minutes)

Dustin Henry provided Council with a progress report from the Committee. He reported that the City's Beach Access and Dune Protection Plan was last comprehensively reviewed and updated between July 2001 and February 2004. Guiding principles were developed by the committee to drive consistent recommendations for improving beach access, which address the following areas of interest: vehicular access and parking, signage and wayfinding, improvement of access points, and restoration and preservation of natural resources. Committee members Jerry Mohn and Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch provided information on the committee's progress. The next steps in the process is a town hall meeting in early 2019, consider and incorporate input from City Council and other stakeholders, complete review of Beach Access Plan, staff will prepare a draft plan and present it to the committee for review and comment, revise and prepare a final draft of the plan, present the final draft to Planning Commission and City Council, and begin work on review and recommendations on Dune Protection Standards. Virginia Greb, Assistant Manager of the City's Coastal Resources Division, was introduced to the City Council.

- 3.D. Discussion Of The Proposed Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance (Legal - 20 Minutes)

Assistant City Attorney Trevor Fanning provided updated information on the proposed vulnerable road users ordinance. He advised it includes the requirement that vehicles slow down when passing vulnerable road users on city streets, which is modeled after state law regarding emergency vehicles. It also includes following and passing from a safe distance, moving over if a lane is available, and it prohibits motorists from behaving in a threatening manner. This item will be placed on the January 24th agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.E. Discussion Of Street Light Master Plan For The City Of Galveston (P. Milburn - 15 Minutes)

Pete Milburn provided Council with an update on the Street Light Master Plan. The Special Character Areas have been identified as (1) Capital Improvement Projects, (2) Historic Districts, (3) Downtown, and (4) Institutional Land Uses (public gathering places). The City has an established pattern for Historic District decorative streets. The standard luminaires include the Midtown and the Granville Lunar Optic. CM Cole recommended the inclusion of environmentally sensitive areas as a special character area, and the use of 3000k light instead of the 4000k light. City Manager Brian Maxwell advised the purpose of the Street Light Master Plan is for Council as a whole to set the policy for lighting and staff will follow the policy. This item will come back to City Council at a future workshop in February or March.

- 3.F. Discussion Of Commission For The Arts - Staff Liaison And Ordinance Review (Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough reported that the Arts Commission would like a staff liaison and City Manager Brian Maxwell suggested assigning the task to Barbara Sanderson. The Arts Commission will be reviewing the current City Ordinance and will bring recommendations back to Council for approval in April. CM Bly is the ex officio for this board so she will be working with the Commission, and CM Collins volunteered to assist in the process if needed.

- 3.G. Discussion Of Future Workshop Items And Schedule Special Called Workshops In 2019 (Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough provided Council with a list of future workshop items which is a compilation of things on his list and other topics from Council Members. He suggested setting up some special workshops in January and February to discuss some of the topics. Council consensus was to meeting on January 9th and February 20th for the special called workshops.

- 3.H. 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.

Items 11G, 11I, 11J, 11L, 11Q, 11U, and 11S were clarified by staff.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 1:15 p.m. The workshop was recessed at 1:15 p.m.

After conclusion of the Regular Meeting, the City Council reconvened into Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 3:08 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

4.A.1. No. D-1-GN-002497 Texas General Land Office V. CDM Smith And The City Of Galveston, In The 201st District Court Of Travis County Texas And No. 13-CV-0844; CDM Smith Inc. V. City Of Galveston, In The 56th Judicial District Court Of Galveston County Texas

4.A.2. Cardinal Construction Company And PSC Inc. V. City Of Galveston Vs Dannenbaum Engineering Company

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: