

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - APRIL 22, 2021**

4/22/2021 - 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.

Absent: Council Member E. R. Johnson.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3.A. Joint Workshop With The Park Board To Discuss The Following Items Of Mutual Interest (Collins/Brown - 1 Hour):

The City Council and Park Board of Trustees held a Joint Workshop to discuss the following items of mutual interest:

2021 Tourism Season Projections (Spencer Priest, Chair) - **Spencer Priest provided information on hotel occupancy rates and forecasts for years 2014 through 2021, and Park performance indicators for years 2019 through 2021.**

Discuss Stewart Beach Development Options (Dave Jacoby, Chair, Stewart Beach Task Force) - **David Jacoby provided information on Stewart Beach Development options. The Park Board is seeking a resolution of support from City Council to move forward with finalizing and releasing the Request for Qualifications to identify developers for the select land at Stewart Beach Park.**

Discuss \$1.4 Million RESTORE Grant Opportunity for East End Lagoon (Steven Creitz, Chair, East End Lagoon Advisory Committee) - **Steven Creitz provided information on the grant opportunity for East End Lagoon. With the view to continue development of the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve, the Park Board is soliciting (1) release of \$50,000 annual City of Galveston contribution to undertake pre-development and grant writing work for Phase 2 development of outdoor recreation amenities, and (2) a commitment to improve conditions on Boddekker Drive to facilitate the use of the area by visitor.**

Presentation of Park Board 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (Kelly de Schaun, CEO) - **Kelly de Schaun provided information on the Park Board Capital Improvement Plan.**

- 3.B. Receive Presentation For Shriners Hospital Expansion Project And Provide Staff With Direction On Moving Forward (M. Hay - 10 Minutes)

Catherine Callaway with Kirksey Architecture presented an overview of the Shriners Hospital Expansion Project. In addition to renovations to the existing hospital, Shriners is also expanding its campus and overall footprint. It has purchased the properties on the adjacent block, south of the campus, and is planning to construct a residential facility and a parking garage. In order to keep their pediatric patients and families from crossing the street to get to the hospital, the parking garage is being designed to span over Postoffice Street. The design still allows for 2-way traffic to flow down the street, however some portion of on-street parking

would be eliminated. Before diving much deeper into this process, staff would like to ensure that Council is aware of the project and is favorable to this design concept. If favorable, staff would anticipate bringing an agreement back before Council for consideration.

- 3.C. 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 7B, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8M, and 8U were clarified by Staff. Items 7C and 7D were withdrawn from the agenda by Staff.

- 3.D. Discuss The 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) And HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Planning For Proposed Objectives And Projects In The Amount Of CDBG \$1,166,618 And HOME \$246,705. (A. Law - 10 Minutes)

Director of Grants and Housing Alice Law provided information on the 2021 CDBG and HOME Programs. This item will be coming to Council at a later date for consideration.

- 3.E. Discussion Of Short Term Rentals (Glywasky/Loftin – 40 Minutes)

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin reported that the management team strongly recommends adopting voluntary collection agreements as a means of enhancing hotel tax revenue. Information was provided related to local HOT (9%) versus State HOT (6%) collections for the City of Galveston for State Fiscal Year 2008 through the first four months of State Fiscal Year 2021.

- 3.F. Discussion Of A Draft Ordinance Concerning Residential Only Parking (D. Buckley - 20 Minutes)

Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley updated the City Council on the draft ordinance concerning residential only parking. This item is on today's regular meeting agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.G. Discussion Of A Draft Ordinance Concerning Golf Carts/Electric Neighborhood Vehicles (Legal - 30 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky updated the City Council on the draft ordinance concerning golf carts/electric neighborhood vehicles. Discussion was held regarding the draft ordinance including permitting/registration and driver's license requirements, standard safety equipment requirements, limiting occupancy, designating streets where the vehicles are prohibited including the Seawall, differentiating regulations/fees between residents and rentals, and getting input on regulations from the industry professionals. This item will come back to City Council for additional discussion at a future meeting.

- 3.H. Discussion Of Amendments To The Bicycle Ordinance (Legal - 15 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky updated the City Council on amendments to the bicycle ordinance. This item is on the regular meeting agenda if the Council chooses to take any action today. This ordinance has a lot of safety features in it including the rental of bicycles, standards for surreys, prohibitions for impaired renters, and a ban on the operation of Seawall sidewalks any type of device that has a motor attached to it. Exceptions are segways, which are allowed by state law to operate on sidewalks, and anyone with a disability that should be allowed to operate their devices on the sidewalk.

- 3.I. Discussion Of The Policy For Board/Commission/Committee Appointments (15 Minutes)

Deferred.

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

4.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 - **the Mayor and Council Members wished City Manager Brian Maxwell a happy birthday.**

2. Information regarding holiday schedules

3. Recognition of individuals

a. Tree City Designation - **deferred**

b. **National Beach Safety Week Proclamation - read by City Secretary Janelle Williams.**

c. **International Parental Alienation Awareness Day Proclamation - read by City Secretary Janelle Williams.**

d. **Lights Out Nights Galveston Proclamation - read by City Secretary Janelle Williams and accepted by Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council representative Julie Ann Brown.**

4. Reminders regarding City Council events

5. Reminders regarding community events - **City Manager Brian Maxwell and Police Chief Vernon Hale reported on a car club that may be coming to town this weekend.**

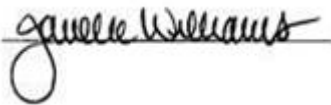
6. Health and safety announcement

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Claims: 21-017 - Douglas Brining; 21-018 - Kelsea Lane; 21-019 - Samantha Russell; 21-020 - Christopher Buck; 21-021 - Julie Malone-Sammons; and 21-022 - Kelly Gavin.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 22, 2021