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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
SPECIAL MEETING - JUNE 17, 2021

6/17/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:09 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. PARK BOARD INTERVIEWS

The City Council interviewed Park Board Candidates Ralph McMorris, Will Wright, Steven Creitz, Richard Prets, and Kurt Gonzalez.

The City Council took a five minute break at 10:30 a.m.

4. CITY UPDATES (Quiroga/Robb - 15 Minutes)

1. **CMS report 45th Street finding and project update - City Auditor Glenn Bulgherini provided information on adding the 45th Street contract to the Contract Management System (CMS) and what beneficial features could have been utilized by doing so. Some features include improved staff reports and standard operating procedures. City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that the lighting on 45th Street were spec'd that way and are standard lights. The string traffic lights won't be changed to arm lights but will be improved by City staff.**

2. **Budget Items and CIP - CM Quiroga provided information on the amount of outstanding principal and interest on bonded indebtedness. He expressed concerns about moving forward with \$45 million in capital improvements which will add more debt.**

3. **45th and Avenue P Report - CM Quiroga provided photos of a dwelling being built in this area which does not appear to be in compliance with setbacks. City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that this project was part of a PUD. Staff will investigate and provide an update to CM Quiroga.**

4. **Seawall Esplanade at 26th and 27th Report - CM Quiroga placed this item on the agenda to clarify that 27th Street was chosen as part of the overall 27th Street Improvement Program and is being done in phases. Decorative pots for this area should arrive in about three weeks.**

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Quiroga/Robb - 20 Minutes)

1. **City Charter clarifications - CM Quiroga asked for clarification on proper lines of communication between the City Manager's office and members of Council.**

2. **Back to two meetings per month and changing the time - CM Quiroga placed this item on the agenda so the Council could discuss the possibility of going back to two meetings per month, or possibly holding one regular meeting and two workshops per month. The Council discussed options including moving the agenda deadline so Council has additional time to review agenda items. If Council wishes to make a change, an item would need to be placed on a future agenda as an action item.**

3. **Beach Access and Parking Concerns (Robb/Brown) - CM Robb placed this item on the**

agenda to discuss issues with parking in District 6 neighborhoods due to the advent of visitors coming to the beaches. She advised that Council needs to look at the Beach Access Plan and getting cars off the beaches. City Manager Brian Maxwell suggested designating certain spots for beach parking and also designating residential parking. The Council discussed amending the Beach Access Plan to address current issues. This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" To Deliberate The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Or Duties Of A Public Officer Or Employee.

6.A. Council Evaluations

1. **City Manager**
2. **City Attorney**
3. **City Auditor**
4. **City Secretary**

The City Council took a five minute break at 12:05 p.m., convened into Executive Session at 12:10 p.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 2:30 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Supplemental Agenda Item

Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending Chapter 32 "Holidays" Of "The City Of Galveston's Personnel Policies And Procedures Manual By Adding "Juneteenth" As A Day To The City Of Galveston Holiday Leave Schedule; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (Schuster/Brown)

Motion was made by CM Schuster, second by CM Robb, to approve the Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: