

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - JUNE 23, 2022**

6/23/2022 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Mike Bouvier, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.

3. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The City Council interviewed applicant Kimberly Gaido.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4.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 10A, 10C, 10D, 11A, 11B, 11J, 11O, 11P, 11R, and 11T were clarified by Staff.

- 4.B. Discussion Of Galveston Municipal Code Chapter 19, Article III, Concessions And Peddlers, Section 19-51 – Definitions; Section 19-52 – Permit Required; Section 19-53 – Procedure For Approval And Applicable Standards; And Section 19-56 – Exceptions And Exemptions; Planning Case Number 22PA-005, Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject (Listowski/Brown - 15 Min))

Mayor Brown read a letter from Planning Commission Chair Jeffrey Hill commending Planner Daniel Lunsford for his work on the concessions ordinance. Daniel Lunsford presented proposed amendments to concessions ordinance related to food trucks. The Council recommended additional amendments: (1) a food truck owner who also owns an adjacent brick and mortar business is exempt from the one hundred feet separation requirement; (2) allowing food trucks to locate within four food truck parks; (3) recommend adopting the definition of concessions recommended by Staff; and (4) allowing six seats to remain. This item is on today's regular meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

- 4.C. FY 2023 Budget And Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Discussion - (M. Loftin/D. Buckley - 40 Min)

Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley provided a summary of staff's individual meetings with each Council Member. Clear consensus from Council was for management to identify additional revenue sources and the focus should be placed on covering costs associated with serving our tourist population. He provided information on expenses and revenue which are resulting in a revenue shortfall of approximately \$2,724,100; however, these are very early estimates and will change. Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided information on sales tax models and projections, the 3-1/2% tax cap, and additional revenue sources. Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook provided information on the FY 2023 water and sewer budget, and issuing debt to fund shovel ready projects driven by the city's capital program.

- 4.D. Discussion Of Short Term Rental Software, Registration And Related Topics (Legal - 1 Hour)

Park Board representative Bryson Frazier and Matt Curtis provided Council with information on short term rentals including: understanding the issues, a stakeholder task force that was created, mission and actions of the task force, software solutions, peer city RFP's, peer community fees, peer community fee feedback, enforcement program, enforcement key takeaways. University of Houston Professor Dr. Steven Craig provided Council with information on the possibility of an academic study on the new industry of short term rentals.

The economics of short term rentals are pretty complex and not well known. If the City decides to move forward with this project, he has a Ph.D student interested in doing the academic study and it will be useful to her academic career. City Attorney Don Glywasky will work with Dr. Craig on getting a proposal for the study.

4.E. Stewart Beach Ad Hoc Committee Update (Collins/Brown - 15 Min)

Deferred.

4.F. Ordinance/Policy Discussions (Brown/Collins - 20 Min)

1. Wildflower Ordinance
2. Trash Collection Policies
3. Taxis Ordinance
4. Tree Planting for New Infrastructure Projects

Deferred.

4.G. Discussion Of Signage Designating Galveston As The Birthplace Of Juneteenth (Brown-10 Min)

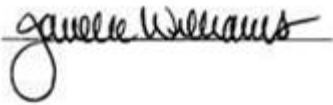
Deferred.

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

MPT Collins reported that the Stewart Beach drainage is in place.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 28, 2022