

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - JULY 28, 2022**

7/28/2022 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, and Council Member Marie Robb.

Absent: Council Member John Listowski.

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 8A,8B, 10B, 10C, 10D, 10E, 11S, and 12A were clarified by staff.

- 3.B. Discussion Of The FY 2023 Budget And Capital Improvement Plan (M. Loftin - 15 Min)

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided Council with a General Fund Summary in the Proposed FY 2023 Budget, FY 2023 property tax information, and an analysis of property tax revenues.

- 3.C. Update Of The Multi-Disciplinary Response Team Program (Chief Balli - 15 Min)

Police Chief Balli briefed Council on the multi-disciplinary response team program which includes a paramedic fulfilled by Galveston Fire Department, licensed mental health clinician fulfilled by the Gulf Coast Center, police officer fulfilled by Galveston Police Department, and communication members at the 911 call center.

- 3.D. Discussion Of Policy For Lease Of Public Land To Non Profit Organizations (Brown - 20 Min)

Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley reported that Council directed City management to have staff review the potential for leasing improved City property and bring back to Council a recommendation for a policy addressing this issue. After considering these various questions and potential issues, it became evident to staff that it would be difficult for the City to adequately manage the lease or use of improved City property for unintended uses. The City should not offer for use or rent improved City Property to for-profit or not-for-profit groups or organizations outside of its parks and community venues established for this purpose. If the City were to do so, the activity would compete with local venues utilizing private property. Additionally, the City should not be placed in the position where it is approving content or activities of not-for profit groups or other groups holding events.

- 3.E. Stewart Beach Ad Hoc Committee Update (Collins/Brown - 20 Min)

MPT Collins provided Council with a list bulleted items detailing the Stewart Beach Ad Hoc

Committee Report.

Immediate priority: Tear down the current pavilion.

Stewart Beach Goals: (1) producing revenue for the City beyond the cost of park operations; and (2) providing year-round amenities and activities that will attract residents as well as visitors, making the park safe and clean, and making it clear that this is an entertainment area, not just a beach.

Public amenities: (1) parking structure; (2) Beach Patrol facility; (3) transportation hub; (4) tram transportation from parking structure to the beach; (5) restroom/shower facilities; (6) world class ADA compliant surfaces and equipment; (7) boardwalks; and (8) a children's playground.

Public/private amenities: (1) commercial development including restaurant/retail, mobile concessions, Airstream rentals, RV parking, cabana rental concessions, reserved private event areas, and additional retail or restaurant space; and (2) fun non-beach attractions including Popstroke Golf, small event venues for music, festivals, beach weddings, and beach sports courts.

Recommendations to Council: (1) formalizing the City's priorities and objectives and add that language as an addendum to the Park Board interlocal agreement; (2) handing the task back to the Park Board with a definite timeline including plan development, an RFQ to seek potential partners, and a detailed RFP that would be approved by Council before it goes out; and (3) requiring a fully-defined development plan for the buildout and ongoing management plan for the park.

This item will be on the next regular meeting for an update from Staff.

3.F. Discussion Of Additional Funding Of Public Art (Collins/Brown - 15 Min)

MPT Collins reported that current funding for the public art program through Arts & Historic HOT money is \$50,000 per year which started three years ago. The Cultural Arts Commission developed a process for public art that includes funding individual public art projects for \$5,000. He is recommending that the annual funding be increased to \$100,000 in order for the City to take on larger public art projects. A new process would be put in place for City staff to vet all proposed projects before being turned over to the Cultural Arts Commission for their recommendation to City Council. This item will be coming back to Council as an ordinance change.

3.G. Ordinance/Policy Discussions And Updates (30 Min)

1. Taxis Ordinance Update (Brown) - City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that all taxi cab companies have agreed on a rate increase. This item will come back to Council as an ordinance change.

2. Discussion of a Code of Conduct for Boards and Commissions (Robb/Brown) - CM Robb placed this item on the agenda because it appears some boards are operating outside their authority. City Attorney Don Glywasky reported that today's regular agenda includes an ordinance requiring all board appointees to take the AG training on Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. Any concerns with City boards should be reported to the City Attorney for possible admonishment.

3. Discussion of Island Transit Bus Stops, Routes and other Transit Items

(Lewis/Brown) - CM Lewis placed this item on the agenda to address questions from her constituents about the bus stop location at Walmart being moved and the absence of coverings for persons waiting for

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

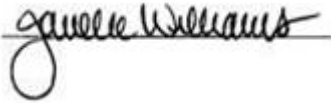
Mayor Brown reported that he has talked to TxDOT about the process of placing a permanent marker designating Galveston as the Birthplace of Juneteenth as you come onto Galveston Island. TxDOT has a program for signage and will be happy to help the City with it.

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

1. Fourth of July Celebration Status - CM Robb stated that the Park Board should issue a public apology for the delayed drone show on July 4th. MPT Collins reported that the City and the Park Board are in discussions about treating July 4th as an event and how to handle in the future.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: August 25, 2022