

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

9/9/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Brown, in honor of the anniversary of the 1900 Storm.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag were led by Mayor Brown.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

6.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
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Recognition of individuals

a. Constitution Week Proclamation - presented by Mayor Brown.

4. Reminders regarding City Council events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcement

6.B. City Manager's Report - The Investment Report For Quarters Ended March 31 And June 30, 2021 (M. Loftin)

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin presented the Investment Report for Quarters Ended March 31 and June 30, 2021.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Claims: 21-057 - Michelle Lawson; 21-058 - Mike Saracco; 21-059 - Joseph Kelso; 21-060 - Marcellus Ivey; 21-061 - Warren Hoffman; 21-062 - Texas Gas Service; 21-063 - Richard King; 21-064 - Julianna Lizama.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.A. Conduct A Public Hearing On September 9, 2021 On The FY 2022 Proposed Budget As Required By State Law.

The public hearing was opened; with no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

- 8.A.1. Consider For Action An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Adopting The Annual Governmental And Proprietary Funds Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 And Ending September 30, 2022; Making Appropriations For City Operations And Capital Projects For Such Fiscal Year As Reflected In Such Budget; Authorizing Various Other Transfers; Approving And Adopting The FY 2022 Capital Budget; Approving And Adopting The FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan; And Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject And Providing For An Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 21-050 was read by caption. Motion was made by MPT Collins, second by Mayor Brown, adopting the ordinance approving the FY 2022 Budget and FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed 4-3 with the following record vote. In favor: Brown, Collins, Lewis, and Schuster. In opposition: Quiroga, Listowski, and Robb.

- 8.A.2. Consider For Action A Motion Ratifying The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The FY 2022 Budget

Motion was made by MPT Collins, second by CM Schuster, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2022 Budget. The motion passed 4-3 with the following record vote. In favor: Brown, Collins, Lewis, and Schuster. In opposition: Quiroga, Listowski, and Robb.

- 8.B. Conduct A Public Hearing On The Proposed Property Tax Rate Of \$0.4985 Per \$100 Of Taxable Value For Tax Year 2021 To Receive Public Comment On The Rate.

The public hearing was opened; with no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

- 8.B.1. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas Levying Ad Valorem Taxes For Tax Year 2021 In The Amount Of 49 Cents And 8.500 Mills (\$0.498500) Upon Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Of Property Valuation For The Tax Year 2021; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject.

The Ordinance was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Schuster, second by MPT Collins, to approve a Property Tax Rate Of \$0.4985 Per \$100 Of Taxable Value For Tax Year 2021. The motion failed 4-3 with the following record vote. In favor: Brown, Collins, Lewis, and Schuster. In opposition; Quiroga, Listowski, and Robb.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randall Kopfer congratulated CM Lewis on her election to District 1 Council Member.

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

- 10.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended", Chapter 19, "Licenses, Permits And Business Regulations",

Article VI, "Short Term Rentals" By Clarifying Section 19-113 "Short Term Rentals" To Require Registration Of A Dwelling Prior To Its Use As A Short Term Rental And Section 19-114, "Registration" To Provide For An Annual Registration Fee And Yearly Registration Expiring In December Of Each Calendar Year; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Immediate Effective Date. (Robb/Brown)

Ordinance No. 21-051 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Robb, second by Mayor Brown, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

11. CONSENT ITEMS - The Following Items Shall Be Considered For Action As A Whole, Unless One Or More Council Members Objects. The City Manager Is Authorized To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Listowski, to approve Consent Items 11A through 11I. Unanimously approved.

- 11.A. Consider For Approval Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Each Of The Public Art Grant Winners, As Recommended By The City Of Galveston's Cultural Arts Commission, For A Total Amount Of \$10,000.00. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.B. Consider Approval Of Change Order #1 To The Contract With Main Lane Industries, Ltd. For The Downtown Pedestrian Transit Improvements Project Decreasing The Contract By \$33,452.90 From The Amount Of \$897,240.00 To The Amount Of \$863,787.10. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Anderson)
- 11.C. Consider Approval Of Change Order #4 To The Contract With Lucas Construction For The Market Street From 25th – 33rd Street Sidewalks Project Decreasing The Contract By \$40,634.00 From The Amount Of \$1,174,383.00 To The Final Total Amount Of \$1,133,749.00. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (T. Pedraza)
- 11.D. Consider For Approval, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The 2022 Texas Department Of Transportation, Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant, Which Allows The Airport To Be Reimbursed Up To \$50,000.00 In Eligible Airport Maintenance Expenses Upon Final Approval Of The City Attorney (M. Shahan).
- 11.E. Consider For The Approval Of The Payment Totaling \$35,750 For Access To The Remix Software Platform Which Will Be Funded By An ARP Technology Grant For Island Transit, And Authorize The City Manager To Execute The Contract Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith / J. Oliver)
- 11.F. Consider For Approval Ratification Of The Department Of Transportation FTA Drug Free Workplace Program For Covered Employees In Accordance With 49 CFR Part 655, As Amended And 49 CFR Part 40, As Amended (K. Etienne).
- 11.G. Consider For Approval Ratification Of The Department Of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug Free Workplace Program For Drivers Of Commercial Motor Vehicles And Other Specified Safety Sensitive Employees Of The City (K. Etienne).
- 11.H. Consider For Approval Minutes Of The July 22, 2021 Workshop And Regular Meeting And The August 12, 2021 Workshop And Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)
- 11.I. Receive And File The Following Documents:

12. ACTION ITEMS

- 12.A. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Submitting The Names Of Five (5) Nominees Or Less For Election To The Galveston Central Appraisal District Board Of Directors; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The

Galveston Central Appraisal District; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Brown)

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Robb, approving Resolution No. 21-030 with the nomination of Thomas Farmer to the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Unanimously approved.

- 12.B. Discuss And Consider Approving The Establishment Of A Joint Committee With The Park Board To Research And Present To Council Recommendations Concerning Software Management Systems And Other Best Practices Concerning Short Term Rentals. (Brown)

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Listowski, approving the City's participation with the joint committee to make recommendations for software management systems. The motion passed 6-1; CM Schuster voted against the motion.

- 12.C. Discuss And Consider An Addition To The City Board Application. (Quiroga/Robb)

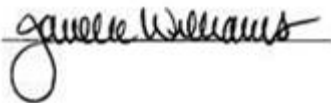
Motion was made by CM Quiroga, second by CM Robb, approving an addition to the application questionnaire for the purpose of candidates background the following question "Have you ever been a party to a civil lawsuit (aside from family law matters) and if so please state". The motion failed 1-4; CM Quiroga voted in favor: Mayor Brown, MPT Collins, CM Schuster, and Listowski voted against; and CM Lewis and CM Robb abstained from voting.

- 12.D. Discuss And Consider For Action Alternate Times For City Council Meetings. (Quiroga/Brown)

Motion was made by CM Quiroga, second by CM Listowski, moving the regular meetings for City Council to 2:00 p.m. The motion failed 2-5; CM Quiroga and CM Listowski voted in favor; Mayor Brown, MPT Collins, CM Lewis, CM Schuster, and CM Robb voted against.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: October 28, 2021