

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON AND  
PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

10/12/2023 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**With a quorum present, the joint meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

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

**Park Board of Trustees Members Present: Jason Hardcastle, Jason Worthen, Mike Bouvier, Bob Bullwinkel, Sara Godwin, and Barry Willey.**

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.A. Discussion And Possible Recommendations As It Relates To The Park Board's Budget For 2024 And Subsequent Years, Including Special Projects And Capital Improvement Items. (Brown/Bouvier)

**Mayor Brown provided an overview of the City and Park Board restructured relationship over the past year to better align operations with State law. He provided four topics as the foundation of today's discussion: (1) the operating budget for the Park Board increases each year the same as the City's budget increases each year; (2) this does not apply to the three cents for the CVB which is in the City Charter; (3) special projects and capital improvements projects not included in the operating budget will be delineated and presented separately to City Council; and (4) the accounting format for the Park Board will be in the same format as the City's budget.**

**City Council discussed with Park Board members items of concern in the budget, including increases in the overall operating budget, placing a cap on the annual operating budget, Council setting goals for the Park Board to aid in planning of their operating budget, implementation of setting goals being effective for the FY 2025 budget, operations of the CVB, items in the CVB budget that do not belong in there, a new method for funding the CVB after submittal and approval of their annual budget instead of arbitrarily sending over the three cents, and setting goals and expectations for the CVB.**

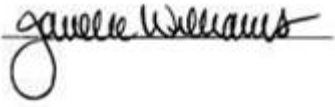
**Park Board members expressed concerns about timing of the implementation of Council's direction related to the operating budget. Park Board members requested that Council approve all items in the Park Board's budget not in conflict and contingent approval of items that still need work.**

**CM Bouvier and CM Listowski left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.**

**City Council discussed with Park Board members the method for Council approval of special projects, how special projects and capital improvement projects are delineated in the budget, the accounting format for the Park Board's budget moving forward, approval of the Park Board's budget for the remaining quarters of their budget,**

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: December 14, 2023