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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - MAY 23, 2019

5/23/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:02 a.m

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Craig Brown, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Jackie Cole. Council Member Amy Bly arrived at

Absent: Mayor James Yarbrough.

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. (30 Minutes)
Items 10A, 11B, 11E, 11G, 11H, 11L, 11M, 11N, 11O, 11P, 11R, and 11V were clarified by Staff.

- 3.B. Discuss The Permitting Of Scooters (A. Montalvan - 30 Minutes)
Adriel Montalvan provided a review of the Council's past workshop discussions related to docked and dockless share systems. He also provided a comparison of regulations from other cities including Dallas, San Antonio, Scottsdale, and Denver. The City's current regulations require riders to rent scooters from a brick and mortar shop and they must return the scooters to the original rental location. One scooter company has teamed up with local businesses for rental purposes. The City currently does not have any regulations related to where the scooters can be ridden. They can be operated anywhere a bicycle can be ridden. Marshall Gray suggested adding regulations to the ordinance to require the payment of impoundment fees prior to scooter companies being able to operate. Other suggestions from Council include allowing an operator to rent from one brick and mortar shop and returning to a different location, and adopting regulations on where scooters can be operated based on horsepower of the motors. This item will be brought back to City Council for future discussion.

- 3.C. Discuss Stormwater Management (Collins/Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
CM Collins placed this item on the agenda in order to bring Council up to date on the efforts to address flooding and storm surge. The Mayor asked CM Collins to represent the City on the Army Corps/GLO work group that has been providing more detail on coastal spine plans and was designed to get comm feedback on the tentatively selected plan. work plans We have met once last month and are planning to meet again in June. They are modifying their approach by focusing on using enhanced natural dunes at the beach rather than the engineered dike behind 3005 and Hwy 187 on Bolivar. They are looking at ways to prevent surge on the north side of the island at the harbor they are also looking at using two smaller gates on Bolivar roads to minimize changes to water flow and salinity because of the potential threat to the seafood industry. The Army Corps seems still set on raising the Seawall four feet but maybe the work group could look at that last. In the meantime, the City is working on things that can be done incrementally to increase surge and stormwater protection now than waiting on the Corps. Brandon Cook reported on funding for a pump station at the 14th and Harborside drainage basin. This is a federal project with a cost of \$35 million. The City's portion will be approximately \$8 million. Staff should know in about 45 days if the project is approved. If all goes to plan, staff will be bringing a contract for the design to Council in August.

- 3.D. Discuss Appointment Dates For Members On Certain Boards, Commissions, And Committees Of The City Of Galveston And Setting A Term Length Of Three Years. (Mayor)

This item was discussed at the last City Council workshop. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided a draft ordinance which includes a list of all committees of the city. There are committees that whose membership is governed by statute, charter, or corporate regulations that we cannot change with just an adoption of an ordinance. Those committees are listed out in the ordinance in Section 2-168. The terms of those are governed by other statutes and we are not affecting those. The next part, Section 2-170, lists those committees that we can change the length of the term. Some of them are two years, and some are already three years. This proposed change is at Council's suggestion to create a uniform three year date which would start in October 2019. Section 2-172 includes a draft provision for staggered terms. It would be up to Council to choose a method for staggering the terms. Discussion was held regarding the method for removal of a committee members and the issue of serving over six years.

- 3.E. Discuss The Possibility Of Extending The Biker Rally And Mardi Gras Contracts. (Collins/Cole - 20 Minutes)

The current Lone Star Rally contract was for a three year period from 2017 to 2019. The contract includes a two year extension option for 2020 and 2021 which can be executed under the City Manager's purview. The current Mardi Gras contract was for a three year period from 2016 to 2018. After that, continuation of Mardi Gras would require an RFP. Council consensus was for the Manager to extend the Lone Star Rally Contract for the additional two years and to move forward with an RFP for the continuation of Mardi Gras.

- 3.F. Discuss The Placement Of A Polling Location On Pelican Island For Future City Elections (Collins/Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

CM Collins advised this topic has come up a number of times in recent years. He advised there are more than 250 A&M students registered to vote but in the last election only two of them voted. The question has come up whether more students would vote if there was a polling location on Pelican Island. The City could designate a polling location on Pelican Island for municipal elections in May, but it would be up to the County Commissioners to designate it as a polling location during November elections for County and National elections. CM Collins is willing to have a conversation with Commissioner Apffel to see if he would support it. General McClain reported that the student government is looking into this as well. This item will come back to Council if it has merit and the issues get sorted out.

- 3.G. Update On The Code Review Process (Legal - 10 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky reminded Council that the Code Review Process will begin at the June 27th Workshop.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council took a 10 minute break at 11:30 a.m., convened into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 12:47 p.m.

- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

4.A.1. Cardinal Construction Company And PSC Inc. V. City Of Galveston Vs Dannenbaum Engineering Company

4.A.2. Legal Issues Related To The Report Of The City's Internal Auditor Report To Council On Port Use Of Hurricane Ike Disaster Proceeds

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved:

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