

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

2/28/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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)
Agenda Items 8E, 10A, 11A, 11G, 11N, 11O, 11P, 11S, 11T, 11U, 11V, 11W, and 11X were clarified by Staff and Council.
- 3.B. Joint Workshop Between The City Council And The Park Board Of Trustees To Discuss Items Of Mutual Interest (City Council - 1 Hour)

A Joint Workshop was held between the City Council and the Park Board.

Discuss East End Lagoon Business Plan - Sheryl Rozier presented the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve Plan. The Park Board is looking for concurrence from the Council in order to move forward with the due diligence portion of the plan. The Park Board has received notification of being on the short list to receive \$1.4 million in RESTORE funds to be used for construction of an open air structure, and requests \$50,000 from the City over the next eight years to support the overall East End Lagoon Plan. The open air structure is a shovel ready project.

Discuss Park Board Management of Arts and Historical Preservation Funding - Discussion was held regarding transferring the Arts & Historic functions to the Park Board. The Park Board met earlier this week and voted to accept 5/8 of a penny (or \$1.25 million) from the City and the Park Board will contribute the remaining funds of \$250,000 to maintain the current total amount of funding for the program. The Park Board is looking into grants funds to further support the program. Discussion was held regarding potential conflicts of interest for current Park Board members whose organizations receive Arts & Historic grant funds. These Park Board members declare conflicts for the record and will abstain from any discussion and/or voting on Arts & Historic related agenda items. The Arts & Historic Preservation Advisory Board has extended their application deadline to May 1 in anticipation of the transfer, and will be an advisory committee to the Park Board during the first year. Spencer Priest advised the Park Board would not be making any significant changes to the program in the first year. The Advisory Board would be operating at the Park Board. An Interlocal Agreement will be drafted for the City Council and the Park Board to approve. This item will be placed on the March 28th agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.C. Discuss Proposed Valet Parking Ordinance (M. Gray - 30 Minutes)
Marshall Michael Gray and Assistant City Attorney Donna Fairweather presented Council with amendments to the proposed ordinance. Discussion was held regarding fees for paid parking spaces in addition to the annual permit base fees, current unauthorized valet parking areas,

and valet parking vehicles on the street in areas other than downtown. This item will be placed on the March workshop for further discussion.

- 3.D. Discuss Membership And Facility Rental Fees For Recreation Centers, Parks, And Athletic Fields That Are Under Management Of The Parks And Recreation Department (M. Rabago - 20 Minutes)

Mario Rabago presented current and proposed rates for the McGuire Dent Recreation Center, Menard Park Band Shell, ballfield rentals and tournaments, Lasker Park Community Pool, and Beach Pocket Park #1 wedding space rental. The Council expressed concerns regarding staff's proposal to start charging users for admission to McGuire Dent. This item will be placed on next month's agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.E. Receive And Discuss An Update On Debt Management (D. Buckley/M. Loftin - 30 Minutes)

Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley presented the draft Debt Management Policy to the Council. He advised it is an essential policy for the City to have. He reported that the City is not a heavy user of debt, but that may change if the 2-1/2 cent tax cap is approved by the State Legislature. The Finance and Fiscal Affairs Committee will review the policy at their next meeting. This item will be placed on next month's workshop agenda for the Council's review.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council took a five minute break at 12:30 p.m., convened into Executive Session at 12:35 p.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 1:16 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

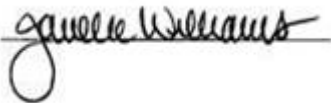
- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary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

4.A.1. Alan Flores V. City Of Galveston

4.A.2. Briefing On Matters Related To The Police Pension Board And Its Retirement Fund

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved: April 25, 2019