

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
WORKSHOP - AUGUST 22, 2019**

8/22/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
**With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 8:30 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Craig Brown, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Dr. Jackie Cole. Council Member Amy Bly arrived at 8:35 a.m.**

**Absent: Council Member David Collins.**

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 8B, 11C, 11D, 11G, 11H, 11J, 11S, 11U, 11Z, 11CC, and 12A were clarified by staff.**

- 3.B. Discussion Of The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget And Capital Improvement Plan (B. Maxwell - 1 Hour)  
**City Manager Mike Loftin provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. He reported that 97 of 99 net new positions since FY2014 have gone to Public Works, Police and Fire, and to other community service departments, and two positions were added to Administration. He provided the city overhead rate for Administration as a percent of the operating budget and as compared to other cities, as well as a chart that shows changes in personnel from FY2015 through FY2020. He provided information on the top CIP projects scheduled to go under construction by September 30, 2020.**

- 3.C. Discussion Of The Development And License To Use (LTU) Agreement As Proposed By American National Insurance Company (ANICO) For The Construction And Operation Of A Raised Pedestrian Bridge And Grade Level Pedestrian Streetscape Within The Right Of Way Of 20th Street Between Mechanic Street And Market Street. (T. Tietjens - 15 Minutes)  
**Mayor Yarbrough declared a conflict of interest and left the workshop meeting for this item. Development Services Director Tim Tietjens provided information on an updated design for the ANICO project. ANICO representatives provided an alternative plan for a pedestrian bridge at the location. The new plan for the Urban Environment includes a raised bridge across 20th Street which will provide a safe and reliable crossing from the garage to the building during flood events, as well as a possible Korean War Memorial. The plan for the streetscape remains the same. The Council commended ANICO representatives for coming up with the alternative plan in response to the community's concerns and for taking into account the neighboring businesses. Discussion was held regarding utilizing all available paid parking spaces on the street, ways to protect pedestrians from distracted drivers on the street level, and providing enough space for urban trees. This item will be placed on the September 12th agenda for the City Council's consideration.**

- 3.D. Report Presentation From The Beach Access And Dune Protection Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee (D. Henry - 15 Minutes)  
**Dustin Henry reported that the committee had 33 meetings with over 1100 hours of volunteer time. Staff thanked the committee members for their hard work and dedication to this project. He recognized committee members Chair Jerry Mohn, Vice Chair Chula Sanchez, Joanie Steinhaus, Paul Sivon, Barbara Railey, and Carol Hollaway. Jerry Mohn provided a brief overview of the committee's method for reviewing the plan. Chula Sanchez provided a**

top ten 10 list of recommendations from the committee. Carol Hollaway reported on the committee's process of creating best practices for beach maintenance which provide sound and uniform practices across the board. She asked the City Council to accept the committee's final report and direct the Planning Commission to review and make recommendations to Council. Jerry Mohn thanked staff members Dustin Henry and Virgie Greb for their dedication and hard work on this project. Staff will provide guidelines and timelines for moving forward at the September 12th City Council meeting.

- 3.E. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The 2015 Galveston Land Development Regulations To Comply With State Law Legislative Changes, Including But Not Limited To; Providing For Exemptions Regulating Building Materials For Historic Landmarks And Districts; Regulations Regarding Designation Of Local Historic Landmarks; Regulations Regarding Time Frame For Review Of Plats/Replats; Regulations Regarding Acceptance Of An Affidavit As Authorization To Obtain City Permit Relating To Real Property; And Regulations Regarding Time Frame Of Filing Of Appeals To The City's Boards Of Adjustments; Planning Case Number 19ZA-005; Providing For An Effective Date; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman - 10 Minutes)

**Catherine Gorman provided Council with an update on Legislative changes that require amendments to the Land Development Regulations (LDRs). This item is also on today's regular agenda for the Council's consideration because they are time sensitive.**

- 3.F. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The 2015 Galveston Land Development Regulations, Article 9: "Landscaping", To Add Division 9.600, "Palm Preservation", To Provide For The Protection Of Certain Palm Species; Planning Case Number 19ZA-006; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman - 15 Minutes)

**Deferred.**

- 3.G. Discussion Regarding Ongoing Membership In The Galveston County Transit District (GCTD) (R. Beverlin - 15 Minutes)

**Assistant City Manager Rick Beverlin provided an update on the city's membership in the Galveston County Transit District. This item will be placed on the September 19th agenda for the Council's consideration.**

- 3.H. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, As Amended, Chapter 34, Article Viii "Booting And Towing Delinquent Vehicles And Other Enforcement", By Allowing For The Immobilization Of Delinquent Vehicles By Methods Other Than Booting; To Amend, Update Rules, Regulations, Standards, And Definitions; To Make Clarifications, Rename, Renumber And Rearrange The Chapter As Applicable; Providing For Penalties And Fees As Applicable; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date (T. Fanning/B. Stroud - 15 Minutes)

**Assistant City Attorney Trevor Fanning provided proposed amendments to the city's current booting ordinance. This item will be placed on an upcoming agenda for the Council's consideration in conjunction with a contract for the barnacle enforcement program.**

- 3.I. Legislative Items (S. Bakko - 15 Minutes)

**Sally Bakko provided Council with information related to a Resolution on legislation to address excessive train delays at railroad crossings. This item is also on today's regular meeting agenda for the Council's consideration because it is time sensitive. The Resolution will be taken to Texas Municipal League to get their endorsement at their annual conference in October, and with TML's endorsement it can be taken to the National League of Cities and hopefully enlist their support and action on this item as Congress is considering reauthorization of federal transportation programs. Sally also provided a Wrap Up Report on the 86th Texas Legislative Session.**

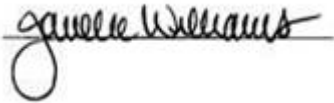
#### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The City Council convened into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 1:10 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

4.A. Pursuant To Tex. Gov't Code 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, To Discuss Or Deliberate Regarding Commercial Or Financial Information That The Government Has Received From A Business Prospect That The Government Body Seeks To Have Locate, Stay Or Expand In The City Of Galveston And With Which The Governmental Body Is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations; R Deliberate The Offer Of A Financial Or Other Incentive To A Business Prospect Described Above; And Tex. Gov't Code 551.071, Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Or Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflict With This Chapter, Regarding The Following:

5. ADJOURNMENT

**The workshop was adjourned at 1:10 p.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: September 19, 2019