

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
SPECIAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

9/12/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Yarbrough - Item 9A.

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

4.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. Certificate of Recognition - Opal Lee - MPT Brown reported that Ms. Lee, a resident of Fort Worth and 92 years old, has undertaken a mission to make Juneteenth a national holiday. She is walking in many cities in the 46 states that recognize Juneteenth. She will be here in Galveston on September 14th for a two mile walk. He presented the Certificate in honor of Ms. Lee and all of her efforts in making Juneteenth a national holiday. She will be presented with a key to the City on September 14th.

4. Reminders regarding City Council events

5. Reminders regarding community events

6. Health and safety announcement

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.A. Conduct A Public Hearing On The FY 2020 Proposed Budget.

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, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; Making appropriations for city operations and capital projects for such fiscal year as reflected in such budget; Authorizing various other transfer; Approving and adopting the FY 2020 Capital Budget; Approving and adopting the budget of the Industrial Development Corporation, making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing for an effective date. (M. Loftin)

Ordinance No. 19-047 was read by caption. Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Randall Rubenstein asked the Council to consider allocating funds for homeless needs. Motion was made by CM Bly, second by CM Collins, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved with a record vote. In favor: Yarbrough, Brown, Bly, Collins, Hardcastle, Listowski, and Cole.

5.A.1. Consider For Action A Motion Ratifying The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The FY 2020 Budget. (M. Loftin)

Motion was made by Mayor Yarbrough, second by MPT Brown, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2020 Budget. Unanimously approved.

5.B. Conduct A Public Hearing On The Proposed Property Tax Rate For Tax Year 2019 And Fiscal Year 2020

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened; with no speakers the public hearing was closed.

5.C. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Abandoning Property Adjacent To 10702 Schaper Drive And Adjacent Property To The West And South And Adjacent Properties Are Legally Described As The South 1115 Feet Of Lot 397 (397-3); And The North Portion Of Lot 398 (398-2); TRIMBLE AND LINDSEY, SECTION 1; AND LOTS 370-373, 388-395, 406, 408-415, 417, 426-430, 433-436, 448-450, 453, 470 AND PART OF LOTS 368, 369, 374, 375, 398, 399, 405 And Adjacent Right Of Way, Trimble And Lindsey, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 19P-043; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (J. Norman)

Ordinance No. 19-048 was read by caption. Janice Norman and Kyle Hockersmith provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Property owner Lamson Nguyen spoke in favor of the abandonment. Sonny Broom spoke in favor so long as the drainage issues are addressed. The public hearing was closed. Motion was made by Dr. Cole, second by CM Hardcastle, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Items - Fred Huddleston, Joyce Calver McLean, Doug McLean, Bill Fullen, Allen Flores, Laura Bourgeois, and Trey Click - Item 7D.

Non-Agenda Items - Sherri Zachary - taxi and wrecker ordinance, Randall Rubenstein - allocating tax dollars for the homeless problem.

7. ORDINANCES

7.A. Consider For Action An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving And Adopting The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan For FY 2020-2024; And Making Certain Findings And Containing Certain Provisions Related To The Subject. (M. Loftin)

Ordinance No. 19-049 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Collins, second by CM Listowski, to approve the ordinance with the caveat that staff looks at streets in District 6 based on elevation and the 1900 block of Avenue N. Unanimously approved.

7.B. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of City Of Galveston, Texas Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2019; Levying A Tax In Payment Thereof; Providing For The Sale And Award Of Said Bonds In Accordance With Certain Parameters; Approving Certain Agreements Relating To The Bonds; And Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto. (M. Loftin)

Ordinance No. 19-046 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Collins, second by MPT Brown, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

7.C. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending Section 2-22 "Personnel Rules And Regulations" Of Chapter 2 "Administration" Of "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended," By Making Changes To Chapter 26 "Sick Leave Pool"; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date Of October 1, 2019. (K. Etienne)

Ordinance No. 19-050 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Bly, second by CM Hardcastle, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

7.D. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended", Chapter 23, "Nuisances", By Adding Article Vii. "Structures

Within The Strand/Mechanic Historic Area” To Provide For The Protection, Enhancement And Perpetuation Of The Strand/Mechanic Historic District’s Architectural History; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 19-051 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Collins, second by MPT Brown, to approve the ordinance.

8. 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 CM Collins, second by CM Hardcastle, to approve Consent Items 8A through 8M. Unanimously approved.

- 8.A. Consider For Approval The City Auditor's Audit Plan For 2020 (G. Bulgherini)
- 8.B. Consider For Approval The Award Of RFP # 19-23 To BlueCross BlueShield Of Texas As The Third Party Administrator (TPA) For Employee Health Insurance Including Specific And Aggregate Stop Loss Coverage For A Period Not To Exceed Three Years Effective October 1, 2019. (K. Etienne)
- 8.C. Consider For Approval An Agreement With Boon-Chapman For Administrative Services Related To The Processing Of Run-Out Health Insurance Claims Through September 30, 2020, At A Cost Not To Exceed \$45,000.00. (K. Eienne)
- 8.D. Consider For Approval The First Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. For Additional Consulting Work Related To The Transition Of Third-Party Administration For Employee Health Insurance From Boon-Chapman To BlueCross BlueShield Of Texas At A Cost Not To Exceed \$45,000.00. (K. Etienne)
- 8.E. Consider A Motion Approving A One-Year Extension Of The Contract With Hutchinson Shockey Erley & Company For Financial Advisory Services. (M. Loftin)
- 8.F. Consider For Approval, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The 2020 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).
- 8.G. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For A Texas Department Of Transportation, Aviation Division, Grant For An Airport Master Plan Update For Fiscal Year 2019; Authorizing The Texas Department Of Transportation As Agent For The City Of Galveston For The Purposes Of Applying For, Receiving, And Disbursing All Funds For These Improvements; Directing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Relating To The Grant; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of The Resolution To The Texas Department Of Transportation; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney (M. Shahan).
Resolution No. 19-034
- 8.H. Consider For Approval The Authorization To Purchase Extended Support On Five (5) Power Edge Servers And Two (2) EqualLogic Storage Area Network (SAN) Array Devices From Dell Marketing Through State DIR Contract TSO-3763 For A Total Cost Of \$33,683.21 (H. Dean)
- 8.I. Consider For Approval An Agreement With Avenu Insights And Analytics, LLC For The Upgrade Of The City’s Financial & Human Resources System In An Amount Not To Exceed \$75,000. (H. Dean)

- 8.J. Consider For Approval The Award A Four-Year Contract For The Lease And Maintenance Of Xerox Copiers And Printers (Multi-Function Devices) To Xerox Business Solutions In The Amount Of \$125,000 Annually, Utilizing Choice Partners Cooperative Contract Number 17/026KH-10. (H.Dean)
- 8.K. Consider Approving The Allocation Of Funds For The Purchase Of Microsoft Windows Server Licenses Using Microsoft Volume Licensing Agreement Through Microsoft Authorized Reseller, SHI Government Solutions, Utilizing DIR-TSO-4092 Contract In An Amount Not To Exceed \$88,542.12 For Three Years. (H.Dean)
- 8.L. Consider For Approval A Three-Year Contract, With An Option To Renew For Two (2) One-Year Extensions, With GPS Insight, Buy Board Vendor, To Provide Gps Units, And Other Vehicular Recording Products (I.D. Fobs, Cameras, Etc) And Installation Services For City Vehicles. Funding Source Is Various Department Other Contract Accounts. (C. DeWitt)
- 8.M. Receive And Accept The Updated Classification And Compensation Study Prepared By Public Sector Personnel Consultants. (K. Etienne)

9. ACTION ITEMS

- 9.A. Consider For Approval The Award Of RFP # 19-25 To The Standard Life Insurance Company For Employer-Funded Basic Life And Accidental Death And Disability (AD&D) Insurance For Eligible Employees With Guaranteed Rates For A Three-Year Period Effective October 1, 2019 Through September 30, 2022. (K. Etienne)
Motion was made by CM Hardcastle, second by CM Bly, to approve the award of RFP # 19-25 to the Standard Life Insurance Company. The motion passed 6-0; Mayor Yarbrough declared a conflict on this item and did not participate in the discussion or vote.
- 9.B. Consider For Approval Confirmation Of Charles Olsen As Interim Fire Chief As Appointed By The City Manager. (B. Maxwell)
Motion was made by Mayor Yarbrough, second by CM Hardcastle, to confirm the appointment of Charles Olsen as Interim Fire Chief. Unanimously approved.

10. WORKSHOP ITEMS (ROOM 204)

- 10.A. A Joint Workshop Between The Galveston City Council And The Park Board Of Trustees To Discuss A Draft Interlocal Agreement Between The City And The Park Board (Collins/Yarbrough - 1 Hour)
CM Collins and Park Board Chair Spencer Priest thanked City Manager Brian Maxwell and Park Board Executive Director Kelly de Shaun for their hard work and dedication on the Interlocal Agreement. Brian Maxwell provided an overview of the agreement. He reported on two sticking points they were left with which is how can the Park Board participate in the City's parks system and how can tourism pay for the residents use. He also reported that the Park Board will pay the City \$200,000 this fiscal year, \$250,000 in the next fiscal year, and the agreement will say \$300,000 per year thereafter, all from non-beach user fee funds. The agreement includes a five year Capital Improvement Plan which will allow City Council to have a glimpse into the future and to start having input into the direction of tourism in Galveston. Once the City sets the direction, the Park Board has framework to start moving forward. The agreement also includes a clear delineation of City and Park Board responsibility of cleaning the beaches and the Seawall. CM Collins advised that management of Seawolf Park will remain at the Park Board. Discussion was held regarding providing amenities at Sunny Beach and Hershey Beach, creating a Master Plan for San Luis Pass, the Arts Master Plan, and the Polar Express being held at the Railroad Museum this year. The Interlocal Agreement will be placed on the October agenda for the City Council's consideration.
- 10.B. Interview Applicants For City Boards, Commissions, And Committees

Planning Commission - Lidya Bikova, Robert Brown, and Eugene Cook were interviewed by City Council.

Wharves Board, Lisa Blair, Robert Brown, Morten Lamoey, Richard Moore, Ted O'Rourke, Bill Rouse, and Todd Sullivan were interviewed by City Council.

10.C. Discussion Of The Closure Of TIRZ 12 And TIRZ 14 (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
Deferred.

10.D. Discuss A Diversity And Inclusion Plan To Increase Female Representation Throughout The City Of Galveston Workforce Focusing On Recruitment And Retention Of Females In The Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, And Municipal Utilities. (K. Etienne - 15 Minutes)
Deferred.

10.E. Discussion Of Appointing A Common Board For The Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority, Galveston Housing Finance Corporation, And Galveston Property Finance Authority, And Discussion Of Future Administrative Support (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
Deferred.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

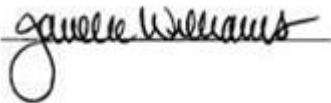
The City Council took a ten minute break at 12:50 p.m., convened in Executive Session at 1:10 p.m., and reconvened in Open Session at 2:15 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

11.A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" To Deliberate The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Or Duties Of A Public Officer Or Employee.

11.A.1. Annual Review Of City Manager Brian Maxwell

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: October 17, 2019