

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 17, 2019**

10/17/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 8:35 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. 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 8A, 8D, 10A, 10B.3, 11A, 11H, 11J, 11Q, 11R, 11S, 11T, 11X, 11Z, 11AA, 11BB, 11CC, 11DD, 11RR, and 12E were clarified by staff. Mayor Yarbrough left the workshop between 9:08 a.m. and 9:13 a.m. during clarification of Item 12E.

3.B. A Joint Workshop Between The Galveston City Council And The Park Board Of Trustees To Discuss The Following Items Of Mutual Interest (City Council - 1 Hour):

1. Five Year Capital Improvement Plan - **Park Board representative Reuben Trevino provided information on the following: master plans including long-term priorities and short-term priorities; and details of FY 2019-2020 capital improvement projects including large scale projects, experience and amenity investments, and maintenance and repairs; CIP for FY 2018-2023. He reported that construction of a one-mile walking beach at Dellanera RV Park has been identified as a Tier 1 project which does not require a local match. Mayor Yarbrough suggested that the 5-year plan be approved as part of the annual budget process. The FY 2019-2020 CIP will be placed on the November 14th agenda for the Council's consideration.**

2. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas Approving An Interlocal Agreement With The City Of Galveston And The Galveston Beach Park Board Of Trustees Providing For Terms And Conditions For The Management And Control Of Various City Parks And Properties, The Maintenance Of Beaches And Parks, Providing For The Provision Of Funding Mechanisms Between The Entities, The Collection Of Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Insurance And Disaster Related Services, Use Of Facilities Operated By The Park Board, Purchasing Methods, Operation Of Paid Parking On The Seawall, Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date - **Discussion was held regarding the draft Interlocal Agreement. Clarification was provided regarding delineation of Park Board and City responsibility related to maintenance. The sand is the Park Board's responsibility and the asphalt is the City's responsibility. The updated version of Exhibit A was provided and discussed. This item is on today's agenda for the Council's consideration.**

3.C. Receive And Discuss A Presentation By Centerpoint Energy Of Proposed New Substation At Block 387, Commonly Known As The Intersection Between Church And 27th Street, In The City Of Galveston (G. McLeod/M. Jadidi - 30 Minutes)

Centerpoint Energy representatives Walter Bartel and Danny Rodriguez provided a conceptual design and other information for a proposed new substation. In order to build the new substation, Centerpoint Energy will be purchasing 14 lots from property owners in Block 387. Discussion was held regarding load growth in the Port area causing the need for an additional fourth transformer, alternate plans for location of the new substation, and meeting design guidelines related to sidewalks, landscaping, and other requirements. Centerpoint representatives will look into alternate plans that include consolidating the substations into

one block and putting other ancillary buildings and parking on the new block as recommended by the Council.

- 3.D. Discussion Of Changes To The Membership And Appointment Process For The Cultural Arts Commission And The Arts And Historic Preservation Advisory Board (Yarbrough/Brown/Collins - 30 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough reported that members of the Arts Commission have been reviewing the ordinance and have provided recommended changes to City Council. The changes include a new name for the board "Cultural Arts Commission" or CAC, changes in membership requirements to include three positions from the arts community, three positions from the community at large, and one position from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. MPT Brown provided one additional change recommended by the Commission Chair Nick Barbee to add language to requirements for the three positions from the arts community "and has a demonstrated professional record". One item remaining is creating a new process for distribution of public money for arts projects and will be looked at by the newly reconstituted Cultural Arts Commission. Mayor Yarbrough provided information on changes to the Arts and Historic Preservation Advisory Board. The changes include changing the number of members from nine to seven and getting away from the slotted positions on the board. Changes to the ordinances and board appointments will be on the November 14th agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.E. Discussion Of Galveston City Code, Article IV - Boards, Commission And Committees, Division 1 - Generally, Section 2-164 "Failure To Attend Meetings" (Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough brought to the Council's attention the current process for committee members' not meeting the 75% rule. The current process includes bringing a committee member to Council in order to discuss reasons for not meeting the attendance requirements, and the Council has the option to either keep or remove the member. The proposed change would be automatic removal for the second time of not meeting the attendance requirement. Discussion was held regarding looking at the 75% rule at a future meeting.

- 3.F. Discussion Of Scheduling A Joint Meeting Between The City Council And The Wharves Board Of Trustees For The Purpose Of Taking A Boat Tour Of The Port Of Galveston. (Brown/Yarbrough - 5 Minutes)

The City Council suggested Wednesday, November 6th for the purpose of taking a boat tour of the Port of Galveston.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council took at recess at 11:45 a.m., convened into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 12:58 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

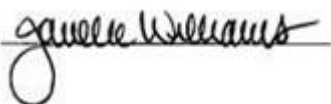
- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" To Deliberate The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Or Duties Of A Public Officer Or Employee.

4.A.1. Annual Reviews

1. City Secretary Janelle Williams
2. City Attorney Donald Glywasky
3. City Auditor Glenn Bulgherini

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved: November 14, 2019