



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

4:00 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

4:00 P.M. Special Meeting

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 4:00 P.M, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on February 7, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Council Members: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers.

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and Cara Pucheu.

The President announced a quorum and called the special meeting to order.

Motion to Declare a Special Called Meeting, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and Cara Pucheu

Executive Session

- 1 Request - from Legal Department for closed session to determine the need for executive session regarding a litigation matter.**

Upon advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Executive Session at 4:04 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and Cara Pucheu

The Council entered executive session at 4:04 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Ronda Cole, Deputy Clerk of Council Cheryl Germany. The Council entered executive session for discussion regarding litigation strategy.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 4:10 P.M., Moved by Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and Cara Pucheu

General Counsel Hugh Keating stated that no official action was taken during Executive Session.

Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following action was taken:

Motion to retain the services of William E. Whitfield, III, Esq. and the law firm of Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, P.A. to serve as counsel for and to represent the interests of Mario Hill in the pending lawsuit against him by Charmaine Hartfield and Li" Trendia West, to the extent he was in the course and scope of employment with the City at the time of the incident sued upon, at hourly rates not to exceed \$150.00 for partners, \$135.00 for associates, and \$75.00 for paralegals, **Moved By** Myles Sharp, **Seconded By** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and Cara Pucheu

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn until 1:30 P.M. , February 21, 2017 for a regularly scheduled council meeting, **Moved by** R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

City Clerk

Mayor