



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

1:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 1:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on May 1, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. **Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines (out at 3:02 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers (out at 3:02 P.M.) and Cara Pucheu.

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

Agenda Order Confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order

- A-1** Request - from Engineering to Advertise for Public Hearing on June 13, 2017, regarding Landon Road Improvements Project - U.S. Hwy. 49 to 34th Avenue.

Motion to Approve the Advertisement for Public Hearing on June 13, 2017 – Landon Road Improvements Project, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded By** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

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

Upon Advise of Legal Counsel, Motion to Enter Executive Session at 1:40 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

The Council entered executive session at 1:40 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu; Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO John Kelly, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, GRC Counsel Steve Hendrix (out at 2:42 P.M.), Economic Development Director David Parker (out at 2:15 P.M.), Clerk of Council Ronda Cole and Deputy Clerk of Council Cheryl Johnson. The Council entered executive session to receive updates on the Centennial Plaza and the Aquarium Project (economic development projects) and to discuss a matter of potential litigation with Harrison County Utility Authority.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:02 P.M., Moved by Myles Sharp, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

Note: At this time, Councilmembers Ella Holmes-Hines and R.Lee Flowers left the meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock stated that no official action was taken in Executive Session.

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

The City Council should and hereby does clarify and revise its action taken on March 21, 2017 to authorize and direct the Mayor and Administration to place the Harrison County Utility Authority and any other necessary entities on notice no later than March 30, 2017, of the City's intent to withdraw from the 1991 Solid Waste Agreement pursuant to the terms and provisions set forth in said 1991 Solid Waste Agreement and to take any and all steps necessary to accomplish the same and that this motion and action related thereto should be and hereby is made effective nunc pro tunc as of March 21, 2017, 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 Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and R.Lee Flowers

Agenda Adjustments

Add Item A-1 Request - from Engineering to Advertise for Public Hearing on June 13, 2017, regarding Landon Road Improvements Project - U.S. Hwy. 49 to 34th Avenue.

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn until May 23, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. for a regular council meeting, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines and R.Lee Flowers

City Clerk

Mayor