



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

3:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

3:30 P.M. Call to Order

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 3:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on August 22, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. **Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John R. Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in at 3:39 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers **Absent:** Councilmember Cara Pucheu

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

Declaration of a Special Called Meeting

Motion to Declare a Special Called Meeting and to have the meeting notice thereof appended as Exhibit "A" to these minutes, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded By Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Myles Sharp, Cara Pucheu

Policy Issues

- 1 Resolution - by the Gulfport City Council authorizing the Mayor to declare the existence of a state of emergency due to the threat of storm winds, excessive rains and high water from tropical storm Harvey.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 2 Resolution - declaring a number of generators (municipal personal property) to be surplus property which is no longer used or needed by the municipality and declared to have no value to the municipality and authorizing donation of same to the City of Rockport, Texas and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, subject to Police Department providing a detailed list of donated items, attached as Exhibit "A", Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 3 Authorization - for personnel to travel out-of-state for relief efforts to Texas.

Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Motion to Authorize up to twelve (12) personnel for out-of-state travel, subject to complying with federal and state law, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 4 Resolution - authorizing acceptance of Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Number VA-GX-4034 and authorizing the Mayor and/or designee to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 5 Resolution - authorizing acceptance of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Number 2016-VA0STOP-062 and authorizing the Mayor and/or designee to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Executive Session

- 6 Consideration - of a joinder request on behalf of Mississippi Power.

General Counsel advised that there was a need to enter Executive Session to discuss a joinder request on behalf of Mississippi Power. Motion to enter Executive Session at 4:00 P.M, for the purposes stated by General Counsel, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:00 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, and R.Lee Flowers; Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John R. Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Dustin Uelton, City Clerk/Comptroller Linda Elias, Johnny Atherton (MS Power), Ricky Cox (MS Power), Tommy Murphy (MS Power), Cindy Duvall (MS Power), Jeff Shephard (MS Power), and Clerk of Council Ronda Cole.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 4:31 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded By Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, and R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

General Counsel Hugh Keating stated the no official action was taken in Executive Session.

Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following action was taken: Motion to Authorize the Administration, by and through the Legal Department, to execute and file the joinder as presented and discussed in Executive Session related to Mississippi Power in the matter before the Mississippi Public Service Commission Docket No. 2017-AD-112, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded By Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Cara Pucheu

7 Update of Harrison County Utility Authority MOU.

General Counsel advised that there was a need to enter Executive Session to discuss proposed/pending litigation concerning Harrison County Utility Authority and an update on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Motion to Enter Executive session at 4:34 P.M., for the purposes stated by General Counsel, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded By Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

The Council entered executive session at 4:34 P.M. In attendance: Member of the Council: Kenneth Casey (out at 5:17 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, and R.Lee Flowers; Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John R. Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Dustin Uselton (out at 5:30 P.M.), City Clerk/Comptroller Linda Elias, and Clerk of Council Ronda Cole.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 5:37 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded By Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Cara Pucheu

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

Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following actions were taken:

Motion to Approve Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Harrison County Utility Authority as presented and discussed in Executive Session, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded By Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Cara Pucheu

Memorial Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn in memory of Mr. Melvin Evans and Mr. Jim Pinkston until September 5, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. for a regular council meeting, Moved by R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

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Executive Session

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- **Mr. Melvin Evans**
- **Mr. Jim Pinkston**

Exhibit "A"