



# City of Gulfport, Mississippi

## Minutes City Council

2309 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gulfport, MS 39501

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Tuesday, May 21, 2019

1:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall  
Council Chambers*

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### **1:30 P.M. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order**

The Mayor and Members of 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 7, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

**Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (in at 1:33 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 1:37 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu.

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

### **Agenda Order**

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda, as presented, Moved By** Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Absent:** Ella Holmes-Hines

### **Presentation Agenda**

- Mayor's Report

### **Policy Issues**

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**Code Enforcement / Planning**

- 1** Code Enforcement Hearing - on resolution to declare that certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and to authorize advertisements for bids and lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

**Motion to Open the Code Enforcement Hearing, Moved By** Kenneth Casey, **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, Cara Pucheu

**There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By** Cara Pucheu, **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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Authorizing Advertisement for Bids - Signed](#)

- 2** Certificate of Resubdivision - divide five parcels into three parcels zoned T3 (Sub-Urban Zone), T5 (Urban Center Zone) and T4L (General Urban Zone "Limited") - 1355 E Pass Road - Case # 1903PC031 - Ward 2.

**Motion to Approve Certificate of Resubdivision, Moved By** Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Certificate of Resubdivision - Case 1903PC031 - Signed](#)

- 3** Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into two new parcels zoned T3 (Sub-Urban Zone) - 1707 & 1705 Terrace Drive - Case # 1904PC043 - Ward 1.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By** Kenneth Casey, **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, Cara Pucheu

**Motion to Approve Certificate of Resubdivision, Moved By** Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Certificate of Resubdivision - Case 1904PC043 - Signed](#)

## **Ordinances**

- 4 Ordinance - rezoning a tax parcel from R-1-15 (Single-Family) to R-O (Residence Office) - 12501 Old Highway 49 - Case # 1810PC113 - Ward 7.

**Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By** Cara Pucheu, **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, Cara Pucheu

- Ordinance 2998 -

**Attachment(s):**

[Ordinance 2998 - Case 1810PC113 - Signed](#)

## **Resolutions**

- 5 Resolution - ratifying the appointment of Gerard M. Bellocq to serve as City Clerk for the City of Gulfport.

**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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Appointing Gerard Bellocq - City Clerk - Signed](#)  
[Oath of Office - Gerard Bellocq](#)

- 6 Resolution - authorizing negotiations to acquire real property interests and easements and to do any acts necessary and legal, including prosecution in Special Court of Eminent Domain, to obtain title for the City under Miss. Code Ann. § 11-27-81, Et Seq., and, if necessary, to expedite the "Beulah Church Road/Saucier Lane Project", authorizing special checks to acquire the property interests stated herein, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - ED - Beulah Church Road-Saucier Lane Project - Signed](#)

- 7 Resolution - approving award to SCI, Inc., for the Three Rivers Road and Mays Road Sewer Improvements Project, approving Contract between the City of Gulfport and SCI, Inc., authorizing the Mayor (or Designee) to execute the same on behalf of the City, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - SCI, Inc - Three Rivers Road-Mays Road Sewer Improvements - Signed](#)

- 8 Resolution - approving Professional Appraisal Review Services Contract with Doug Singletary & Associates, Inc., with respect to the Landon Road Widening Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By** Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Motion to Table, 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, Cara Pucheu

**The following actions were taken after the Routine Agenda.**

**Motion to Take off Table, Moved By** Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Motion to Amend ... , Moved By** Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Professional Appraisal Review Services Contract - Doug Singletary & Associates - Landon Road Widening Project - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - approving Policy of Insurance with Ironshore Indemnity, Inc., as Reinsurance Carrier and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** R.Lee Flowers, **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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Policy of Insurance - Ironshore Indemnity, Inc - Reinsurance Carrier - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolution - approving Change Order #1 to Contract with Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC, for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project – Phase III Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #1, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Change Order 1 - Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC - Downtown Streetscape Phase III - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving sale of sidearm to Officer Windell Johnson upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014), and for related purposes.

**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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Sale of Sidearm - Windell Johnson - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport Police Department, and for related purposes.

**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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - GPD Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure of municipal resources for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the Saltwater Supper Club Event of Extra Table Feeds, Inc., and for related purposes.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By** R.Lee Flowers, **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, Cara Pucheu

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** R.Lee Flowers, **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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Saltwater Supper Club - Extra Table Event - Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - accepting donation from Florence Gardens, LLC, in connection with the Access Road on the Bayou View Water Tank Project, and for related purposes.

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Accepting Florence Gardens, LLC Donation - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - declaring certain and various items of municipal personal property of the City 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 transfer to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

**Motion to Approve, Moved By** Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Resolution - Surplus Property Transfer to MBN - Signed](#)

### **Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims**

- 16** Budget Amendment #56 - to increase CNET operating supplies with funds received from restitution.

**Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #56, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[May 1st \(restitution\)](#)

[Budget Amendments-FYE 2019-56](#)

- 17** Budget Amendment #57 - to increase County/Local with funds received from restitution.

**Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #57, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[April 17th \(restitution\)](#)  
[Budget Amendments-FYE 2019-57](#)

- 18** Budget Amendment #58 - to transfer funds within the Utility budet to fund Limestone/Fill Sand & Rental Equipment for Water/Sewer Projects.

**Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #58, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[BAPW - shells gravel sand funding for sewer projects - 5-8-19](#)  
[Budget Amendments-FYE 2019-58](#)

- 19** Budget Amendment #59 - to increase Police Capital from funds received from a forfeiture from a drug related arrest.

**Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #59, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[May 8th \(capital\)](#)  
[Budget Amendments-FYE 2019-59](#)

- 20** Budget Amendment #60 - to increase Revenue Account for Courthouse Road Improvements Project per Supplemental Agreement #1.

**Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #60, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[BAPW - REVENUE ACCOUNT CORRECTION COURTHOUSE ROAD - 5-8-19 Budget Amendments-FYE 2019-60](#)

- 21** Docket of Claims- to be approved through May 22, 2019.

**Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$4,994,496.42, 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, Cara Pucheu

**Attachment(s):**

[Docket](#)  
[Docket by Vendor](#)  
[Resolution - Docket of Claims - Signed](#)

## **Routine Agenda**

**Motion to Approve Routine Agenda Items 22 - 28, as presented, Moved By** Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

- 22** Associated Adjusters Check Registers - for workers' comp and general liability claims paid during April, 2019 - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Memorandum - Associated Adjusters](#)  
[Associated Adjusters Check Registers - April 2019](#)

- 23 Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - for the month of April, 2019 - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Memorandum - Payroll Journals](#)  
[Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - April 2019](#)

- 24 Privilege License Report - for the months of March and April, 2019 - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Privilege License Report - March & April 2019](#)

- 25 Public Records Requests - for the month of April, 2019 - to be made part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Public Records Report - April 2019](#)

- 26 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to G & W Diesel Services/EVS Midsouth for 14 Ton Rescue Air Cushion Kit - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Letter - 14 Ton Rescue Air Cushion Kit - FD](#)

- 27 Ratification - of Oath of Office for Deputy Court Clerk (Police Department) - Melanie Wyrick - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

[Oath - Police DCC - Melanie Wyrick](#)

- 28 Request - to purchase Hurst Rescue Tools from Municipal Emergency Services for the Fire Department.

**Attachment(s):**

[Request - Hurst Rescue Tools - FD](#)

- 29 Request - to upgrade Executime Time Clocks - City Wide.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By** Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Motion to Approve and Append Dr. Kelly's email as an attachment, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Rusty Walker**

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

**Attachment(s):**

[Executime.UpgradeClocks.2019](#)

[Dr. Kelly's e-mail](#)

## Public Agenda

## Council Comments

## Memorial Adjournment

[Mayor Unita Blackwell](#)

[Mrs. Lubetha Thurmond Haskin](#)

[Mr. Keith Antonio Warren](#)

[Mr. Theodore TJ Breaux, IV.](#)

[Mr. William Bill Whitlock](#)

[Reverend Lester C. Earl](#)

[Dr. Robert Wayne Bowles](#)

[Mr. Donald Evans](#)

## Executive Session

**General Counsel advised that there was a need to enter Executive Session for strategy discussion involving current litigation associated with the Courthouse Road Improvements Project/Contracts. Upon hearing from Counsel, Motion to enter Executive Session at 2:18 P.M., 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, Cara Pucheu

**The Council entered Executive Session at 2:24 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey (in at 2:25 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in at 2:26 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.**

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**Motion to exit Executive Session at 3:02 P.M., 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, Cara Pucheu

**No official action was taken during Executive Session.**

## **Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn in Memory of Mayor Unita Blackwell, Mrs. Lubertha Thurmond Haskin, Mr. Keith Antonio Warren, Mr. Theodore "TJ" Breaux, IV., Mr. William Bill Whitlock, Reverend Lester C. Earl, Dr. Robert Bowles, and Mr. Donald Evans, until June 4, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers**

**Vote:** Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**