



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

4:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

4:30 P.M.

The Members of Council met at City Hall at 4:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Regular Council Meeting on July 16, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: CAO Dr. John Kelly, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock (out at 5:09 P.M.), General Counsel Hugh Keating (in at 5:02 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (in at 4:38 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 4:38 P.M.), Rusty Walker (out at 5:17 P.M.), Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu (out at 5:22 P.M.). **Absent:** Mayor Billy Hewes.

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

Declaration of Special Call Meeting

Motion to Declare a Special Called Meeting and to have the meeting notice thereof appended as Exhibit "A" to these minutes, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

Policy Issues

- 1 Resolution - approving Contract for services among the City of Gulfport, the University of Southern Mississippi, and SeaAhead, Inc., authorizing the execution of the same by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - USM & SeaAhead - Signed](#)

- 2 Resolution - authorizing the Mayor, the City Engineer and other necessary Officials of the City Authority to submit application to the Mississippi Development Authority seeking Grant Funding pursuant to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program authorized under Miss. Code Ann. § 57-119-1, et seq., to support Projects within the Jurisdiction of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - GCRF - Signed](#)

- 3 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport at the 2019 Oceans in Action Event, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - 2019 Oceans in Action Event Advertising - Signed](#)

- 4 Resolution - approving public display of fireworks as a part of the Grand Opening Ceremonies for Centennial Plaza, 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, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Centennial Plaza Fireworks - Signed](#)

Executive Session

- 5 Discussion - Ambulance Services Contract.

Upon the advice of Assistant City Attorney, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session at 4:37 P.M., 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

The Council entered Closed Session at 4:39 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, CAO Dr. John Kelly, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Fire Chief Mike Beyerstedt, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 4:46 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, **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

No official action was taken during Closed Session.

Upon hearing from Assistant City Attorney regarding the nature of the request for Executive Session, Motion to Enter Executive Session at 4:47 P.M. for strategy session with respect to potential litigation involving the Ambulance Services Contract, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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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Motion to Exit Executive Session at 5:21 P.M., 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Rusty Walker

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 until August 6, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Rusty Walker, Cara Pucheu

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Mayor



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