



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

1:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

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 Special Call Meeting on February 21, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 1:40 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, and R.Lee Flowers.

Absent: Councilmember Cara Pucheu.

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

Agenda Order

Motion to Accept the Agenda, with the following adjustments; add item 17 - A - Resolution - authorizing an expenditure (in the form of a fee waiver) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the filing of "The Card Counter", and for related purposes. and add item 32 - A - Request - to purchase 35 Passenger Train from Zhengzhou Jinshan Amusement Equipment Machinery Co., Ltd - Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival., 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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Cara Pucheu

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for January 7, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for January 7, 2020, 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

Attachment(s):

[January 7, 2020 Minutes](#)

- 2 Approval of Minutes - for January 21, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for January 21, 2020, 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

Attachment(s):

[January 21, 2020 Minutes](#)

- 3 Approval of Minutes - for February 4, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 4, 2020, 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

Attachment(s):

[February 4, 2020 Minutes](#)

- 4 Approval of Minutes - for February 18, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 18, 2020, 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

Attachment(s):

[February 18, 2020 Minutes](#)

- 5 Approval of Minutes - for February 21, 2020 SCM.

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 21, 2020 SCM, 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

Attachment(s):

[February 21, 2020 SCM Minutes](#)

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 6 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, 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

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve Resolution, 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

Attachment(s):[CC Postings](#)[Resolution - Authorizing Advertisement for Bids - Signed](#)**Resolutions**

- 7 Resolution - approve and authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement Relating to Assessment and Collection of City of Gulfport Municipal and School District Ad Valorem Taxes, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):[Resolution - Tax Interlocal Agreement with County - Signed](#)

- 8 Resolution - approving and authorizing execution of an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement between Harrison County and the City of Gulfport to enable the two governing authorities to work together and share resources to provide Street and Drainage Improvements, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, and Parks and Recreation Improvement Services and improve and maintain Infrastructure and Park and Recreational opportunities in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

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

Motion to Table, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 9 Resolution - formally accepting assistance of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to Paving Improvements on various streets in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, seeking approval for said assistance (Paving Improvements) by the Board of Supervisors, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - HCBOS - Paving - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolution - authorizing negotiations to acquire right of way easements and related interests 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 "Landon Road Widening Project", authorizing special checks to acquire the property interests stated herein, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Landon Road Widening Project ED - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving Lease Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Lease Agreement - Mississippi Department of Public Safety - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving License Agreement with Uniti Fiber, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Motion to Table, 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

*** The following actions were taken after Closed Session ***

Motion to Take off the 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

At the Request of Uniti Fiber's Counsel, Motion to Postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, 2020, 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

- 13** Resolution - approving Water Tank Maintenance Agreements with American Tank Maintenance, authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreements, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Agreements - American Tank Maintenance - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - awarding Bid and approving Contract for the City of Gulfport Trenchless Pipe Inspection, Cleaning & Repair Unit Price Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Trenchless Pipe Inspection, Cleaning & Repair Unit Price Project - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving Summary Change Order No. 1 to Contract with SCI, Inc., for the Three Rivers and Mays Road Sewer Improvements Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Change Order No. 1 SCI Three Rivers Mays Sewer Improvements Project - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to apply for FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program Grant, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - 2020 COPS Hiring Program Grant App - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 5th Annual Chandy Fest & Bed Race, citing Ordinance 2988 No Parking Restrictions, for Friday, March 27 through Saturday, March 28, 2020, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Road and Parking Closure - Chandy Fest - Signed](#)

- 17 –A** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure (in the form of a fee waiver) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the filming of "The Card Counter", and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - The Card Counter \(Fee Waiver\) Expenditure - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 18** Budget Amendment #39 - to increase line item 286-630100 (CNET) capital from restitution from drug cases.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #39, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[February 3rd \(restitution\)](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 39](#)

- 19** Budget Amendment #40 - to increase line item 276-630100 (Federal) capital from drug forfeiture.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #40, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[January 27th \(capital\)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 40](#)

- 20** Budget Amendment #41 - to increase line item 213-612800 (guns/ammo) as a result of funds received from PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #41, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[January 27th \(property room\)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 41](#)

- 21** Budget Amendment #42 - to increase line item 277-630200 from drug forfeiture and restitution on drug cases.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #42, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[February 19th \(restitution-forfeiture\)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 42](#)

- 22** Budget Amendment #43 - to allocate for MS Office of Homeland Security Grant A19HS202T.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #43, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[Grant MOHS A19HS202T of Funds](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 43](#)

- 23** Budget Amendment #44 - to allocate MS Office of Homeland Security Grant 19HS202T.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #44, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[Grant MOHS 19HS202T of Funds](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 44](#)

- 24** Budget Amendment #45 - to allocate SMPDD Sub-Award #19-3539-32-569.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #45, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

Attachment(s):

[Grant SMPDD Reallocation of Funds](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 45](#)

- 25 Budget Amendment #46 - to set up the BUILD - Interconnecting Gulfport Project.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #46, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, 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

Attachment(s):

[BAPW - MDOT accounts for BUILD - Interconnect Gulfport Project Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 46](#)

- 26 Docket of Claims - to be approved through March 4, 2020.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$3,331,326.70, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

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

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as adjusted, Moved By Myles Sharp, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

- 27 Resolution - awarding bids for lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - awarding/rejecting bids - Signed](#)

- 28 Associated Adjusters Check Registers - for workers' comp and general liability claims paid during January, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum - Associated Adjusters](#)
[Associated Adjusters Check Registers - January 2020](#)

- 29 Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - for the month of January, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum - Payroll Journals](#)
[Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - January 2020](#)

- 30 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Cubic Its Inc. for Vehicle Detection System - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Cubic Its Inc. - Vehicle Detection System](#)

- 31 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Engineered Cooling Services for installed chiller - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Engineered Cooling Services - Chiller](#)

- 32 Ratification - Oaths of Office - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Oaths of Office](#)

- 32 – A Request - to purchase 35 Passenger Train from Zhengzhou Jinshan Amusement Equipment Machinery Co., Ltd - Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival.

Attachment(s):

[Zhengzhou Jinshan Amusement Equipment Machinery Co., Ltd - 35 Passenger Train](#)

Public Agenda

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mr. Willie Lee Walton, Sr.](#)

[Mrs. Carolyn Hardsaw Lero](#)

[Mr. Alex Joseph North](#)

[Mr. Larry Bennett](#)

Executive Session

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session at 2:18 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:22 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (in at 2:23 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 2:23 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers (in at 2:25 P.M.), Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:25 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, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu

No official action was taken during Closed Session.

Upon hearing from General Counsel regarding the nature of the request for Executive Session, Motion to Enter Executive Session at 2:29 P.M. for strategy discussion related to prospective litigation involving (1) Streetscapes III-A and III-B and (2) proposed Interlocal Agreement, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:29 P.M. In attendance:

Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, and R.Lee Flowers, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:21 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, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: 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 Mrs. Carolyn Hardsaw Lero, Mr. Alex Joseph North, Mr. Willie Lee Walton, Sr., and Mr. Larry Bennett, until March 17, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, Moved By Myles Sharp, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

City Clerk

Mayor

Agenda Adjustments

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