



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, August 18, 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 Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020 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, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), 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 Accept the Agenda, with the following adjustments; delete item 8, add item 18 - A - Resolution - authorizing the Mayor, the City Engineer and other necessary officials of the City 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., and add item 18 - B - Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for "The Longest Night" filming to be held on various dates, and for related purposes, 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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

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.

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Approve the Resolution, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Notification Letters - Code Enforcement Hearing
Resolution - authorizing advertisement for bids -Signed](#)

- 2 Acceptance for Perpetual Maintenance - Landon Green Phase I Subdivision - Water and Sewer only.

Motion to Accept for Perpetual Maintenance - Landon Green Phase I Subdivision - Water and Sewer only, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Landon Green Phase I - Water and Sewer Perpetual Maintenance](#)

Public Hearing / Resolutions

- 3 Public Hearing - Urban Renewal Plan and Urban Renewal Project in connection with the Greater Downtown Urban Renewal Improvement District

Attachment(s):

[Holmes - Urban renewal letter
PC Minutes 07-23-2020
Proof of Publication](#)

- 4 Resolution - approving a City of Gulfport, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan for the Greater Downtown Urban Renewal Improvement District and authorizing an Urban Renewal Project therein, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Urban Renewal Plan for Greater Downtown - Signed](#)

- 5 Resolution - establishing a Blue Economy Innovation District, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - est. Blue Economy Innovation District - Signed](#)

- 6 Resolution - declaring the results of a Special Election on the Mississippi Power Company Franchise.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Notice Proof of Publication](#)

[Resolution - declaring result of MPC Franchise Election - Signed](#)

- 7 Resolution - declaring certain and various equipment and other items of 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 the disposal of the same at public auction.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Surplus Property - Signed](#)

- 8 Resolution - approving Award to Estate Management Services, Inc. for Pond Maintenance Services at the Francis X Collins Park, approving Contract between the City of Gulfport and Estate Management Services, Inc. for Pond Maintenance Services, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

- 9 Resolution - approving Award to Weaver Electric, Inc., for City Wide Electric Services provider, approving Contract between the City of Gulfport and Weaver Electric, Inc., for City Wide Electric Services, authorizing the Mayor (or designee) to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Weaver Electric - City Wide Electric Services - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolution - approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Harrison County Development Commission, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - MOU HCDC Seaway Road Pedestrian Pathway - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving Non-Exclusive License Agreement with South Mississippi Farmer's Market Association, Inc., authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - South Mississippi Farmer's Market Association Non-Exclusive License Agreement - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Order Confirmations pertaining to Nextraq Vehicle Tracking System, authorizing execution of the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Order Confirmations - Nextraq - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving Professional Appraisal Services Contract with Mississippi Valuations, LLC d/b/a Valbridge Property Advisors, with respect to certain Water and/or Sewer Improvements Projects, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Valbridge Property Advisors - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Supplemental Agreement #4 to Contract with Jay Bearden Construction, Inc., for the Courthouse Road Improvements from US 90 to Pass Road Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreement, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Supplemental Agreement 4 - Jay Bearden - Courthouse Road - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - authorizing Acceptance of Grant Award from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, approving a Notice of Grant and Agreement Award, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same and any other documents that may be required to effectuate the Acceptance of the Grant Funding, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - NRCS Notice of Grant and Agreement - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-67(a), and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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 - BGCGC - Signed](#)

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

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - FD Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution – approving and authorizing/ratifying Application (Program Narratives/Budgets) for FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Permission to apply for 2020 JAG](#)

[JAG Local 20](#)

[Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#)

[Certification & Assurances](#)

- 18 – A** Resolution - authorizing the Mayor, the City Engineer and other necessary officials of the City 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** 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 - GCRF Grant Project - Signed](#)

- 18 – B** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for "The Longest Night" filming to be held on various dates, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - The Longest Night Street Closure - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - recognizing the public service of Leonard J. Papania on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and 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 - Chief Leonard Papania - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - reconfirming and extending the status of a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 and potential associated impacts which threaten to affect areas within the City, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - COVID-19 Extension #8 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - reconfirming and extending the status of a State of Emergency due to the impacts of Tropical Storm Cristobal on the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - TS Cristobal Extension #4 - Signed](#)

- 22** Order - by the Gulfport City Council, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-21-5(2), (rev. 2003, as amended), authorizing an exemption from municipal ad valorem taxes, excluding school district taxes, based on the increase in assessed value for qualifying capital improvement investments in qualifying structures in the designated redevelopment district, south of the CSX railroad tracks extending from the western city boundary to the eastern city boundary of the newly constructed structure located at 716 Second Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as parcel number 0911E-01-016.000.

Motion to Approve Order, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Order - 716 Second Street - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 23** Budget Amendment #86 - funding and set up of Grant Accounts for FY 2021 NRCS Projects.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #86, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment to Set Up Grant Accounts for FY 2021 NRCS Projects](#)
[Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 86](#)

- 24** Docket of Claims - to be approved through August 19, 2020.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$1,895,480.65, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

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

Routine Agenda

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

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - awarding bids - Signed](#)

- 26 Privilege License Report - for the month of July, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - July 2020](#)

- 27 Acceptance and Filing - of Gulfport School District Budget and Tax Levy Request - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[GSD FY21 Letter to Mayor and Council](#)

[GSD FY21 Budget Resolution](#)

[Gulfport School District FY21 Combined Budget](#)

[GSD - Clerk's Signature](#)

- 28 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Emergency Vehicle Specialists for Arizona Vortex Tripod Kit - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Memo - Arizona Vortex Tripod - Fire Department](#)

- 29 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Gulf Coast Business Supply for Furniture - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Furniture.FS#9](#)

- 30** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Rhodes Strength Training for Fitness Equipment - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[FitnessEquip.FS#9.](#)

- 31** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to SHI International Corp for HPE DL360 Server - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[HPE DL360 Server Police Dept](#)

[HPE DL360 SERVER POLICE DEPT](#)

- 32** Ratification - of Memo from City Attorney regarding settlement funds - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Memo to MAYOR and COUNCIL re settlement funds in HESI - TRANSOCEAN claim](#)

- 33** Ratification - of Report of Election Commissioners (on Mississippi Power Company Franchise election) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Signed - FF 7 - Report of Election Commission](#)

- 34** Ratification - of Certificate of City Clerk (concerning Mississippi Power Company Franchise Election) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Signed - FF 6 - Clerk's Certificate](#)

- 35** Ratification - of document concerning acceptance of Oak Island Subdivision for Perpetual Maintenance - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Letter to Mayor and City Council with attached check - Oak Island Redacted](#)

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mr. Louis Wesley Bell](#)

[Mr. Robert Watson, Jr.](#)

[Ms. Myrtis Elizabeth Bell](#)

Mr. Tyrone "Doc" Jefferson

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 2:31 P.M., 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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:34 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:36 P.M., Moved By Cara Pucheu, 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

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 2:37 P.M. for (1) strategy discussion involving prospective litigation against Kayla Rigsby and Liberty Mutual/Safeco Insurance Company arising out of an automobile accident involving a City Police vehicle, (2) strategy discussion involving an active workers' compensation matter (Derrick Reed), (3) strategy discussion involving prospective litigation associated with the Orange Grove Community Center and Lyman Community Center, and (4) strategy discussion involving prospective/active litigation against Anya Sanders arising out of an automobile accident involving a City Police vehicle, 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

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:37 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:45 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.

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

Motion to authorize the City to amend the Contract with Bob Luke and LPK Architects that was previously entered into by the City on June 20, 2018 to allow for additional services and additional facilities, including the Orange Grove Community Center and the Lyman Community Center, with the understanding that an amendment to the Contract that is acceptable to the City Attorney's office shall be executed in effectuation of this project, and with a not to exceed amount on this of \$20,000.00 + \$3,500, 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, Cara Pucheu

Motion to authorize and approve the City Attorney's office to file and pursue a lawsuit or legal proceedings against Anya Sanders arising out of an automotive accident with a City of Gulfport vehicle and involving damage to City property, along with authority to incur and pay any court costs and associated fees related to these efforts, 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

Motion to authorize the City of Gulfport to resolve its property damage claim (only) against Kayla Rigsby for damages resulting from a September 11, 2019, motor vehicle accident, for the total sum of \$29, 565.65 which represents payment in full of the City's property damage claim; to accept payment of said sum from Rigsby's insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual/Safeco; to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents as may be required to complete the aforementioned settlement including, but not limited to, any release required by the Defendant or her insurance carrier and title to the damaged motorcycle; to authorize the administration, by and through the City Attorney's office and the Police Department, to release the damaged motorcycle to a designated representative of Liberty Mutual, 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

Motion to authorize the City of Gulfport's Legal office to take actions necessary to effectuate settlement of Derrick Reed's November 29, 2018, worker's compensation claim for the total sum of \$1,500 and to authorize the City Attorney's office to present the settlement to the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for approval, 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

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 Mr. Louis Wesley Bell, Mr. Robert Watson, Jr., Ms. Myrtis Elizabeth Bell, and Mr. Tyrone "Doc" Jefferson, until September 8, 2020 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, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

City Clerk

Mayor

Agenda Adjustments

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