



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Monday, July 13, 2015

5:00 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

Special Meeting 5:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers 2nd Floor

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 5:00 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on July 7, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. **Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating **Council Members:** Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp and R.Lee Flowers. **Absent:** Cara Pucheu

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, seconded by Councilmember Casey to declare this a special called meeting.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Policy Issues

1. Request- by the Gulfport City Attorney's Office for closed session to determine the need for Executive Session.

Upon advice of General Counsel, a motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to close the meeting to determine the need for executive session.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

The Council entered closed session at 5:03 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Casey, Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Sharp, and Flowers. Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Attorney Al Hopkins, Attorney Mariano J. Barvie, Attorney Norris Hopkins, and Deputy Clerk of Council Ashley Miller. Absent: Cara Pucheu The Council discussed the need to enter executive session to discuss potential settlement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey

to come out of closed session and enter executive session at 5:04 P.M.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to exit Executive session at 5:54 P.M.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

Upon reconvening in open meeting the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, duly seconded by Councilmember Dombrowski to accept BP's offer to pay the amount of \$4,402,962.00 for the City of Gulfport's economic losses and as full and final settlement of all claims against BP and others resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to authorize, execute, and deliver to BP a full and final release of all damages resulting from or associated with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, in favor of BP and all entities associated with that incident as listed in the attachment to the resolution.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to adjourn until July 21, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. for a regular council meeting.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cara Pucheu

City Clerk

Mayor