



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

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

The Members of the Council met at City Hall at 1:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Special Called Meeting held on April 30, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey (out at 3:58 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 1:33 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 Accept the Agenda as presented, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp (out of room)

Presentation Agenda

The President called for the Mayor's Report.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and then went into his presentation of a proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week, presented to Linda Elias, City Clerk.

Mayor Hewes then called upon Fire Chief Mike Beyerstedt to introduce the newest member of the Gulfport Fire Department, Toggle. Toggle is an arson detection dog, handled by Fire Investigator Gregory Marks.

Around Town:

- Congratulations to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on their 20 year celebration this past weekend. Lynn Meadows is Mississippi's Nationally acclaimed children's museum.

- Groundbreaking/Construction Start for the Mississippi Aquarium - Friday, May 11 at 1:00 P.M. at the 15th Street entrance. The public is invited to this historic event for our State.
- Police Week Ceremony - Friday, May 18 at 10:00 A.M. on the front steps of the Gulfport Police Department. This ceremony will honor our men and women who serve and wear the badge, and also remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This day is Teacher Appreciation Day, be thankful for those who got you here!

The Mayor advised that Chris Vignes and Rebecca Kajdan were at Harrison Central High School, where the President of our Mayor's Youth Council, Christopher Jackson, was signing with the United States Military Academy - West Point. Adding that Christopher received a full scholarship.

Mayor Hewes called upon Tripp Muldrow, Partner with Arnett Muldrow, to give an update on the Master Plan for Gulfport Main Street/Downtown Gulfport.

This concluded the Mayor's Report.

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of minutes - for April 17 and 30, 2018.

Motion to Approve minutes for April 17 and 30, 2018, 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

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 2 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 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 Following Citizen addressed the Council:
Jarvis Lathan - owner of 3711 & 3713 Reynosa Drive

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the 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, Cara Pucheu

- 3** Final Plat - approval for a 20-lot subdivision (The Westwood District Florence Gardens Phase 4) on a tax parcel zoned R-1-7.5: located north of Kinder Drive, south of and adjacent to O'neal Road, east of Holliman Road, and west of and adjacent to Florence Gardens Boulevard - Case # 1801PC016 - Ward 6.

Motion to Approve Final Plat for The Westwood District Florence Gardens Phase 4, 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

Resolutions / Requests

- 4** Resolution - taking official action towards the approval of a City of Gulfport, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan; setting a public hearing on such Urban Renewal Plan; authorizing an Urban Renewal Project; 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 5** Resolution - taking official action towards the approval of a City of Gulfport, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan; setting a public hearing on such Urban Renewal Plan; authorizing an Urban Renewal Project; 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, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

- 6 Resolution - taking official action towards the approval of a City of Gulfport, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan; setting a public hearing on such Urban Renewal Plan; authorizing an Urban Renewal Project; and for related purposes.

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

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

- 7 Resolution - awarding bid and authorizing negotiation to enter into contract for operation of bait shop services in Gulfport Harbor 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: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey (out of room)

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, Cara Pucheu

- 8 Resolution - approving Policy of Insurance with Ironshore Indemnity, Inc., as reinsurance carrier and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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

- 9 Resolution - approving Agreement with NextSite to provide research, marketing and consulting services for the City of Gulfport and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, 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

- 10** Resolution - awarding bid and to Gulf Breeze Landscaping, Inc., for pier repairs for damages caused by Hurricane Nate and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **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

- 11** Resolution - awarding Non-Exclusive Contract for Professional Title Search/Abstract to Bryan W. Rowe and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, 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

- 12** Resolution - approving Hold Harmless Agreement with Mississippi Power Company and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, 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

- 13** Resolution - approving Agreement for Thor Guard to provide annual service/preventive maintenance of lightning prediction and warning system at the Sportplex and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **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

- 14** Resolution - approving Agreement for the 2019 Waterway Guide Advertising Contract for the Gulfport Municipal Marina and authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute the same.

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

- 15** Resolution - approving Change Order #1 to the contract with LJ Construction, Inc., for the Nugent Area Gravity Sewer Improvement Project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

*** Councilwoman Pucheu recused herself and removed herself from the Chambers during the discussion and vote on this item.**

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

- 16** Resolution - approving Change Order #2 to the contract with SCI, Inc., for the Benefield Sewer Improvements Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, 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

- 17** Resolution - approving Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion for the Ship Island Ferry Boat Terminal Facility Improvements (Pier) Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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, Cara Pucheu

- 18** Resolution - approving public display of fireworks at the culmination of a private wedding and reception, and for related purposes.

Motion to Suspend the Rules, 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

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

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

- 19** Resolution - approving Right of Entry Agreement with Kansas City Southern Railway Company, for the Brickyard Bayou Drainage Improvements Project - Phase 2C and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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

- 20** Resolution - requesting sale of sidearm to Lieutenant Jeffrey P. Necaise upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014) and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, 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

- 21** Resolution - requesting sale of sidearm to Captain Albert "Neal" Stachura upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014).

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, 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** Resolution - requesting sale of sidearm to Captain Robert Enochs upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014).

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, 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

- 23** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport at the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra, Inc., and Sounds by the Sea, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

- 24** 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

- 25** Resolution - requesting approval to reject all bids and permission to re-advertise for the Brickyard Bayou Phase 2B Drainage Improvements Project 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, Cara Pucheu

- 26** Resolution - approving and ratifying addendums to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Number VA-GX-4034 Agreement 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

- 27** Request - by Gulfport Main Street for temporary street closure for the 14th Street Block Party scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Motion to Approve request by Gulfport Main Street for temporary street closure for the 14th Street Block Party scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 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

- 28** Request - by Leisure Services Department for temporary street closure for the Veteran's Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Motion to Approve request by Leisure Services Department for temporary street closure for the Veteran's Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018, 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, Cara Pucheu

- 29** Request - for temporary street closure for the Mississippi Aquarium Construction Kick-off "Sail-bration" scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2018.

Motion to Approve request for temporary street closure for the Mississippi Aquarium Construction Kick-off "Sail-bration" scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2018, 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, Cara Pucheu

- 30** Request - ratifying Quantity Adjustment #2 (deductive) related to Supplemental Agreement #3 for the 28th Street Widening Project.

Motion to Approve request ratifying Quantity Adjustment #2 (deductive) related to Supplemental Agreement #3 for the 28th Street Widening Project, 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

- 31** Request - for change from DCCI Court Clerk to DCCII Court Clerk.

Motion to Approve request for change from DCCI Court Clerk to DCCII Court Clerk, 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, Cara Pucheu

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 32** Budget Amendment #32 - to transfer funds within Fire Department for the purchase of Executime time clocks.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #32, 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

- 33** Budget Amendment #33 - ratification of fund transfer for capital improvements at the Sportsplex.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #33, 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

- 34** Docket of Claims - to be approved through May 9, 2018.

Motion to Approve the Docket of Claims in the amount of \$5,587,689.60, 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

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve the Routine Agenda as presented, 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

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

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 36** Ratification - of expenditures for non-construction items paid thru the GRC line of credit.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 37** Check Register - from Associated Adjusters for workers' compensation and general liability claims for the month of March 2018 - to be made part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 38** Year-To-Date Budget Report - for the month of March 2018 - to be made part of the minutes

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 39** Public Records Requests - for the month of March 2018 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 40** Bi-weekly payroll reports - for the months of March and April 2018 - to be made part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 41** Privilege License Report - issued during the month of March 2018 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 42** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for aerification of Goldin and Gulfport SportsPlex's ball fields - Leisure Service Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 43** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for Red Dot Mount - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 44** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for computers and monitors - I T Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on Routine Agenda

- 45** Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for Brickyard Bayou Restoration, Phase 2C Project.

Approved on Routine Agenda

Update

- 46** Update - from David Kimmel on MS Aquarium Project.

Mr. David Kimmel, President and CEO of Mississippi Aquarium, provided a **monthly** update on the Aquarium Project. Mr. Kimmel also introduced his core staff members, to include: Kurt Allen - Senior Vice President and COO, Ric Urban - Director of Animal Care and Conservation, Steve Massar - Director of Facilities Operations, and Collin Caranna - Digital Marketing Manager.

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The Following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- **Howard Page - Resident of 224 Walston Avenue**
- **Amy Underhill - Resident of 12029 J. Miller Road**

This concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- **Mr. Don Edward Hawthorne, Sr.**
- **Mr. Leo Moffett**
- **Mrs. Sylvia Kay Darden Dorsey**
- **Ms. Mary Cecelia Dedeaux**
- **Mr. Richard Parrott, Sr.**
- **Mr. Carlos Lemar Bullard**

Executive Session

Upon the advice of the General Counsel, Motion to enter Closed Session at 3:16 P.M. to determine the need for Executive Session, 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 Council entered Closed Session at 3:19 P.M. In attendance were Councilmember: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (in at 3:22 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu (in at 3:20 P.M.), Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John R. Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, Director of Leisure Services Gus Wesson, Clerk of Council Ronda Cole, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers. The Council discussed the need to enter executive session to discuss lease negotiations relating to Gulf Islands Water Park, NRCS Flat Branch easement acquisition, possible vacation of real property related to Cresco ride-of-way, possible eminent domain litigation related to the Brickyard Bayou, economic development issue related to TIF plan for the DDR property located at I-10 and HWY 605, and an update on the personnel matter involving Fire Chief Mike Beyerstedt.

Motion to exit Closed Session at 3:22 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Myles Sharp

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 enter Executive Session at 3:24 P.M., 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

The Council entered Executive Session at 3:24 P.M. In attendance were the previously mentioned. City Attorney Jeff Bruni (out at 3:45 P.M.) Director of Leisure Services Gus Wesson (out at 3:45 P.M.) Councilman Kenneth Casey (out at 3:58 P.M.) Director of Engineering Kris Riemann (out at 4:13 P.M.)

Motion to exit Executive Session at 4:35 P.M., Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey

General Counsel Hugh Keating stated that no official action was taken in Executive Session.

Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following action was taken:

Motion to approve and authorize a letter agreement, according to terms and conditions discussed in Executive Session, as consideration for the execution of a drainage easement by Carl Adams for the Flat Branch Drainage Improvements Project, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey

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. Don Edward Hawthorne, Sr., Mr. Leo Moffett, Mrs. Sylvia Kay Darden Dorsey, Ms. Mary Cecelia Dedeaux, Mr. Richard Parrott, Sr., until May 22, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, Moved by Myles Sharp, Seconded by Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey

City Clerk

Mayor