



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Thursday, June 10, 2021

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 Called Meeting on May 25, 2021 at 12:45 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, Rusty Walker (out at 3:44 P.M.), 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 2; at the Administration's request, add Item 6 - A - Discussion - potential Ordinance regarding Resolution Board compensation., add Item 6 - B - Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for certain position in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for those employees serving in this position, and for related purposes., add Item 11 - A - Resolution - approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Neel-Shaffer, Inc. for Planning and Environmental Services in connection with the BUILD - Interconnecting Gulfport Project, and for related purposes., add Item 14 - A - Resolution - authorizing a fee waiver/issuance of a refund associated with Open Political Forum for Candidates for Municipal Office held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, and for related purposes., and add Item 27 - A - Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for Privatization Contract., 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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for May 4, 2021.

Motion to Approve Minutes for May 4, 2021, 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

Attachment(s):

[May 4, 2021 - Minutes](#)

- 2 Ratification - of appointment of Director of Finance & Accounting.

- Deleted -

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 3 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

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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

Attachment(s):

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

- 4 Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into eight parcels zoned R-2 (Single-family) and R-B (Residence business) - located at Thornton Avenue and 2nd Street - Case # 2104PC052 - Ward 2.

Motion to Approve Certificate of Resubdivision, 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

Attachment(s):

[Certificate of Resubdivision - Case 2104PC052 - Signed](#)

- 5 Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into ten new parcels zoned Zoned T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus") - located at Township Road and Phillips Drive - Case # 2104PC068 - Ward 2.

Motion to Approve Certificate of Resubdivision, 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

Attachment(s):

[Certificate of Resubdivision - Case 2104PC068 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 6 Ordinance - to rezone a tax parcel from R-1-15 (Single-family) to R-1-10 (Single-family) - located at 15221 South Swan Road - Case # 2104PC074 - Ward 7.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3076 - Signed](#)

- 6 – A** Discussion - potential Ordinance regarding Resolution Board compensation.

Motion to Open Discussion, 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

- 6 – B** Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for certain position in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for those employees serving in this position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **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):

[Ordinance 3077 - Signed](#)
[City Clerk Job Description](#)

Resolutions

- 7** Resolution - requesting the Gulfport School Board of Trustees and Gulfport School District Superintendent's Advisory Team to convey the Willie Locke Community Center to the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Suspend the Rules, 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, Cara Pucheu

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, Cara Pucheu

- 8 Resolution - approving Annual Termite Service Agreement with Havard Pest Control for the Public Works and Engineering location, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Havard Pest Control Agreement - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - approving Cooperative Agreement between the Job Corps Center and the City of Gulfport, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Cooperative Agreement - Job Corps Center - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolution - approving Business Service Agreement with Sparklight for Services at the Leisure Services Administration Building, and for related purposes.

Motion to Table, 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

- 11 Resolution - approving Sponsorship Agreement with Allen Beverages, Inc. for the Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Sponsorship Agreement - Allen Beverages - Signed](#)

- 11 – A** Resolution - approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for Planning and Environmental Services in connection with the BUILD - Interconnecting Gulfport Project, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Supplemental Agreement 1 Neel Schaffer - BUILD - signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to apply for a Victims of Crime Act Grant – Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - authorizing VOCA Application - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to apply for a Stop Violence Against Women Act Grant – Domestic Violence Investigator and Domestic Violence Prosecutor, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - authorizing VAWA Application - Signed](#)

- 14** 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 Memorial Hospital at Gulfport's GME Welcome Picnic to be held at the Barksdale Pavilion, 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, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - MHG expenditure fee waiver - Signed](#)

- 14 – A** Resolution - authorizing a fee waiver/issuance of a refund associated with Open Political Forum for Candidates for Municipal Office held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Ella Holmes-Hines **Withdraw Motion**

Failed for Lack of Motion

- 15** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the Ugly Tie Festival scheduled for June 19, 2021, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - 2021 Ugly Tie Festival Road Closure - Signed](#)

- 16** 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 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - COVID-19 SOE Extension 21 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - reconfirming and extending the status of a state of emergency due to the impacts of Hurricane Zeta on the City of Gulfport, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Hurricane Zeta SOE Extension 11 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 18** Budget Amendment #67 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from restitution from drug related arrests.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #67, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[May 17 \(restitution\)](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-67](#)

- 19** Budget Amendment #68 - internally transferring for the Department of Technology and Information Management.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #68, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment for Software Maintenance](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-68.1](#)

- 20** Budget Amendment #69 - increasing line item 213 Photography and Fingerprint from PropertyRoom.com funds.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #69, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[May 25 \(213 property room\)](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-69.1](#)

- 21** Budget Amendment #70 - increasing line item 277 Operating Supplies from PropertyRoom.com funds.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #70, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Memo - 275 Funds](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-70](#)

- 22** Budget Amendment #71 - increasing Municipal Court Budget.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #71, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Municipal Court Budget Amendment](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-71](#)

- 23** Budget Amendment #72 - transferring funds from Harbor to Traffic for signs.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #72, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment to transfer funds from Harbor to Public Works
Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-72](#)

- 24** Docket of Claims - to be approved through June 11, 2021.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$4,075,915.78, 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

Attachment(s):

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

Routine Agenda

**Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented with the exception of 27 - A ,
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

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - awarding bids - Signed](#)

- 26** Code Enforcement Notice(s) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notice\(s\)
Code Enforcement 7-Day Notice\(s\)](#)

- 27 Privilege License Report - for the month of May 2021 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - May 2021](#)

- 27 – A Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for Privatization Contract.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Motion to Postpone until Special Call Meeting, 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

- 28 Legal Notice - advertisement for proposed sole source.

Attachment(s):

[LogisticComponents.Fire.SoleSource](#)

- 29 Legal Notice - RFP advertisement for Project Management & Engineering Services (Zeta).

Attachment(s):

[Consulting Services.2021LS](#)

- 30 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Crown Technology - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Thermoplastic Resin & Glass Beads](#)

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- 31 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Firehouse Innovations - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Multi Force Door](#)

[Firehouse Innovations](#)

- 32 Ratification - of Facility Use Agreement with Mississippi Power - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[MS Power Usage Agreement](#)

- 33** Ratification - of previously approved and executed Agreements, Contracts, and/or Documents - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Letter Agreement - Mississippi Small Business Development Center - UM - Executed](#)

[Proposal and Service Agreement - Simplex Grinnell, Inc. - Executed](#)

[Addendum No. 3 - Neel Schaffer - BUILD - Executed](#)

[Illuminating Concepts Software Services Agreement - Executed](#)

[Letter of Agreement - Bridge & Watson, Inc. - Executed](#)

[Direct Metals Credit Application - Executed](#)

[BIS Digital Support Contract - Executed](#)

[Siemens Industry, Inc. Agreement - Executed](#)

[NCSI Agreement - Executed](#)

- 34** Request - issuance of special check(s) for payment for the General Election to Poll Managers and Resolution Board.

Attachment(s):

[Memo - General - Special Checks](#)

[Poll Worker List - General - for Council](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Eric Childes
- Michael Parker
- Larry Drummor
- Carolyn Jones
- Jacke Carter

This concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mr. Michael Edward Mike Miller](#)

[Mrs. Trixie Urie](#)

Mr. Willie Murrill, Jr.

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 3:43 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 3:44 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Deputy Chief Craig Petersen, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers. Absent: Councilmember Rusty Walker.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 3:47 P.M., 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Rusty Walker

No official action was taken during Closed Session.

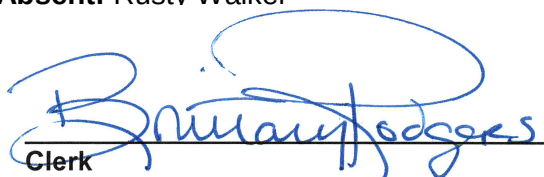
Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn in memory of Mrs. Trixie Urie, Mr. Michael Edward "Mike" Miller and Mr. Willie Murrill, Jr., until June 22, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Rusty Walker


Clerk


Mayor

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