



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, January 19, 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 Regular Meeting on January 5, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (teleconference), **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (out at 4:42 P.M.), 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 adjustment; delete Item 3, 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

Minutes

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for December 8, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for December 8, 2020, 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

Attachment(s):

[December 8, 2020 Minutes](#)

- 2 Approval of Minutes - for December 18, 2020 SCM.

Motion to Approve Minutes for December 18, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[December 18, 2020 SCM minutes](#)

- 3 Approval of Minutes - for December 22, 2020.

- Deleted -

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 4 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** 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

Councilmember Sharp recused and removed himself from the Chambers.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Mr. Aaron Zahedi - 1009L-03-044.000 (Parcel 4 on Memo)

Councilmember Sharp reentered the Chambers at 1:59 P.M. to request recess and opinion of Counsel.

Councilmember Sharp recused and removed himself from the Chambers at 1:59 P.M.

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session at 1:59 P.M., 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

The Council entered Closed Session at 1:59 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, General Counsel Hugh Keating, CAO Dr. John Kelly, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Urban Development Greg Pietrangelo, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (teleconference). Absent: Councilmember Myles Sharp (recused).

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:05 P.M., 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

Council President Walker removed Parcel 4 from Advertisement without Objection.

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, as amended, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - authorizing advertisement for bids - Signed](#)

- 5 Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into four parcels zoned R-2 (Single-family) - located at 3009 39th Avenue - Case # 2012PC163 - Ward 1.

Motion to Approve Certificate of Resubdivision, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Jonathan Marshall - 57 53rd Street

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 2012PC163 - Signed](#)

- 6 Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into two new parcels zoned R-1-7.5 (Single-family) - located at 633 and 645 2nd Street - Case # 2012PC166 - 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 2012PC166 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 7 Ordinance - to rezone tax parcel from R-1-7.5 (Single-family) to R-B (Residence business) - located at Lorraine Road and Hillcrest Road - Case # 2011PC150 - Ward 4 - with Objection.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Mr. David Wheeler
- Mr. Donovan Scruggs
- Mr. Warren Record
- Mr. Barney Creel
- Mrs. Meggan Gray Stolarski
- Mr. Richard Sliman
- Mr. Tim Holleman
- Mr. David Weldon
- Mr. Sterling Foster
- Ms. Sharon Meyers (Applicant)

The President called the question.

Vote: Motion Failed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Nay: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp

Council President Walker called for a 3 minutes recess @ 3:30

- 8** Ordinance - to rezone a tax parcel from R-1-10 (Single-family) to B-2 (General business) - located at 14104 Dedeaux Road - Case # 2012PC160 - Ward 6.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (out of room)

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3062 - Signed](#)

- 9** Ordinance - to rezone tax parcels from B-2 (General business) to R-B (Residence-business) - located at 2214 Hewes Avenue - Case # 2012PC162 - Ward 3.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Withdraw Motion, Moved By Cara Pucheu

Motion to Postpone until February 2, 2021, 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

- 10** Ordinance - establishing Budget Stabilization Fund, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Motion to Postpone until February 2, 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

Resolutions

- 11** Resolution - authorizing allocation/payment of remaining Bond Proceeds on the Aquarium Project toward payment of Associated Debt, 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, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Aquarium 2017 Bond Proceeds Transfer - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Assignment of Lease Agreement from Cellular South Real Estate, Inc., to American Towers, LLC, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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 - Assignment of Lease - Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. to American Towers, LLC. - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approve Thirteenth Amendment to the City's Contract with Utility Partners, LLC, to recognize Merger of Utility Partners, LLC, into H2O Innovation Operation & Maintenance, LLC, authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute said Contract Amendment, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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 - 13 Amendment UP into H2O - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving sale of sidearm to Lieutenant Jeffrey A. Necaise upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014).

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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 - Sale of Sidearm - LT Jeffery A Necaise - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving sale of sidearm to Sergeant Joseph Fore upon his retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131 (rev. 2014).

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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 - Sale of Sidearm - Sgt Joseph Fore - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 16** Budget Amendment #26 - increasing line item 286 Capital (CNET) from restitution.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #26, 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

Attachment(s):

[December 28th \(signed\)](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-26](#)

- 17** Budget Amendment #27 - allocating SMPDD Grant No. 20-3530-32-569.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #27, 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

Attachment(s):

[SMPDD Funds 20353032569](#)

[Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-27](#)

- 18** Budget Amendment #28 - internally transferring funds between Public Works accounts.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #28, 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

Attachment(s):

[BAPW - TRANSFER TO FUND LOW ACCOUNTS - 1-7-2021
Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-28](#)

- 19** Budget Amendment #29 - increasing line item Vehicles 277 from forfeiture.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #29, 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

Attachment(s):

[January 8th \(signed\)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-29](#)

- 20** Budget Amendment #30 - increasing line item Photo & Fingerprint from police property unclaimed money.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #30, 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

Attachment(s):

[January 8th \(unclaimed money-signed\)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2021-30](#)

- 21** Docket of Claims - to be approved through January 20, 2021.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$2,812,488.42, 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):[Docket](#)[Docket by Vendor](#)[Docket by Org-Obj-Proj](#)[Resolution - Docket of Claims - Signed](#)**Routine Agenda**

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

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

Attachment(s):[Resolution - awarding rejecting bids - Signed](#)

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

Motion to Approve Associated Adjusters Check Registers, 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

Attachment(s):[Memorandum - Associated Adjusters](#)[202010 Gulfport Check Register Redacted](#)

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

Motion to Approve Associated Adjusters Check Registers, 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

Attachment(s):[Memorandum - Associated Adjusters](#)[202011 Check Register Report - City of Gulfport Redacted](#)

- 25** Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - for the month of October, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve Bi-Weekly Payroll Report, 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

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum -Payroll Journals](#)

[October 2021 GL Distribution Journals Combined](#)

- 26** Bi-Weekly Payroll Report - for the month of November, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Approve Bi-Weekly Payroll Report, 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

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum -Payroll Journals](#)

[November 2020 GI Distribution Journals Combined](#)

- 27** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Jason's General Maintenance - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Demo Shop.Hewes Ave](#)

[Demo Shop.Hewes Av](#)

- 28** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Southern Connection Police Supplies - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Armorskin Tacvest.Police](#)
[Armorskin Tacvest.Police \(1\)](#)

- 29 Letter - regarding the purchase of a storage shelter from Big Top Manufacturing for Golf Course - Leisure Services.

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

Attachment(s):

[Storage Shelter.Zeta](#)

- 30 Ratification - of Addendum No. 1 to Agreement between the City of Gulfport and Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for Planning and Environmental Services in connection with the BUILD – Interconnecting Gulfport Project - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

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):

[Addendum No. 1 - Neel Schaffer, Inc. - Interconnecting Gulfport BUILD Grant - Fully Executed](#)

- 31 Ratification - of change in Subcontractor in connection with the Contract with Neel Schaffer, Inc., on the Interconnecting Gulfport Roadway Project and Consent Document - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

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):

[Consent - Neel Schaffer Subcontractor - Interconnecting Gulfport BUILD Grant - Fully Executed](#)

- 32** Ratification - of Contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Artisan Pyrotechnics - Fourth of July - Fully Executed](#)

- 33** Ratification - of Engagement Letter for Municipal Advisory Services in connection with Hurricane Zeta Line of Credit - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Engagement Letter - Municipal Advisory Services - Hurricane Zeta Line of Credit - Fully Executed](#)

- 34** Ratification - of Facility Use Agreements for Gulfport Sportsplex - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[GSSA - October 10-11 2020 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - October 31-November 1 2020 - FUA](#)
[World Cup Soccer - Dec 5 2020 - FUA](#)
[Slidell Hurricanes - December 19-20 - FUA](#)
[GCYSA - January 9-10 - FUA](#)
[GCYSA - February 5-7 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - April 10-11 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - April 24-25 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - May 1-2 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - June 5-6 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - June 16-20 - FUA](#)
[GSSA - July 15-18 - FUA](#)

- 35** Ratification - of Food Vendor Agreements - 2020 Jones Park Holiday Event - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Keeping It Tasty - Food Vendor Agreement](#)

[True Wings - Food Vendor Agreement](#)

[Tin Roof Road Food Truck - Food Vendor Agreement](#)

- 36** Ratification - of Fourth Amendment to License Agreement between Utility Service Communications Co., Inc. (Licensor) and Cellular South Real Estate, Inc., (Licensee) allowing for replacement of certain and various pieces of equipment on Gulfport's Water Tank located on 26th Avenue - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Fourth Amendment - Cellular South Real Estate - 26th Avenue Tank - Fully Executed](#)

- 37** Ratification - of Grant Award Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the Courthouse Road Boat Launch and Maintenance Dredge Project - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Grant Award Agreement - DMR Courthouse Road Boat Launch and Maintenance Dredge Project - Fully Executed](#)

- 38** Ratification - of Intent to Host a Veterans Local Government Management Fellow Document - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[Intent to Host a Veterans Local Government Management Fellow Document - Fully Executed](#)

- 39** Ratification - of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Release of Claims concerning Aquarium Project - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[MDEQ Release of Claims - Aquarium Project - Signed](#)

- 40** Ratification - of United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant from and through the Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Ratify, 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

Attachment(s):

[SMPDD Grant - FF Training - Fully Executed](#)

- 41** Request - transfer of Custodianship of Petty Cash for Public Works Department.

Motion to Approve Request, 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

Attachment(s):

[MEMO - TRANSFER CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FOR PUBLIC WORKS - 1-11-2020](#)

Public Agenda

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mr. M.L. Bryant](#)

[Mrs. Bettie Lou Groves](#)

[Mr. Thomas Daniel Barnes](#)

[Mrs. Theresa Ashley Norris](#)

[Mr. Carlos Conchera Miller](#)

[Mr. Curtis Arthur Felsher](#)

[Former GFD Chief James White](#)

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 4:35 P.M., 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp

The Council entered Closed Session at 4:36 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, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (teleconference).

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 4:38 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 4:40 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving properties leased along Landon Road and as part of the Landon Road Widening Project, (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/traffic signage and involving Iryana Williams, (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/traffic signage and involving Shanica Benson, Natasia Johnson, and De'Shawn McGaughey, (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property (police vehicle) and involving Sandoval Onofre, (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/light pole and involving Jessica Moran, and (6) strategy session with respect to Oak Island litigation, 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, Cara Pucheu

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:40 P.M. In attendance:

Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (recused at 4:42 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock (out at 4:41 P.M.), Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Urban Development Greg Peitrangelo (in at 4:43 P.M.), and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (teleconference).

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 5:08 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion for the City Attorney's Office to take any and all actions necessary, including the filing of any lawsuits and all actions related thereto, and to authorize the expenditure of monies to go towards the payment of any costs or expenses incurred related to such actions, including court costs and fees and any other expenses, to recover damages to the City in the following matters: (1) City of Gulfport v. Iryana Williams - involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on July 12, 2020; (2) City of Gulfport v. Shanica Benson, Natasia Johnson, and De'Shawn McGaughey - involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on July 22, 2020; (3) City of Gulfport v. Sandoval Onofre - involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on September 25, 2020; and (4) City of Gulfport v. Jessica Moran - involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on September 26, 2020, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

Motion to Approve Resolution - Landon Road Widening Project ED, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp (recused)

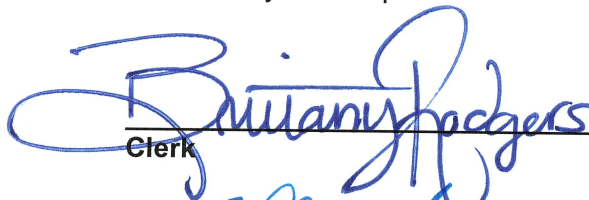
Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

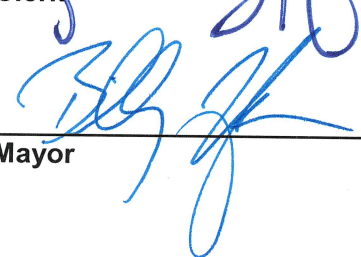
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn in memory of Mr. M.L. Bryant, Mrs. Bettie Lou Groves, Mr. Thomas Daniel Barnes, Mrs. Theresa Ashley Norris, Mr. Carlos Conchera Miller, Mr. Curtis Arthur Felsher, and Former GFD Chief James White, until February 2, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp


Clerk


Mayor