



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, December 21, 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 PM, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Special Called Meeting on December 17, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Richard Kosloski.

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

Agenda Order

Motion to Accept the Agenda, with the following adjustments, add item 21 - A - Resolution - authorizing additional expenditure of monies associated with respect to certain road repairs (re-paving) on Anniston Avenue, and for related purposes., 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, Richard Kosloski

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 uncleanliness 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 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, Richard Kosloski

There being no one present to object or address the Council, 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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Notification Letters - Code Enforcement Hearing](#)

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

- 2** Acceptance - of Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Phase II-A Water and Sewer Only.

Motion to Accept Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Phase II-A Water and Sewer only, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Recommendation to Accept Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Phase II-A Water and Sewer Only](#)

Resolutions

- 3 Resolutions - awarding bid and approving contracts for Term Contract C2A - Culvert and Ram Neck Piping, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group C2A - Ferguson Waterworks - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group C2A - G&O Supply Company - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group C2A - Southern Waterworks - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group C2A - Coburn Supply - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group C2A - Design Precast - Signed](#)

- 4 Resolutions - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contract E - Ready Mix Concrete, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group E - Bayou Concrete - Signed](#)

- 5 Resolution - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contract J - Ductile or Cast Iron Grates & Frames, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group J - Consolidated Pipe - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J - Ferguson Waterworks - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J - Southern Pipe - Signed](#)

- 6 Resolution - awarding bids and approving contracts for term contract J1 - Water & Sewer Line Supplies, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Consolidated Pipe - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Ferguson Waterworks - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Southern Pipe - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Southern Waterworks - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Central Pipe Supply - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group J1 - Coburn Supply Company Inc - Signed](#)

- 7 Resolution - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contract K - Pumps for Lift Stations, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group K - Bay Motor Winding Inc - Signed](#)
[Resolution - Term Contract Group K - Control Systems Inc - Signed](#)

- 8 Resolution - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contract N1 - Chlorine for Water Purification & Sewage Treatment, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group N1 - Water and Waste Specialties LLC - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contracts P - Street Marking Signs, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group P - Vulcan Signs - Signed](#)

[Resolution - Term Contract Group P - Custom Products - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolutions - awarding bid and approving Contracts for Term Contract P3 - Fencing, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Term Contract Group P3 - Southern Exteriors Fence Company - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving New Edge Services Contract for Cityworks to enable vendor access to City data, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[NewEdge Quote & Master Agreement](#)

- 12 Resolution - approving Grant Agreement with the Mississippi Development Authority for a Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant pertaining to Flood Control and/or Drainage for the Forest Heights Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - MDA Grant Agreement for GCRF Forest Heights Project - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - accepting FY2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Grant Award Number 15PBJA-21-GG-01620-JAGX, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - JAG FY21 acceptance - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - accepting a United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant from and through the Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District (Paramedic Training), and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - SMPDD Grant Paramedic Training - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - accepting a United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant from and through the Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District (Firefighter Training), and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - SMPDD Grant Firefighter Training - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Amendment to the Lighting Services Lease Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for the purpose of providing lighting equipment upgrades at Handsboro Community Center, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - MPC Handsboro Community Center Amendment - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving Fifteenth Amendment to the City's Contract with H2O Innovation, Operation and Maintenance, LLC, to extend Contract by one month to January 31, 2022, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - 15th Amendment to H2O Contract - Signed](#)

- 18** 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 Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy Event Fee Waiver - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - to authorize expenditures for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport with respect to the activities of the Mayor's Youth Council, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Mayor's Youth Council Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 20** 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 Mental Health Association of South Mississippi's 2022 Health Fair, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Mental Health Association 2022 Health Fair Fee Waiver - Signed](#)

- 21** 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 the Senior Healthcare Committee's Derby Day Event, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Senior Healthcare Committee's Derby Day Event Fee Waiver - Signed](#)

- 21 – A** Resolution - authorizing additional expenditure of monies associated with respect to certain road repairs (re-paving) on Anniston Avenue, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Anniston Avenue Repaving Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 22** Resolution - confirming and ratifying the intent to offer healthcare flexible spending accounts as an employee benefit, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - FSA - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - designating Applicant Agent for the City of Gulfport and approving State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement between the City and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in regards to Hurricane Ida, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Hurricane Ida Applicant Agent - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - memorializing the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for a Historical Marker in Soria City, at Pratt Avenue and 20th Street, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Soria City Historical Marker - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 25** Docket of Claims - to be approved through December 22, 2021.

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, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Docket of Claims - Signed](#)

[Docket](#)

[Docket by Vendor](#)

[Docket by Org-Obj-Proj](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as present with the exception of item , 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, Richard Kosloski

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - awarding rejecting bids for lot cleanups - Signed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[CE - Chapter 3 Notices](#)

- 28 Public Records Request - for the month of November 2021 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[November 2021 Records Request](#)

- 29 Legal Notice - advertisement for Axon Sole Source (Police Department).

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice](#)

- 30 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to BSN Sports for the Goldin Park Bleachers - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Goldin Park Bleachers LS.](#)

- 31 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to BSN Sports for the VA Soccer field Soccer Goals - Leisure Services Building Maintenance - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Soccer Goals VA Soccer Field](#)

- 32 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Gibson Maintenance for Bullis Avenue Park Pavilion & Concrete Slab - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Motion to Suspend the Rules, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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, Richard Kosloski

Motion to Delete, 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, Richard Kosloski

- 33 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Gibson Maintenance for the Marina Rub Rails - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Marinna Rub Rails LS.](#)

- 34 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Puckett Rents for Rental of the Trench Box and Manhole Box - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Rental Trench Box and Manhole Box PW.](#)

- 35 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Southern Exteriors Fence Company for Bullis Avenue Park Fencing - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Council Memo \(Fencing\)](#)

- 36 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Weaver Electric for VA soccer fields - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[VA. soccer goals LS.](#)

- 37 Ratification - of Cemetery Conveyance Deed (Alley) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Stephen Alley conveyance deed documents 11302021](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Addendum 3 Pickering - Executed](#)

[Addendum 4 Neel Schaffer - Executed](#)

[Amendment to Contract - KRISTIN PEARCE - Executed](#)

[Artisan Pyrotechnics Contract - Executed](#)

[Bayou Bluff Extension for Repair-Replacement - Executed](#)

[Certificate of Substantial Completion 2021 CDBG Paving Project Phase 1 - Executed](#)

[Certificate of Substantial Completion - Hurricane Ida Debris Removal - Executed](#)

[Change Order 1 - Warren Paving - 2021 CDBG Paving Project Phase 1 - Executed](#)

[Change Order 5 Bayou View Water Tank - Phoenix Fabricators - Executed](#)

[GPD HS Grant 21LE202 - Executed](#)

[Meltwater Order Confirmation - Executed](#)

[MOA Lease Agreement PAN ISLES - Executed](#)

- 39 Request - to extend various term contracts for calendar year 2022 with all pricing remaining the same.

Attachment(s):

[Term Renewals 2022](#)

Public Agenda

- Citizen Forum - Up to thirty minutes shall be allowed for public input with a three minute time limit on each speaker.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mrs. Filace Ann Cook](#)

[Ms. Tina Marie Dorsey](#)

Executive Session

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session, 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, Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Closed Session at 1:58 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Communications and Marketing Manager Jase Payne, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Finance and Accounting Todd Harman, Director of Public Works and Engineering Wayne Miller, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 1:59 P.M., 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, Richard Kosloski

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 1:59 P.M. for (1) strategy session associated with the ongoing opioid litigation; (2) strategy session with respect to active/ongoing litigation associated with Blessed Investments, LLC; (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation related to the Chasewood Subdivision Development; (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with privatization of public works systems; (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with the solid waste collection contract; (6) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with the City's corporate boundaries; and (7) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with Aaron Zahedi, 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, Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:01 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey (out at 3:18 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (out at 2:53 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers and Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes (recused at 2:17 P.M. / in at 2:30 P.M.), CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Communications and Marketing Manager Jase Payne, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock (in 2:03 P.M. / out 2:28 P.M.), Director of Finance and Accounting Todd Harman, Director of Public Works and Engineering Wayne Miller (out at 3:17 P.M.), and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Mayor Billy Hewes recused and removed himself from the chambers during the discussion related to the Blessed Investments, LLC active/ongoing litigation.

Councilmember Myles Sharp was absent for the discussion and vote on the items related to prospective litigation with Aaron Zahedi and prospective litigation regarding the City's corporate boundaries.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:26 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to accept the recommendation and notice of acceptance of the City Engineer dated December 21, 2021, regarding perpetual maintenance of improvements in the "Chasewood Subdivision" (the developer was Cazesta, LLC); to accept perpetual maintenance of all improvements in the "Chasewood Subdivision" on behalf of the City of Gulfport; and to authorize the Mayor and his designee to execute any and all agreements or documents necessary to effectuate this matter, Moved By Richard Kosloski, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Chasewood Subdivision](#)

Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to join with the State of Mississippi and other local governmental units as a participant in the Mississippi State - Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU"), and any subsequent formal agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit "K" of the Distributor Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution - Opioid Litigation MOU - Signed](#)

Motion to authorize the City of Gulfport to retain or continue to retain the services of Chris Watson and the firm of Bridge & Watson to provide expert services in connection with a fringe area study associated with the City's growth, at the rates as set forth below, with such fees and costs from the date of passage of this motion not to exceed \$25,000, unless otherwise approved or extended by the City Council: Principal Planner - \$150/hr.; Associate Planner I - \$125/hr.; Associate Planner II - \$100/hr.; Assistant Planner I - \$85/hr.; Assistant Planner II - \$60/hr.; Planning Technician - \$40/hr.; Planning Assistant - \$30/hr.; and mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate; and to authorize the Mayor to sign any documents needed or necessary to effectuate this authority, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to negotiate a full and final resolution of any and all lawsuits and claims the Aaron Zahedi may have against the City and its employees that in any way arise out of or relate to property that he owns adjacent to Evans Road in Gulfport, Mississippi 39503 (identified as Harrison County Tax Parcel No.: 1009L-03-044.000), to include, but not be limited to, all applications, permits, and inspections associated with this property and all notices of code violations involving the same property, with such resolution to also include the execution of any necessary settlement documents and indemnity agreements to fully conclude this matter, and subject to the understanding that Aaron Zahedi being solely responsible for all bills and liens in any way arising out of these matters and involving or relating to him or his property and to include the payment of \$2,200.00, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

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. Filace Ann Cook and Ms. Tina Marie Dorsey, until January 4, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Richard Kosloski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

City Clerk

Mayor

Agenda Adjustments

- 21 – A** Resolution - authorizing additional expenditure of monies associated with respect to certain road repairs (re-paving) on Anniston Avenue, and for related purposes.