



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Agenda City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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 April 7, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes (video conference), CAO Dr. John Kelly (video conference), General Counsel Hugh Keating (video conference), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (video conference), Ella Holmes-Hines (video conference), Rusty Walker (video conference), Myles Sharp (video conference), R.Lee Flowers (video conference), and Cara Pucheu (video conference).

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

Agenda Order Confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order

Motion to Accept the Agenda with the following amendments; add item 1 – A – Ordinance – adopting a temporary moratorium, among other things, on the enforcement of the City of Gulfport Sign Ordinance as respects certain signs located in the right of way, and for related purposes., add item 5 – A – Resolution - authorizing an expenditure of monies to the Mississippi Coast Transit Authority for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes., add item 5 – B – Renewal – of Property and Liability Insurance and Risk Management Program for the City of Gulfport – 2020-2021., add item 19 – A – Ratification – of Supplement to Executive Order No. 3 (April 14, 2020) – to be made a part of the minutes., 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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Ordinances

- 1 Ordinance - to establish two (2) Leisure and Recreation Districts (Downtown North Social District and Bayou Bernard Social District) within the corporate boundaries of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and designate the geographic areas included within and boundaries of said Districts, and for related purposes.

Councilmember Pucheu recused and removed herself from the video conference at 2:00 P.M. during the discussion and vote on this item.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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

Absent: Cara Pucheu (recused)

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3029 - Signed](#)

- 1 – A Ordinance – adopting a temporary moratorium, among other things, on the enforcement of the City of Gulfport Sign Ordinance as respects certain signs located in the right of way, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3030 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 2 Order - by the Gulfport City Council, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-21-5(2), (rev. 2003, as amended), authorizing an exemption from municipal ad valorem taxes, excluding school district taxes, based on the increase in assessed value for qualifying capital improvement investments in qualifying structures in the designated redevelopment district, south of the CSX railroad tracks extending from the western city boundary to the eastern city boundary of the newly constructed structure located at 625 Hardy Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as Parcel Number 0711N-04-011.000.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Order – 625 Hardy Ave - Signed](#)

- 3 Order - by the Gulfport City Council, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-21-5(2), (rev. 2003, as amended), authorizing an exemption from municipal ad valorem taxes, excluding school district taxes, based on the increase in assessed value for qualifying capital improvement investments in qualifying structures in the designated redevelopment district, south of the CSX Railroad tracks extending from the western city boundary to the eastern city boundary of the newly constructed structure located at 527 3rd Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as Parcel Number 0911C-02-018.000.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Order – 527 3rd St - Signed](#)

- 4 Order - by the Gulfport City Council, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-21-5(2), (rev. 2003, as amended), authorizing an exemption from municipal ad valorem taxes, excluding school district taxes, based on the increase in assessed value for qualifying capital improvement investments in qualifying structures in the designated redevelopment district, south of the CSX railroad tracks extending from the western city boundary to the eastern city boundary of the newly constructed structure located at 890 2nd Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as Parcel Number 0911E-04-027.000.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Order – 890 2nd St - Signed](#)

- 5** Resolution - approving Master Services Agreement with Paymentus, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, 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, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Paymentus Agreement - Signed](#)

- 5 – A** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure of monies to the Mississippi Coast Transit Authority for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, 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, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Attachment(s):

[Resolution – CTA Expenditure - Signed](#)

- 5 – B** Renewal – of Property and Liability Insurance and Risk Management Program for the City of Gulfport – 2020-2021.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[PROP City of Gulfport Renewal Recap REVISED 4-20-20](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 6 Budget Amendment #51 - to increase Airport Guns/Ammo (90299).

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[March 24th \(airport\)](#)
[Budget Amendments – FYE 2020 - 51](#)

- 7 Budget Amendment #52 - to increase County/Local 277-630100.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[March 18th \(restitution\)](#)
[Budget Amendments – FYE 2020 - 52](#)

- 8 Budget Amendment #53 - to accept the FY20 Budget for H.I.D.T.A.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Budget for 2020 HIDTA](#)
[Budget Amendments – FYE 2020 - 53](#)

- 9 Budget Amendment #54 - to increase Federal Capital (276) from forfeiture.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[April 8th \(signed\)](#)
[Budget Amendments – FYE 2020 - 54](#)

- 10 Budget Amendment #55 - to transfer funds to reimburse Traffic Division for supplies used on Bayou View Ballfield Parking Lot Striping.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[BAPW – TRANSFER FUNDS TO REIMBURSE TRAFFIC FOR SUPPLY](#)
[EXPENSE ON BAYOU VIEW BALLFIELD STRIPING – 4-8-2020](#)
[Budget Amendments – FYE 2020 - 55](#)

- 11 Docket of Claims - to be approved through April 22, 2020.

Motion to Approve, 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

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, 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

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution – awarding bids - Signed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum – Associated Adjusters
20200331 Gulfport Check Register Combined Redacted](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum – Payroll Journals
February 2020 GL Distribution Combined](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Memorandum – Payroll Journals
March 2020 GL Distribution Combined](#)

- 16** Privilege License Report – for the month of March, 2020 – to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report – March 2020](#)

- 17** Public Records Requests - for the month of March, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Requests – March 2020](#)

- 18** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to RP Power for Generator Repairs - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[PD Generator](#)
[PD Generator](#)

- 19** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to IT Savvy LLC for Panasonic Tough Book 55 & Panasonic Protection Plus - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Panasonic Toughbook 55 and protection plus public works](#)
[PANASONIC TOUGHBOOK 55 AND PROTECTION PLUS 4 EACH PUBLIC WORKS](#)

- 19 – A** Ratification – of Supplement to Executive Order No. 3 (April 14, 2020) – to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[First Supplement to Executive Order No. 3 \(April 13, 2020\)](#)

- 20** Ratification - of Mayor's Executive Order No. 4 (April 17, 2020) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Mayor's Executive Order No. 4 – Signed 4/17/2020](#)

- 21** Ratification - License Agreement with Southern Light - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Memo of Non-Exclusive License Agreement et al – Uniti Fiber and Gulfport – Lighthouse and Jones Park - Signed](#)

- 22** Request - to retire K-9, Luna, and transfer to handler.

Attachment(s):

[Luna – K9 – Retirement](#)

Memorial Adjournment

- [Mrs. Rose Fairley Johnson](#)
- [Dr. Richard Arthur Evans](#)
- [Mrs. Laura Ann Hennlein Ziegler](#)
- [Mr. Rueben Malcolm Thomas](#)

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 2:05 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Cara Pucheu (out)

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:06 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu (in at 2:05 P.M.), Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:06 P.M., 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

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 2:13 P.M. for (1) strategy discussion involving prospective litigation associated with the ongoing streetscape project – phases III and III-B (and BMA Agreement), 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

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:13 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Information Technology Rick Fisher, Systems Analyst Billy Lehman, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:34 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, 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

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to approve Amendment 5 with BMA – Downtown Streetscape – Phase III, authorizing execution of the same and authorizing issuance of a special check to BMA in the amount of \$18,110, Moved By Myles Sharp, 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

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. Rose Fairley Johnson, Dr. Richard Arthur Evans, Mrs. Laura Ann Hennlein Ziegler, and Mr. Rueben Malcolm Thomas, until May 5, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, 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

Clerk

Mayor