



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Agenda City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, January 5, 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 December 22, 2020 at 1:30 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 (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu.

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

Agenda Order

Motion to Accept the Agenda with the following adjustment; add item 8 – A – Resolution – approving Engagement Letter for Municipal Advisory Services in connection with Hurricane Zeta Line of Credit, and for related purposes., add item 11 – A – Resolution – approving change in Subcontractor in connection with the Contract with Neel Schaffer, Inc., on the Interconnecting Gulfport Roadway Project and Consent Document, 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, Cara Pucheu

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointment

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for November 17, 2020.

Motion to Approve Minutes for November 17, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[November 17, 2020](#)

- 2 Ratification - of reappointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion to Ratify, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Reappointment – Melanie Clark – Civil Service Commission](#)

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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

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

- 4 Certificate of Resubdivision - divide into two new parcels zoned B-2 (General business) - located at 2720 22nd Avenue - Case # 2011PC152 - Ward 3.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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 2011PC152 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 5 Ordinance - to rezone tax parcel from T5 (Urban Center Zone) to T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus") - located at Oleander Drive - Case # 2011PC147 - Ward 2.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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):

[Ordinance 3059 - Signed](#)

- 6 Ordinance - establishing compensation for Poll Managers and others in connection with the 2021 Municipal Elections (Primaries, Run-Off/s (if required) and General) pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-229, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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):

[Ordinance 3060 - Signed](#)

- 7 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for certain position in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes. (Director of Department of Finance and Accounting)

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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 3061 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 8 Update – Oak Island Drainage.

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

- 8 – A Resolution – approving Engagement Letter for Municipal Advisory Services in connection with Hurricane Zeta Line of Credit, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Engagement Letter MAofMS – Hurricane Zeta Line of Credit - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - approving Intent to Host a Veterans Local Government Management Fellow document, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Intent to Host Veterans Local Gov Management Fellow Document - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving Subscriber Agreement with Transunion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc., and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Subscriber Agreement Transunion Risk and Alt Data Solutions - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving 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, authorizing the Mayor (or designee) to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **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):

[Resolution – Addendum 1 Neel Schaffer – BUILD Interconnecting Gulfport Project - Signed](#)

- 11 – A** Resolution – approving change in Subcontractor in connection with the Contract with Neel Schaffer, Inc., on the Interconnecting Gulfport Roadway Project and Consent Document, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

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 – Change in Subcontractor – Neel Schaffer – Interconnecting Gulfport Roadway Project Consent - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving 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, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Fourth Amendment 26th Ave Water Tank - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - confirming its willingness to participate in the repair/resurfacing of Debuys Road (north of Pass Road) with the Harrison County Board of Supervisors and the City of Biloxi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Debuys Road Repair Resurfacing – HCBOS CoB - Signed](#)

- 14** 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 Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – COVID-19 SOE Extension #14 - Signed](#)

- 15** 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 Myles Sharp, **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):

[Resolution – Hurricane Zeta SOE Extension #4 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 16** Budget Amendment #24 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from drug restitution funds.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #24, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[December 15 \(signed\)](#)

[Budget Amendments – FYE 2021-24](#)

- 17** Budget Amendment #25 - increasing line item 213 Photo & Fingerprint from police property unclaimed money.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #25, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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):

[December 16th \(signed\)](#)

[Budget Amendments – FYE 2021-25](#)

- 18 Docket of Claims - to be approved through January 6, 2021.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$1,234,028.96, Moved By
Myles Sharp, **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):

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

[Docket](#)

[Docket by Vendor](#)

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

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **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

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution – awarding bids - Signed](#)

- 20 Privilege License Report - for the month of December, 2020 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report – December 2020](#)

- 21 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to BIS, Inc. for Council Chamber A/V Upgrades - City Council - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[AV Upgrades – Council Chambers](#)

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- 22 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Clays Print Shop for Envelopes - Utility Billing - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Envelopes Utility Billing](#)

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- 23 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Covermaster Inc. for Wall Pads – (Sportsplex) Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Wall Pads Sportsplex Leisure Services Dept](#)
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- 24 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Heavenly Touch - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Tree Removal Cemetery](#)
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- 25 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to The Tree Service, LLC. - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Tree Removal Parks](#)
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- 26 Request - issuance of a special check to Hancock Whitney related to SMPDD - SMIC.

Attachment(s):

[Req 27 Hensarling signed](#)
[Memo – Fire Station #9](#)

Public Agenda

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [Mrs. Willidora Kremer](#)
- [Mrs. Camille Hines Reed](#)
- [Mr. John Mentieth Harral](#)
- [Ms. Helen Earlene Necaise](#)
- [Ms. Kelly Puckett](#)

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 1:47 P.M., 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 Closed Session at 1:47 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, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Urban Development Greg Pietrangelo, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 1:48 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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 1:49 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/light pole on Highway 49 and involving Kathleen Burton, (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property (decorative stop sign) and involving Matthew Lott, (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property (police vehicle) and involving Quentavion Johnson, (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/light pole on Highway 90 and involving Michael Byrd and Justin Obriant, (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of damaged City property/light pole on Highway 90 and involving Shereena Bell; and (6) strategy discussion with respect to prospective litigation related to Oak Island, 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

The Council entered Executive Session at 1:50 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (recused at 2:18 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Urban Development Greg Peitrangelo, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:31 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)

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion authorizing 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. Kathleen Burton – involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on April 17, 2020; (2) City of Gulfport v. Matthew Lott – involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on May 8, 2020; (3) City of Gulfport v. Quentavion Johnson – involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on June 4, 2020; (4) City of Gulfport v. Michael Byrd – involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on August 7, 2020; and (5) City of Gulfport v. Shereena Bell – involving damage to City property that occurred on or arises out of an automobile accident on September 22, 2020, 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

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. Willidora Kremer, Mrs. Camille Hines Reed, Mr. John Mentieth Harral, Ms. Helen Earlene Necaise, and Ms. Kelly Puckett, until January 19, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, Moved By Cara Pucheu, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

City Clerk

Mayor