City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes

City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, February 4, 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 January 21, 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, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in at 1:38 P.M./out at 2:09 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 amendment; delete item 22, 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

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Policy Issues

Minutes

1 Approval of Minutes - for December 3, 2019.

Motion to Approve Minutes for December 3, 2019, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote
Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Kenneth Casey (out of room), Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
December 3, 2019 Minutes

2 Approval of Minutes - for December 17, 2019.

Motion to Approve Minutes for December 17, 2019, 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, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Kenneth Casey (out of room), Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
December 17, 2019 Minutes

Code Enforcement / Planning

3 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 Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote
Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Kenneth Casey (out of room), Myles Sharp

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote
Aye: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Kenneth Casey (out of room), Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
CE Postings
Resolution - authorizing advertisement for bids - Signed

Ordinances

4 Ordinance - establishing salary range for Collections Clerk/Utility Billing Coordinator Position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Motion to Table, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

The following actions were taken after Executive Session

Motion to Take off the Table, 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

Councilmember Holmes-Hines restated her Motion to Approve at Grade 108, ranging from $29,045.42 - $41,411.83

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):
Ordinance 3025 - Signed

Resolutions

5 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 1515 Olive Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as parcel number 0811H-02-041.001.

Motion to Approve Order, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Order - 1515 Olive Avenue - Signed

6 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 859 2nd Street, Gulfport, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, and identified as parcel number 0911E-03-006.000.

Motion to Approve Order, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Order - 859 2nd Street - Signed

7 Resolution - authorizing negotiations to acquire Utility and Drainage Easement and to do any acts necessary and legal, including prosecution in Special Court of Eminent Domain, to obtain title for the City under Miss. Code Ann. § 11-27-81, et seq., and, if necessary, to expedite the “Our Road Sewer Improvement Project”, to authorize special checks to acquire the property interests stated herein, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - ED Our Road Sewer Improvements Project - Signed

8 Resolution - approving Construction Agreement with Mississippi Power Company in connection with the Courthouse Road Improvements Project, authorizing execution of the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Construction Agreement with MPC Courthouse Road - Signed

9 Resolution - approving Lease Agreement with the Gulfport School District, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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):
Resolution - Lease Agreement with Gulfport School District - Mills Avenue - Signed

10 Resolution - approving Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to provide auditing services to the City of Gulfport for the Fiscal Year End 2019 Utility Partners, LLC Reports, authorizing the Mayor (or Designee) to execute Letter Agreement on behalf of the City, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Mauldin & Jenkins FYE 2019 UP Reports - Signed

11 Resolution - approving Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Gulfport and Carter Green Investments, LLC, relative to the Annual Harbor Lights Winter Festival at Jones Park, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Sponsorship Agreement - Carter Green Investments - Harbor Lights Winter Festival - Signed

12 Resolution - authorizing the purchase of one (1) Pothole Patch Truck for the Public Works Department - Streets & Drainage Division, approving the Lease Purchase through Hancock Whitney, authorizing the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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):
Resolution - Lease Purchase Pothole Truck - Signed

13 Resolution - accepting donation of funds from Gulf Coast Community Foundation for Cinema by the Shore 2020 Season, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Gulf Coast Community Foundation Donation Cinema by the Shore - Signed

14 Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 69-27-24 (2012), 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District Contribution - Signed

15 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes. (Fire Department)

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - GFD Expenditure - Signed

16 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes. (Police Department)

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - GPD Expenditure - Signed

17 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport at the Sounds by the Sea of the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra, Inc., and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Sounds by the Sea Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Expenditure - Signed

18 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 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - CTA Advertising - Signed

19 Resolution - authorizing Application to the Natural Resource Conservation Service - Emergency Watershed Protection Program for Seaway Road and Courthouse Road, authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents required to effectuate the Application, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - NRCS - EWP - Seaway and Courthouse - Signed

20 Resolution - authorizing the City, by and through the Legal Department, to apply for Violence Against Women Act Grant Funding, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - VAWA Grant App - Signed

21 Resolution - authorizing the City, by and through the Legal Department, to apply for Victims of Crime Act Grant Funding, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - VOCA Grant App - Signed

22 Resolution - defunding certain positions upon vacancy in the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

23 Resolution - memorializing the Mississippi Legislature to pass Local and Private Legislation regarding Municipal Contributions to the Mississippi Coast Transportation Authority, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Exhibit "A" - Local and Private on funding to Coast Transit Authority

24 Resolution - respectfully requesting that Mississippi's Senators and Congressmen introduce and lead to passage a new Federal Law to be known as the "Mississippi Sound and Lake Pontchartrain Protection Act of 2020", and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Resolution - MS Sound and Lake Pontchartrain Protection Act of 2020 - Signed

25 Request - permission to complete construction of the Three Rivers from O'Neal Road to Duckworth Road Sewer Project using the Gulfport Repair & Replacement Unit Price Project Contract with DNA Underground, LLC.

Motion to Approve Request permission to complete construction of the Three Rivers from O'Neal Road to Duckworth Road Sewer Project using the Gulfport Repair & Replacement Unit Price Project Contract with DNA Underground, LLC., 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Three Rivers from O'Neal Road to Duckworth

26 Request - to establish new Collections Clerk/Utility Billing Coordinator position in Utility Billing and approve job description.

Motion to Approve Request to establish new Collections Clerk/Utility Billing Coordinator position in Utility Billing and approve job description, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):
Memorandum for Collections Clerk/Utility Billing Coordinator
Job description - UBC-Collections Clerk

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

27 Budget Amendment #31 - to transfer donated funds from Gulf Coast Community Foundation for the Cinema by the Shore.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #31, 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):
Budget Amendment to transfer funds to Cinema by the Shore
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 31

28 Budget Amendment #32 - to increase County/Local Operating supplies 277 from restitution on drug cases.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #32, 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):
January 16th(restitution)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 32

29 Budget Amendment #33 - to increase Guns/Ammo in 213 and 214-(90299) Airport from the sale of property.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #33, 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):
January 8th (213 and Airport)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 33

30 Budget Amendment #34 - to transfer funds from Sale of Scrap Steel into Motor Vehicles Account.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #34, 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):
BAPW - PLACE FUNDS FROM SALE OF SCRAP STEEL INTO WATER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT - 1-22-2020
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 34

31 Budget Amendment #35 - to increase Federal capital 276 from forfeitures.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #35, 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):
January 24th (capital)
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 35

32 Budget Amendment #36 - to increase Federal funds allocated to the 28th Street Widening Project.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #36, 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):
BAPW - ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR 28TH ST WIDENING PROJECT - 1-27-20
Approval Letter to Increase by $117k per GRPC - 1-28-2020
Budget Amendments - FYE 2020 - 36

33 Docket of Claims - to be approved through February 5, 2020.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of $1,413,331.63, 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

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 R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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

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

Attachment(s):
Resolution - Awarding/Rejecting Bids - Signed

35 Year-to-Date Budget Report - for the Month of December, 2019 - to be made a part of the minutes

Attachment(s):
Year-To-Date Budget Report - December 2019

36 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Bay Motor Winding for Rebuild 20 HP Submersible Flgyt Pump - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):
Rebuild 20 HP Submersible Flgyt Pump from Old Hwy 40 Pump Station
Memo - Rebuild 20 HP Submersible Flgyt Pump - Public Works

37 Recommendation - acceptance of Savoy Place - Part 2 - for Water and Sewer Improvements only and start of the Warranty Period.

Attachment(s):
Recommendation to Accept - Savoy Place Part 2

38 Recommendation - acceptance of Belvedere Place - Part 5 - for Water and Sewer Improvements only and start of the Warranty Period.

Attachment(s):
Recommendation to Accept Water and Sewer - Belvedere Place Part 5

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Victoria Sharpe - 1223 23rd Street

This concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

Mr. James Jimmie Lawrence Hahn, Sr.

Ms. Annie Lee Culberson

Ms. Betty Jean Fields

Mrs. Ollie Mae DeFlanders-Farmer

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 2:30 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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:32 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Clerk/Comptroller Gerard Bellocq, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers. Absent: Myles Sharp

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:37 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

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 2:38 P.M. for (1) Transaction of Business/Discussion regarding the prospective leasing of lands and other interests associated with Uniti Fiber in the Harbor/Parks area, (2) discussions or negotiations regarding expansion of Business and Industry associated with the Airport Authority, 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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:38 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Clerk/Comptroller Gerard Bellocq, Director of Public Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering Kris Riemann, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers. Absent: Myles Sharp

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:59 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

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize the City's Utility Billing Division to establish a water account in the name of and/or for the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional/International Airport Authority, whose business address is 14035 L Airport Road, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503, associated with the address of 900 Hangar Street/4300 8th Avenue in Gulfport, Mississippi with respect to City Utility Billing Account # 360015815-15241, without the necessity of a New Customer Water Service Contract being completed or executed, and that this be done without payment of a security deposit, in accordance with State Law, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Myles Sharp

The Council took up the previously tabled item #4 - see item 4 for actions taken

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. James "Jimmie" Lawrence Hahn, Sr., Ms. Annie Lee Culberson, Ms. Betty Jean Fields, and Mrs. Ollie Mae DeFlanders-Farmer, until February 18, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Council Meeting, 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

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City Clerk

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Mayor