



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

11:30 AM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

11:30 A.M.

The Mayor and Members of Council met at City Hall at 11:30 A.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Regular Meeting on September 19, 2023 at 1:30 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, and R.Lee Flowers (teleconference). **Absent:** Councilmember Richard Kosloski.

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

Declaration of Special Call Meeting

Motion to Declare a Special Called Meeting and to have the meeting notice thereof appended as Exhibit "A" to these minutes and to accept the 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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

Policy Issues

- 1 Letter - to the State Auditor associated with MDOT-owned property on 13th Street.

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** 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: Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Closed Session at 11:43 A.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers (teleconference), Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 11:44 A.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

Absent: 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 11:44 A.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation related to MDOT-owned property on 13th Street, 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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Executive Session at 11:45 A.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers (teleconference), Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 11:55 A.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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize and approve submission of letter to the State Auditor associated with MDOT-owned property on 13th Street, Moved By Kenneth Casey, 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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[September 20 2023 letter to SHAD WHITE - MDOT-owned property on 13th Street in Gulfport - DRAFT - 9 20 2023](#)

- 2 Request - from General Counsel for conflict waiver associated with representation of North Park Holdings, LLC.

Motion to waive any potential conflict of interest that may exist with respect to the law firm of Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A. and its attorneys, of whom Hugh Keating serves as a partner and is contracted to serve as general counsel for the City of Gulfport, to represent North Park Holdings, LLC about proposed amendments to a subdivision plat adjacent to or near Dedeaux Road, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, 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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn, until October 3, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By Kenneth Casey, 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

Absent: Richard Kosloski

City Clerk

Mayor



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