



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Monday, September 25, 2023

10:00 AM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

10:00 A.M.

The Mayor and Members of Council met at City Hall at 10:00 AM, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Special Call Meeting on September 20, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating (out at 6:47 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey (out at 5:23 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 10:31 A.M./ in at 4:08 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and 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 Accept the Agenda as presented, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Policy Issues

- 1 Inquiry - regarding prior actions taken with respect to 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 Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Closed Session at 10:06 A.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 10:18 A.M., Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

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 10:21 A.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of improvements/expenditures in connection with 13th Street MDOT-owned property, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

The Council entered Executive Session at 10:23 A.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 10:31 A.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, Dondi Sawyer and Mike Donaldson - Weaver Electric (10:31 - 10:45 A.M.), Ryan Busby and Bobby Knesal - H2O (10:45 - 11:01 A.M.), Director of Leisure Services Randy Wales (11:07 - 11:24 A.M.), Events Manager Billy Lehman (11:28 - 12:00 P.M.).

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 12:06 P.M., Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion Recess until 4:00 P.M., Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

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

Reconvened at 4:03 P.M. In Attendance: Kenneth Casey (out at 5:23 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 4:08 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, General Counsel Hugh Keating (out at 6:47 P.M.), City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

The Council entered Closed Session at 4:04 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 4:05 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

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 4:05 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of improvements/expenditures in connection with 13th Street MDOT-owned property, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:06 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey (out at 5:23 P.M.), Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 4:08 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, General Counsel Hugh Keating (out at 6:47 P.M.), City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Assistant Director of Public Works - Operations Tyler Gentry (4:09 - 5:22 P.M.), and Director of Finance and Accounting Todd Harman (in at 5:23 P.M.).

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 7:04 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

- 2** Resolution - regarding prior actions taken with respect to property, and for related purposes.

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 R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey

City Clerk

Mayor



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Exhibit "A"