



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

3:45 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

3:45 P.M.

The Members of Council met at City Hall at 3:45 PM, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Regular Meeting on January 16, 2024 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: CAO Wayne Miller, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (out at 4:28 P.M.), Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, **Councilmembers:** Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (Teleconference), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in at 4:38 P.M.), R. Lee Flowers, and Richard Kosloski. **Absent:** Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Councilmember Kenneth Casey.

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 to these Minutes, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

Policy Issues

- 1 Resolution - authorizing an expenditure (via in-kind donation) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the COAAC Bridging the Gap Economic Development Event, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 01302024_1 - Signed](#)

Executive Session

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:46 P.M. In attendance: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (Teleconference), Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 3:48 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey, 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 3:49 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with ambulance services, whereby an open meeting associated with this strategy would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City; and (2) transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective lease of lands associated with the City sportsplex facilities, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Myles Sharp

The Council entered Executive Session at 3:50 P.M. In attendance: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in at 4:38 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Fire Chief Billy Kelley (in at 3:52 P.M./ out at 4:05 P.M.), Director of Leisure Services Randy Wales (in at 4:06 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers (out at 4:28 P.M.), and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 4:39 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Ron Roland

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.

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, until February 6, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

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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Executive Session

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Exhibit "A"

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 30th day of January, 2024, the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE (IN THE FORM OF IN-KIND DONATION) FOR ADVERTISING AND BRINGING INTO FAVORABLE NOTICE THE OPPORTUNITIES, POSSIBILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COAAC BRIDGING THE GAP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Coalition of African American Communities (COAAC) plans to hold its Bridging the Gap Economic Development Panelist Discussion on the evening of February 1, 2024 at the Orange Grove Community Center; and

WHEREAS, COAAC has requested that the City provide an in-kind contribution in benefit of its Panelist Discussion in the form of a fee waiver for the use of the Orange Grove Community Center (\$160.00) for the event; and

WHEREAS, City of Gulfport receives advertising thru the advance promotion of this event which serves to benefit the African American communities of the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the City of Gulfport is of the opinion that the City of Gulfport benefits from such advertising by having an opportunity to promote the City of Gulfport to individuals from around the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and it finds that pursuant to the authority of Miss. Code Ann. §17-3-1 (Rev. 2003) and Miss. Code Ann. §17-3-3 (Rev.2003) that an expenditure in the form of an in-kind donation of the use of the Orange Grove Community Center to COAAC in support of its Bridging the Gap Economic Development Panelist Discussion serves the purposes of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the municipality, and shall constitute a form of

advertising or publicity that will be helpful toward advancing the moral, financial and other interests of the City of Gulfport.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

Section 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the City of Gulfport, by and through its Mayor, is hereby authorized to expend municipal funds in the form of an in-kind donation of the use of Orange Grove Community Center to COAAC in support of its Bridging the Gap Economic Development Panelist Discussion.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to law, and shall be spread upon the minutes of the Gulfport City Council.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Kosloski, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

Roland

Holmes-Hines

Walker

Flowers

Kosloski

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

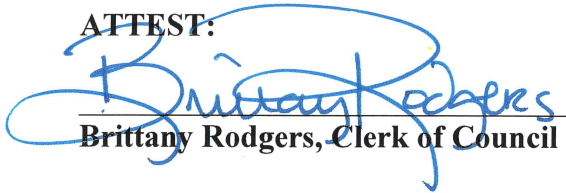
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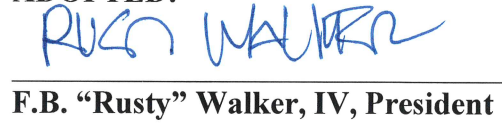
WHEREUPON the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted,
this the 30th day of January, 2024.



ATTEST:

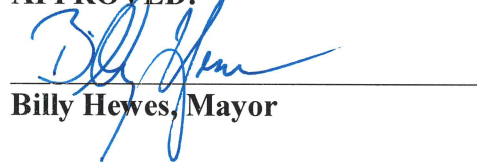

Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:


F.B. "Rusty" Walker, IV, President

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the
Mayor, this the 31st day of January, 2024.

APPROVED:


Billy Hewes, Mayor

Orange Grove

Dedeaux Rd

Dedeaux Rd

C.O.A.A.C PRESENTS

BRIDGING THE GAP

Economic Development
PANELIST DISCUSSION

FEB 1, 2024

4P-5P VENDOR SETUP/ REGISTRATION

5P-630 NETWORKING & PANELIST
DISCUSSIONS

630-7 DEDEAUX BUSINESS ALLIANCE
FORMATION



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