



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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 PM, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a Special Call Meeting on November 8, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

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

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

Agenda Order Confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order

Motion to Accept the Agenda, as presented with the following adjustments; Postpone Item 8; at the Administration's request, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointment(s)

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for October 17, 2023.

Motion to Approve October 17, 2023 Minutes, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[October 17, 2023 - Minutes](#)

- 2 Ratification - of reappointments to the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission.

Motion to Ratify reappointment, of Wayne Tisdale, to the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Motion to Ratify reappointment, of David Duhe', to the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Reappointment - GRC - Wayne Tisdale](#)

[Reappointment - GRC - David Duhe'](#)

- 3 Ratification - of reappointment to the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees.

Motion to Ratify reappointment, of Ben Vance, to the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Ben Vance - reappointment](#)

- 4 Ratification - of appointment to the Planning Commission.

Motion to Ratify appointment, of Bill Williams, to the Planning Commission, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Planning Commission - Bill Williams](#)

- 5 Ratification - of reappointment to the Planning Commission.

Motion to Ratify reappointment, of Prince Jones, to the Planning Commission, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Prince Jones - reappointment - Planning Commission](#)

- 6 Ratification - of appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Motion to Ratify appointment, of Hal Kaigler, to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Moved By Richard Kosloski, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Hal Kaigler - Appointment - Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals](#)

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 7 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 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- **Parcel 8 - Regan Kane (Owner Agent) & Billy Rubel (Contractor)**
- **Parcel 7 - Willy Hill (Owner Agent)**

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Notice of Hearing - Code Enforcement Resolution 11212023 7 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 8 Ordinance - amending Section 2-80 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

- Postponed -

- 9 Ordinance - amending Section 4-174 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3329 11212023 9 - Signed](#)

- 10 Ordinance - amending Section 8-77 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3330 11212023_10 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 11 Resolution - approving and setting dates for the Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_11 - Signed](#)

- 12 Resolution - approving Agreement with Carter Green Investments, LLC, for use of real property for parking for the 2023 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving Agreement with Gulfside Casino Partnership DBA Island View Casino Resort DBA Windance Country Club, for use of golf carts for the 2023 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving employee tickets to the Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival as an addition to the City's employee benefit package, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving Agreement with Sports Facilities Management, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Grant Agreement with the Mississippi Arts Commission for a "Building Funds for the Arts" Grant associated with the Carnegie Library and the Gulfport Galleria of Fine Art, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Grace Aaron, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 17 - Signed](#)

- 17-A** Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Bradrick Fisher, and for related purposes.

The following action was taken after the Routine Agenda:

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 17-A - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - approving Proposal from BIS Digital, Inc., 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 18 - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - approving Sponsorship Agreement with Allen Beverages, Inc., in connection with the Train Station at the Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 19 - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - approving Subaward Agreements between the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Harrison County, Mississippi, relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2023, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - approving Activation of Gulfport Regional Planning Commission - Washington Avenue Widening Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 21 - Signed](#)

- 22** Resolution - accepting donation of equipment from the Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Richard Kosloski

Nay: R. Lee Flowers

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 22 - Signed](#) .

- 23** Resolution - accepting donation of funds for a Memorial Bench and Plaque, In Memory of Laura Beth Taylor, in Bayou View Park, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 23 - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - authorizing negotiations to acquire right of way and related interests 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. Sec. 11-27-81, et seq., and, if necessary, to expedite the "Brickyard Bayou Dredge Project", authorizing special checks to acquire the property interests stated herein, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 24 - Signed](#)

- 25** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure of Opioid settlement funds in support of Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy's Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal Delivery Program, and for related purposes.

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

Motion to 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Taken off the Table without objection after Executive Session, and the President called the question.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 25 - Signed](#)

- 26** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport (Fire Department), 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 26 - Signed](#)

- 27** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport (Police Department), 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 27 - Signed](#)

- 28** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the 2023 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 28 - Signed](#)

- 29** 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 24th Annual Christmas on the Bayou Lighted Boat Parade, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 29 - Signed](#)

- 30** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with 2024 Jeepin The Coast, and for related purposes.

Motion to Table, 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, Richard Kosloski

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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Motion to Approve, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 30 - Signed](#)

- 31** Resolution - authorizing an in kind donation (in the form of a fee waiver) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal Events, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 31 - Signed](#)

- 32** Resolution - authorizing special check payable to the Mississippi Department of Transportation in connection with the Landon Road Widening Project - Railroad Signal Design Phase, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 32 - Signed](#)

- 33** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2023 Sugar Plum Festival and Parade, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 33 - Signed](#)

- 34** Resolution - authorizing recognition of Friday, November 24, 2023, in further observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, of Tuesday, December 26, 2023, in further observance of Christmas, as proclaimed by the Governor of the State of Mississippi, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023 34 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 35** Budget Amendment - Final Budget Amendment for FY 2022 - trues up revised budget to actual.

Motion to Approve Final Budget Amendment for FY 2022, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[2023 11 13 - FY22 Final Budget Amendment](#)

[010 General Fund](#)

[030 Disaster Relief](#)

[100 Capital Projects City Funded](#)

[103 Capital Projects Water Sewer](#)

[105 Capital Projects ARPA](#)

[107 Capital Projects Use Tax Bond](#)

[109 MIMA Use Tax Receipts](#)

[200 Community Development](#)

[210 Police and Fire Retirement](#)

[275 Forfeits and Seizure](#)

[300 Debt Service Ad Valorem](#)

[305 Debt Service Use Tax Bond](#)

[400 Water Sewer](#)

[405 Solid Waste](#)

[420 Harbor Operations](#)

[430 Harbor Lights](#)

[500 Group Health and Life](#)

[510 Claims Contingency](#)

[FY22 Final Budget Amendment combined](#)

- 36** Budget Amendment #16 - establishing BFA Grant Project for Carnegie Library.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #16, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-16 Nov 21
2023 11 14 - Carnegie Library Grant](#)

- 37** Budget Amendment #17 - appropriating donated funds for Memorial Bench and Plaque, In Memory of Laura Beth Taylor, in Bayou View Park.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #17, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-17
Budget Amendment Memo - Memorial Bench - Laura Beth Taylor](#)

- 38** Docket of Claims - to be approved through November 22, 2023.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$6,444,242.84, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11212023_38 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda as presented, 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, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Myles Sharp

- 39** Acknowledgment - of previously approved and subsequently executed Agreements, Contracts, and/or Documents - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[MOU - AMR - 10032023 46 - Executed](#)

[MOA - NSWC Crane GPD - 11072023 10 - Executed](#)

[Overstreet Agreement - 11072023 11 - Executed](#)

[PSN SubGrant - 11072023 19 - Executed](#)

[Supplemental Agreement No. 2 Landon Road Widening Project - 09192023 7 - Executed](#)

- 40** Code Enforcement Notice(s) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices](#)

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Memorandum](#)

- 41** Memo from Building Supervisor - acknowledging receipt of MAC Grant Application for Carnegie Library and MAC Grant Award.

Attachment(s):

[MEMO - 11 14 2023 - from Building Supervisor to Mayor and Council - Carnegie Library MAC grant](#)

[Notice of grant award from MAC - 10 27 2023](#)

[Application for Carnegie Library MAC grant - 2023](#)

- 42** Public Records Request - for the month of October 2023 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[October 2023 Records Request](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- James Spears - 13987 John Clark Road

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [Mr. Albert Necaise](#)
- [Mrs. Anna Mae Spraggins](#)

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 Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ron Roland, Myles Sharp

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:26 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey (in at 3:28 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, 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 3:28 P.M., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Richard Kosloski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ron Roland, 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 3:29 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Christine Johnson (USA Insurance Company) that resulted in damage to a City sign; (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Rolanda Cain and owned by U-Haul (RepWest Insurance Company) that resulted in damages to a City fire truck; (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Felipe Vega and which was owned by Sandra and Idalia Ortiz (insured by Progressive Insurance Company) to a City fire truck; (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Alexis Farrel and owned by Jason Thomas that resulted in damage to a City police vehicle; (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Sara Chiasson (State Farm Insurance Company) that resulted in damages to a City light pole; (6) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of utility services involving Elaine Spears; (7) transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective leasing of lands or parts thereof at the City sportsplex facilities; (8) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with the vacation of right-of-way along N. Wright Avenue; (9) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving an effort to vacate a City right-of-way by the Brandhorsts; and (10) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with overpayment of monies involving elected official, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ron Roland, Myles Sharp

The Council entered Executive Session at 3:32 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (Teleconference – in at 3:36 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines (Recused at 3:58 P.M. for Executive Session Reason (10)), Rusty Walker, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Public Works and Engineering Wayne Miller (in at 3:45 P.M. - out at 4:00 P.M.), Director of Finance and Accounting Todd Harman (in at 4:00 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 4:21 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Move to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$69.31 from USA Insurance in settlement of the City's property damage arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on September 16, 2023, when a vehicle owned by this company's insured, Christine Johnson, collided with a street sign belonging to the City of Gulfport, causing damages and that the Mayor and City Attorney's office be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this settlement on behalf of the City, including, without limitation, any releases of settlement agreements., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Move to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$1,065.00 from RepWest Insurance in settlement of the City's property damage arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on September 29, 2023, when a vehicle being operated by Rolanda Cain and owned by this company's insured, U-Haul, collided with a City of Gulfport Fire Department vehicle, causing the vehicle to require inspection to ladder equipment and that the Mayor and City Attorney's office be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this settlement on behalf of the City, including, without limitation, any releases it settlement agreements, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Move to authorize the City Attorney's office to take whatever steps may be required to pursue and collect on the City's claim against Sandra and Idalia Ortiz, and the driver of the vehicle, Felipe Vega, including filing suit in the appropriate court, arising out of an automobile accident which occurred on July 22, 2023, when Vega caused a collision with a Gulfport Fire Department Fire Engine, and I further move that the City Attorney's Office and Mayor be authorized to execute any and all releases/titles/bills of sale or any other document as may be required to effectuate settlement of the claim., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Move to authorize the City Attorney and his staff to take any and all actions necessary, including the submission of claims and 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 monies for the City against Alexis Farrell and Jason Thomas and all others responsible, including filing suit in the appropriate court, arising out of an automobile accident which occurred on October 4, 2023, when the vehicle owned by Thomas and driven by Farrell, struck and damaged a City vehicle., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Move to authorize the City Attorney and his staff to take any and all actions necessary, including the submission of claims and 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 monies for the City against Sara Chiasson and all others responsible, including filing suit in the appropriate court, arising out of an automobile accident which occurred on September 14, 2022, when the vehicle she was driving caused damage to a light pole owned by the City., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Move to authorize the City Attorney's office, by and through the Legal Department, to retain Everette Ladner, III of Valbridge Property Advisors and Jason Garner of Global Valuations to perform fair market appraisals of the rental rate for certain office and maintenance spaces at the Gulfport Sportsplex and Goldin Sportsplex, with the total cost thereof for both appraisals to not exceed \$7,500, and with the costs to be split equally between the City of Gulfport and Sports Facilities Management, LLC., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn at 4:32 P.M., in memory of Mr. Albert Necaise, Mrs. Anna Mae Spraggins, and Mr. Kenyatta Demayre Braxton, until December 5, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ron Roland, Myles Sharp

City Clerk

Mayor

Agenda Adjustments

17 – A Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Bradrick Fisher, and for related purposes.