



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, November 7, 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 Regular Meeting on October 17, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Leonard Papania, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas,
Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, and Richard Kosloski.

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, with the following adjustments; postpone items 3, 8 and 9, at the Administration's request, and amend item 71's title removing "petty cash" and adding "cash change", Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Motion to Suspend the Rules for discussion related to the request by the Administration to postpone items 17 and 21, Moved By Myles Sharp, 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, Richard Kosloski

The President called the question.

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Richard Kosloski

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Flowers objected about precedent being set.

Motion to Suspend the Rules for public comments pertaining to "Youth Football Game", Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council regarding "Youth Football Game":

- **Mr. Brant Pettis**
- **Mr. Brantley Ellison**
- **Mr. Thad Rhodes**
- **Ms. Lauren Carter**

The President called Recess at 2:27 P.M.; Resumed at 2:34 P.M.

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointment

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for October 3, 2023.

Motion to Approve October 3, 2023 Minutes, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, 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):

[October 3, 2023 - Minutes](#)

Code Enforcement / Planning

- 2 Code Enforcement Hearing - on resolution to declare that certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

There being no one present to object or address the Council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[NOTIFICATION LETTERS - CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING](#)

[Resolution 11072023 2 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

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

- Postponed -

- 4** 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 Ron Roland, Seconded by Richard Kosloski

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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

- 5** Ordinance - amending Section 4-175 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 Richard Kosloski

Vote: Motion Failed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Richard Kosloski, R.Lee Flowers

Nay: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Myles Sharp

Abstain: Rusty Walker

Motion to Reconsider, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By None, Seconded by None**Vote:** Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski**Nay:** Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp**Attachment(s):**[Ordinance 3327 11072023 5 - Signed](#)

- 6 Ordinance - amending Section 9-50(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Richard Kosloski**Vote:** Motion Failed By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Ron Roland**Nay:** Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

- 7 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) " Utility Billing Customer Service Supervisor" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ella Holmes-Hines**Vote:** Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski**Nay:** Myles Sharp**Attachment(s):**[Ordinance 3328 11072023 7 - Signed](#)**Resolutions**

- 8 Resolution - approving Application by Seaway Business Center, LLC, for a municipal ad valorem tax exemption, not to include school district taxes for a period of ten (10) years for capital investment and to authorize the exemption on certain tangible and real property pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., as amended, sec. 27-31-101, et seq., and for related purposes.

- Postponed -

- 9 Resolution - approving certain amenities associated with the Harbor Lights Winter Festival as an employee benefit, and for related purposes.

- Postponed -

- 10 Resolution - approving Cooperation with Civilian Law Enforcement Officials Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Navy, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 10 - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving Engineering Services Agreement with Overstreet and Associates, PLLC, for the Coffee Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 11 - Signed](#)

- 12 Resolution - approving Harbor Lights Winter Festival Sponsorship Program for 2023 - 2025, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 12 - Signed](#)

- 13 Resolution - approving the Operating Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Navy Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Proposal of the Coast Transit Authority for 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023_14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - authorizing rejection of proposals for engineering services associated with Municipal and County Water Infrastructure projects and re-advertising for the same; 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023_15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023_16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving Service Agreement with Mississippi Aquarium for "Go Photo" Training Services, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023_17 - Signed](#)

- 18 Resolution - approving Modification No. 1 to Subaward Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding the North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 18 - Signed](#)

- 19 Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to accept the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 19 - Signed](#)

- 20 Resolution - accepting donation of goods from Walmart in support of the City's 2023 Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Contest, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 20 - Signed](#)

- 21 Resolution - authorizing the appropriation and payment of funds to South Mississippi Planning & Development District in support of the Harbor Lights Winter Festival, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: R. Lee Flowers

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 21 - Signed](#)

The President called recess at 4:11 P.M.; Resumed at 4:31 P.M.

- 22** Resolution - authorizing contribution to the Mississippi Coast Transit Authority, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 22 - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-67(a), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 23 - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to CASA of Harrison County, Inc., pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-19-65 and 21-17-1(8) (rev. 2015), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 24 - Signed](#)

- 25** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-19-65 and 21-17-1(8) (rev. 2015), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 25 - Signed](#)

- 26** Resolution - authorizing the donation of funds to Gulfport Main Street Association, in accord with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-19-44.1, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 26 - Signed](#)

- 27** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Harrison County Library System pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 39-3-79(3) (2015), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 27 - Signed](#)

- 28** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Mental Health Association of South Mississippi pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-19-65 and 21-17-1(8), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 28 - Signed](#)

- 29** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the O'Keefe Educational Media d/b/a Disability Connection pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-19-65 and 21-17-1(8) (Rev. 2015), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 29 - Signed](#)

- 30** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Women's Resource Center pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-19-65 and 21-17-1(8) (Rev. 2015), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 30 - Signed](#)

- 31** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport for Gulfport High School's Team Fusion 364, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 31 - Signed](#)

- 32** 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 Harrison County Career & Technical Center Engineering & Robotics Program (TSA), 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 32 - Signed](#)

- 33** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure of funds in support of the Harrison County Motor Vehicles for Hire Authority, pursuant to Interlocal Agreement, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 33 - Signed](#)

- 34** 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: Myles Sharp, Ron Roland, Richard Kosloski, Kenneth Casey, R.Lee Flowers, Rusty Walker, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 34 - Signed](#)

- 35** 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 Forest Heights Outreach Association's Community Gospel Extravaganza, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 35 - Signed](#)

- 36** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure (in the form of an in-kind donation) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with Wounded Warrior Project, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 36 - Signed](#)

- 37** Resolution - approving issuance of special check for Invoices 1090352 (1) and 1091159 (2) for the Gulfport Commerce Corridor Project, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 37 - Signed](#)

- 38** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for Keesler Federal Credit Union's Hewes Building Brick Restoration Project, and for related purposes. (parking spaces)

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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 38 - Signed](#)

- 39** Resolution - reconfirming and extending the status of a State of Emergency due to the impacts of Hurricane Zeta on the City of Gulfport, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 39 - Signed](#)

- 40** Resolution - reconfirming and extending the status of a State of Emergency due to the impacts of Hurricane Ida on the City of Gulfport, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023 40 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 41** Budget Amendment #2 - funding Engineering Services Contract for Gulfport Commerce Corridor Project. (no publication needed)

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #2, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-02](#)

- 42** Budget Amendment #3 - funding Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract, and Supplemental Agreement 2 for Preliminary Engineering for Landon Road Widening Project. (no publication needed)

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #3, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-03](#)

- 43** Budget Amendment #4 - appropriating funds for FY 2024 Alcohol Grant.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #4, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-04](#)

- 44** Budget Amendment #5 - appropriating funds for FY 2024 Traffic Grant.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #5, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-05](#)

- 45** Budget Amendment #6 - appropriating funds for FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #6, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-06](#)

- 46** Budget Amendment #7 - appropriating funds for FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #7, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-07](#)

- 47** Budget Amendment #8 - increasing line item 213 Photo & Fingerprint from PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #8, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-08](#)

- 48** Budget Amendment #9 - increasing line item 213 Vehicles from Southern Recycling LLC.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #9, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-09](#)

- 49** Budget Amendment #10 - appropriating funds for FY 2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #10, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-10](#)

- 50** Budget Amendment #11 - increasing line item 213 Photo & Fingerprint from PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #11, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-11](#)

- 51** Budget Amendment #12 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from drug-related restitution.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #12, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-12](#)

- 52** Budget Amendment #13 - increasing line item 277 Capital Outley from PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #13, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-13](#)

- 53** Budget Amendment #14 - increasing Contractual Services line item - Harbor Lights.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #14, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-14](#)

- 54** Budget Amendment #15 - funding purchase orders written in FY2023 and paid in FY2024.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #15, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment 2024-15](#)

- 55** Budget Amendment #16 - establishing projects paid for with FY 2023 General Fund surplus.

Motion to Postpone indefinitely, 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

- 56** Docket of Claims - to be approved through November 8, 2023.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$1,860,131.35, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Myles Sharp, Rusty Walker, Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 11072023_56 - 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

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

Attachment(s):

[HCSD SRO Contract 08082023 16 - Executed](#)
[HSSM Agreement for Sheltering Services 09192023 5 - Executed](#)
[Homeland Security Grant 23HS202T - 101723 14 - Executed](#)
[GCRF -Second Amended and Restated Grant Agreement - Flood Control and Drainage Forest Heights Project 08082023 24 - Executed](#)
[North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant Sand Filters Project - MOU with MDEQ 06062023 24 - Executed](#)
[Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Force Main Connection at West Biloxi Wastewater Treatment Plant Project - MOU with MDEQ 06062023 22 - Executed](#)
[North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project - MOU with MDEQ 06062023 23 - Executed](#)
[Citywide Lift Station Rehabilitation Project - MOU with MDEQ 06062023 21 - Executed](#)
[Pickering Firm - Landon Road Widening Project - Supplemental Agreement No. 2 - 09192023 7 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[NOTIFICATION LETTERS CHAPTER 3](#)
[CODE ENFORCEMENT CHAPTER 3 MEMORANDUM](#)

- 59 Privilege License Report - for the month of September, 2023 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - September 2023](#)

- 60 Privilege License Report - for the month of October, 2023 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - October 2023](#)

- 61 Legal Notice - advertisement for Reverse Auction of LED Roadway Lighting Fixtures and Poles for Dedeaux Road and Courthouse Road - Public Works.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement-Gulfport Street Lights 2023](#)

- 62 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFQ for Engineering Services for The City Wide Lift Station Rehabilitation.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Advertisement](#)

- 63 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFQ for Engineering Services for The Debuys Road Pump Station Project.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Advertisement](#)

- 64 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFQ for Engineering Services of the Hydraulic Model for Gulfport's Water Distribution System.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Ad](#)

- 65 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFQ for Engineering Services for The MS Infrastructure Modernization Act-Paving Infrastructure Project.

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[Legal Advertisement](#)

- 66 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFQ for Engineering Services for The North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant - Headworks and Sandfilters Project.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Advertisement](#)

- 67 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFP for Professional Auditing Services.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice - Auditor FYE 2023](#)

[RFP - Auditor FYE 2023](#)

- 68 Legal Notice - advertisement for Term Contract Group C8.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice - C8](#)

- 69 Ratification - of receipt of termination of property leases to Waste Pro of Mississippi, Inc. - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Release of Use of City Property - Waste Pro of Mississippi, Inc.](#)

- 70 Ratification - Ward/Hariel Cemetery Deeds - to be spread across the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Signed Deeds - Ward and Hariel](#)

- 71 Request - cash change fund for the 2023 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival.

Attachment(s):

[Letter of Request - HL 23 Petty Cash](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Mr. Anthony York – 13255 Twin Drive
- Mrs. Sarah York – 13255 Twin Drive
- Ms. Janette Kopp – 13259 Roxbury Place
- Ms. Glenda Poulos – 13342 Roxbury Place
- Mr. Mike Madden – 13326 Carriage Circle
- Mr. Cedric McCaskill – 328 Tandy Drive

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [Mr. Earsell Collier, Jr.](#)
- [Ms. Linda Miller Sharp](#)
- [Ms. Linda Miller Sharp](#)
- [Ms. Margaret Lizana Dibble](#)

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 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 5:17 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, Ella Holmes-Hines, R. Lee Flowers, Myles Sharp, Richard Kosloski (in at 5:19 P.M.), Mayor Billy Hewes (out at 5:20 P.M.), CAO Leonard Papania (out at 5:20 P.M.), General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas (out at 5:33 P.M.).

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 5:35 P.M., 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, 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 5:36 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Tammy Michelle Muller (State Farm Insurance Company) that resulted in damage to a City police vehicle; (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Ilana Haas (Progressive Insurance Company) that resulted in damage to a City light pole; (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of an auto incident involving a vehicle being operated by Carl Washington (GEICO Insurance Company) that resulted in damage to a City police vehicle; (7) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of utility services involving Elaine Spears; (8) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of agreements with Sports Facilities Management; and (10) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out 13th street, Moved By R. Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

The Council entered Executive Session at 5:37 P.M. In attendance: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland (in at 5:39 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes (out at 6:12 P.M.), CAO Leonard Papania (out at 6:12 P.M.), General Counsel Hugh Keating, City Attorney Jeff Bruni (out at 6:49 P.M.), Director of Public Works and Engineering Wayne Miller (in at 5:39 P.M. – out at 5:41 P.M.), Director of Leisure Services Randy Wales (in at 5:45 P.M. – out 6:11 P.M.), Director of Finance and Accounting Todd Harman (in at 5:52 P.M. – out at 6:11 P.M.), Purchasing Agent Jessica Versiga (in at 6:11 P.M. – out at 6:52 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 6:52 P.M., Moved By R. Lee Flowers, 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, Richard Kosloski

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$11,220.00 from State Farm Insurance in settlement of the City's property damage arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on March 10, 2023 when a vehicle owned by this company's insured, Tammy Michelle Muller collided with Gulfport Police Department Unit 4001, 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 or settlement agreements. Moved By R. Lee Flowers, 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, Richard Kosloski

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$1,409.96 from Progressive Insurance in settlement of the City's property damage arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on August 24, 2023 when a vehicle owned by this company's insured, Ilama Haas collided with a street light 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 or settlement agreements. 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, Myles Sharp, R. Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$6,211.39 from GEICO Insurance in settlement of the City's property damage arising out of an automobile accident that occurred on April 3, 2023 when a vehicle owned by this company's insured, Carl Washington collided with Gulfport Police Department Unit 3988, 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 or settlement agreements. Moved By R. Lee Flowers, 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, Richard Kosloski

Motion to authorize payment in full settlement of the Utility Bill Dispute, in the amount of \$2,700, and authorize issuance of special check for the same to Elaine Spears, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, 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

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. Earsell Collier Jr., Ms. Linda Miller Sharp, and Ms. Margaret Lizana Dibble, until November 21, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, 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, Richard Kosloski

City Clerk

Mayor