



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

1:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

1:30 PM

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 Called Meeting on January 23, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Deputy Clerk of Council, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski. **Absent:** Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers

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

Agenda Order

Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order

Motion to Approve Agenda with the following adjustments; delete item 3; at the Administration's request., Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Ratification - of appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Motion to Ratify appointment of Mack McCree to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Appointment - Zoning Board - McCree - Ward 7](#)

Hearings / Appeals

- 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 Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, 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 Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 2 - Signed](#)

Recommendations

- 3 Recommendation from Planning Commission to Approve Final Plat - of 102-lot subdivision (The Island Townhomes) - on property zoned R-2 (Single-family) - East Taylor Road - Case #2503CC027 - Ward 5.

- Deleted -

Ordinances

- 4 Ordinance - amending Chapter 8 of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi's Code of Ordinances to establish an Advisory Youth Sports and Recreation Commission, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3479 02042025 4 – Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 5** Resolution - approving amendments to the Employee Handbook regarding Sections 7.02, 7.04, 10.01, and 10.04, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 5 - Signed](#)

- 6** Resolution - approving Award to Gulf Breeze Construction, Inc., for Repairs to Libby Milner Roland Pier Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 6 - Signed](#)

- 7** Resolution - approving a Replacement Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Mississippi Transportation Commission in connection with the Old Highway 49 Pedestrian Improvements Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Richard Kosloski, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Resolution - approving Standard Lease Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for the purpose of providing upgraded lighting equipment at the Central Fire Station, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 8 – Signed](#)

- 9** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to accept ownership of forfeited or seized vehicle and funds, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 9 - Signed](#)

- 10** 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 Northwood Church at Jones Park Event, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 10 - Signed](#)

- 11** 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 the Pink Pop-Up Shop and Community Expo Sponsored by LIFT MGCCO, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** 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 The Soar Event: The Blackout Sponsored by LIFT MGCCO, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - submitting proposed urban renewal plan associated with the Health Care Services Urban Renewal District to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation, authorizing and setting public hearing, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** 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** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 14 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 15** Docket of Claims - to be approved through February 5, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount \$2,111,627.84, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 02042025 15 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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

Attachment(s):

[Central Pipe Supply, Inc. 12172024 18 - Executed](#)

[JH Wright & Associates, Inc. 12172024 19 - Executed](#)

[Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. 12172024 17 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices](#)

- 18** Legal Notice - advertisement for sealed bids for Richards Bayou Dredging Project.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement for Bids Richards Bayou](#)

- 19** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Mac Haik for a Ford Maverick - Code Enforcement - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Ford Maverick - Mac Haik - Code Enforcement](#)

- 20** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Mid South Uniform and Supply for uniforms - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Uniforms - Mid South Uniform - Police](#)

- 21** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Pine Belt for a Ford F-150 - Engineering Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Pine Belt - Ford F -150 - Engineering](#)

Public Agenda

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- **Former Councilmember Mr. William Gardner Hewes Jr.**
- **Miss Makenzie Nancy Albright**
- **Mr. Benny Roy Easterling**
- **Mr. Darren Scott Derouen**
- **Mr. Paul Buskirk**
- **Mr. Willie Arnette Williams**
- **Mrs. Dorothy Temple Dedeaux-Smith**
- **Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham Newman**
- **Mrs. Lynn Flotron Bell**
- **Mrs. Robbie Joan Jo Walters**
- **Mrs. Shelley Cummings**

Executive Session

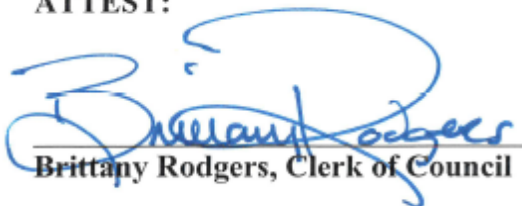
Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Motion to Adjourn in memory of Former Councilmember Mr. William Gardner Hewes Jr., Miss Makenzie Nancy Albright, Mr. Benny Roy Easterling, Mr. Darren Scott Derouen, Mr. Paul Buskirk, Mrs. Dorothy Temple Dedeaux-Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham Newman, Mrs. Lynn Flotron Bell, Mrs. Robbie Joan "Jo" Walters, Mrs. Shelley Cummings, until February 18, 2025 at 1:30 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

ATTEST:



Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council

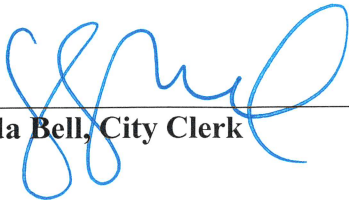
ADOPTED:



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

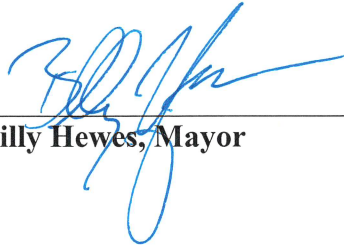
The above and foregoing minutes having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this
the 5th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:



Rashida Bell, City Clerk

ADOPTED:



Billy Hewes, Mayor