



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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 Regular Meeting on October 8, 2024, at 1:30 P.M.

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

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, add item 2 – A – Ordinance – providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) “Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting” position, and for related purposes.; add item 4 – A – Resolution - approving Agreement with Gulfside Casino Partnership associated with the use of golf carts for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, and for related purposes.; add item 5 – A – Resolution - approving License Agreement with Carter Green Investments, LLC, for use of real property for parking for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Festival, and for related purposes.; add item 9 – A - Resolution - approving Rental Agreement Renewal with Cintas Corporation, and for related purposes.; add item 12 – A – Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the Morning Star Baptist Church Annual Fall Festival, and for related purposes.; add item 17 – A – Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with Gulfport Main Street Association's 2024 Gumbo Fest, and for related purposes.; delete item 2, at the Administration's request; and delete "New Business" discussion item, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for September 17, 2024.

Motion to Approve Minutes for September 17, 2024, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[September 17, 2024 Minute Summary](#)

Ordinances

- 2 Ordinance - amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, to add Article XXII "Operation of Low-Speed Vehicles", and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

- 2 - A Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting" position, 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3458 10222024_2 - A - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 3 Resolution - accepting the support of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to certain road/right of way improvements in the City, and obtaining approval of said support by the Board, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_3 - Signed](#)

- 4 Resolution - approving Activation of Gulf Regional Planning Commission - Seaway Road Pedestrian Pathway Project - Phase II, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 4 - Signed](#)

- 4 - A Resolution - approving Agreement with Gulfside Casino Partnership associated with the use of golf carts for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 4 - A - Signed](#)

- 5 Resolution - approving Award to and Contract with Weaver Electric, Inc., for Electrical Services Unit Price Project, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 5 - Signed](#)

- 5 - A Resolution - approving License Agreement with Carter Green Investments, LLC, for use of real property for parking for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 5 - A - Signed](#)

- 6 Resolution - approving Memorandum of Agreement with Mississippi Transportation Commission for the Washington Avenue Widening Project, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_6 - Signed](#)

- 7 Resolution - approving Proposal of BIS Digital, Inc., and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_7 - Signed](#)

- 8 Resolution - approving Proposal and Terms and Conditions with Converjint Technologies, LLC, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_8 - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - approving, nunc pro tunc, Renewal of Rental Agreement between the City of Gulfport and South Mississippi Business Machines of Gulfport, Inc., and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_9 - Signed](#)

- 9 - A** Resolution - approving Rental Agreement Renewal with Cintas Corporation, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 9 - A - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving Third Amended and Restarted Grant Agreement with Mississippi Development Authority for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant associated with the Forest Heights Improvements Project, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 10 - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving Third Amendment to the Contract with H2O Innovation Operation and Maintenance, LLC, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2024 Memorial Health System's Community Trunk or Treat, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 12 - Signed](#)

- 12 - A** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the Morning Star Baptist Church Annual Fall Festival, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 12 - A - Signed](#)

- 13** 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 Passed 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 10222024 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - authorizing acceptance of Utility Easement from Elliott Land Developments, LLC, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Boy 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 Passed 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 10222024 15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-57, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** 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 Junior Auxiliary of Gulfport's 2024 Charity Ball, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 17 - Signed](#)

- 17 - A** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with Gulfport Main Street Association's 2024 Gumbo Fest, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 17 - A - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - ratifying Memorandum of Understanding between the Harrison County Senior Resources Agency and the City of Gulfport concerning the Harrison County Senior Companion Program, and for related purposes.

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024 18 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 19 Docket of Claims - to be approved through October 23, 2024.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$2,654,437.45, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 10222024_19 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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

Attachment(s):

[GSD - SRO 08062024_14 - Executed](#)

[HCSD - SRO 08062024_15 - Executed](#)

[Redistricting Contract HC Circuit Clerk 09172024_9 - Executed](#)

[LPA Agreement TL Wallace Reconstruction of Landon Road 09032024_17 EX-B - Executed](#)

[ID Application and Subscriber Agreement with Interactive Data, LLC 10082024_46 - Executed](#)

[Uniti IP Justification 10082024_47 - Executed](#)

[Letter of Authorization to Cspire Fiber 10082024_101 - Executed](#)

- 21 Legal Notice - advertisement for a Reverse Auction of a Fiberglass Console Boat for the Police Department.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement- GPD Reverse Auction - Fiberglass Center Console Boat](#)

- 22 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Baudier's Flooring for carpet at Santa's Village - Harbor Lights - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Baudier's Flooring for Santa's Village carpet - 2024 GHLWF](#)

- 23** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Swetman Security for security at the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival - Harbor Lights - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Swetman Security - 2024 GHLWF](#)

- 24** Public Records Request - for the month of September 2024 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Request Report - September 2024](#)

- 25** Ratification - of Oaths of Office - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Jasmine Jones - Oath of Office](#)

[Pareesha McKay - Oath of Office](#)

- 26** Discussion - regarding Notices of Claims and requests for AG Opinions.

- Deleted -

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Mr. Rick Edelen - 2501 Gulf Avenue
- Mr. Nick Ray - Blackdog Builders, Owner
- Ms. Sandra Wyche - P.O. Box 1234
- Mr. Kealvin Barnett – 129 Holly Circle
- Mr. Delaney Mecham - 20 E 52nd Street
- Ms. Hannah Shirley - 20 E 52nd Street

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

[Mrs. Ann Slayden Pringle](#)

[Mrs. Barbara Ann Thomas Salloum](#)

[Ms. Barbara Babs Carrubba](#)

[Mr. Jacob Welch III](#)

[Mr. Robert Darryl Breckenridge](#)

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 Mrs. Ann Slayden Pringle, Ms. Barbara "Babs" Carruba, Mrs. Barbara Ann Thomas Salloum, Mr. Darryl Breckenridge, Mr. Jacob Welch III, and Mr. Ralph Dale Young, until November 5, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed 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

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