



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, November 19, 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 November 5, 2024, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes (out at 3:00 P.M.), 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/in-person at 1:48 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (in on Teleconference at 1:51 P.M.), R.Lee Flowers, and 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 Approve Agenda with the following adjustments; add item 1 – A – Ratification – of reappointment to Coast Transit Authority Board of Commissioners.; add item 8 – A – Ordinance – regulating the possession of certain weapons at public meetings in City Hall, and for related purposes.; and add item 34 – A - Request - authorization for issuance of special check for the change fund for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival; previously approved on October 8, 2024., Moved By Ron Roland, **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

Absent: Myles Sharp

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for October 22, 2024.

Motion to Approve Minutes for October 22, 2024, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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

Absent: Myles Sharp

Attachment(s):

[October 22, 2024 - Minutes](#)

- 1 – A Ratification - of reappointment to Coast Transit Authority Board of Commissioners.

Motion to Ratify reappointment of Ricky Cox to the Coast Transit Authority Board of Commissioners, Moved By Ron Roland, **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):

[Reappointment Letter - Ricky Cox - CTA Board of Commissioners](#)

Hearings / Appeals

- 2 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 Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Ms. Susie Curtis - Parcel #11

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

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 11192024 2 - Signed](#)

Recommendations

- 3 Recommendation from City Engineer to Accept for Perpetual Maintenance - Swan Ridge Subdivision infrastructure, excluding roadway.

Motion to Accept Swan Ridge Subdivision infrastructure for perpetual maintenance, excluding roadway, Moved By Ron Roland, **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):

[Recommendation - Swan Ridge Subdivision - Perpetual Maintenance excluding roadway](#)

- 4 Recommendation from Planning Commission to Amend Zoning Ordinance - (amending Zoning Map to rezone property to B-1 (Neighborhood Business)) - 1804 33rd Avenue - Case #2410PC162 - Ward 1.

President Walker suspended the rules without objection.

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

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 3464 11192024 4 - Signed](#)

- 5 Recommendation from Planning Commission to Amend Zoning Ordinance - (amending Zoning Map to rezone property to T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus")) - 153 Markham Drive - Case #2410PC160- Ward 2.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ron Roland, **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 3465 11192024 5 - Signed](#)

- 6** Recommendation from Planning Commission to Amend Zoning Ordinance - (amending Zoning Map to rezone property to T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus")) - Oleander Drive - Case #2410PC163 - Ward 2.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ron Roland, **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 3466 11192024 6 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 7** Ordinance - providing for removal or deletion of the "Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting" position from the City of Gulfport, Mississippi's Salary Grade Schedule, 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 3467 11192024 7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "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 3468 11192024 8 - Signed](#)

- 8 – A** Ordinance - regulating the possession of certain weapons at public meetings in City Hall, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Motion to Table, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, Richard Kosloski

Nay: Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, R.Lee Flowers

The following actions were taken after Executive Session.

Motion to Take off the Table, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ron Roland**Vote:** Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski**Nay:** Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp**The President called the question on to Motion.****Vote:** Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski**Nay:** Kenneth Casey, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp**Attachment(s):**[Ordinance 3469 11192024 8-A - Signed](#)**Resolutions**

- 9** Resolution - approving Agreement for Crossing Extension at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard with Kansas City Southern Railway Company, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, 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 11192024 9 - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving Agreements with Swetman Security Service, Inc. for Security Services at City Hall and Municipal Court, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers**Vote:** Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote**Aye:** Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski**Nay:** Kenneth Casey, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp**Attachment(s):**[Resolution 11192024_10 - VETOED](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving Amendment No. 2 to Contract with GPT SFM, LLC for Operation and Maintenance of Sportsplex Facilities, 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 11192024 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Engagement of additional Professionals (Dukes, Keating, Hatten, McRaney, Blum, P.A. Law Firm) relating to the issuance of Bonds on behalf of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, and for related purposes

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 11192024_12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving award to Mosca Design in connection with reverse auction for the purchase of lights 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 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 11192024_13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport, by and through the Gulfport Fire Department, to apply to the Mississippi Department of Health for Grant Funding from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, 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 11192024_14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - authorizing the Gulfport Police Department to participate in the 2024 Bulletproof Vest 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 11192024_15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure in support of the 2025 Gulf Coast Legislative Reception, 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 11192024_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 Annual Wreaths Across America 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 11192024_17 - Signed](#)

- 18** 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 2024 Christmas on the Bayou Boat Parade, 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 11192024_18 - Signed](#)

- 19** 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 2024 Christmas on the Bayou Boat Parade, 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 11192024_19 - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2024 Sugar Plum Christmas Parade, 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 11192024_20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - authorizing recognition of Friday, November 29, 2024, in further observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and of Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 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 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 11192024_21 - Signed](#)

- 22** Resolution - designating Applicant Agent for the City of Gulfport in connection with Hurricane Zeta, 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 11192024_22 - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - designating Applicant Agent for the City of Gulfport in connection with Hurricane Ida, 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 11192024_23 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 24** Budget Amendment #19 - increasing line item 286 Capital (CNET) from restitution.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #19, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-19](#)

- 25** Budget Amendment #20 - increasing line item 213 Photo & Fingerprint from PropertyRoom.com.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #20, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-20](#)

- 26** Budget Amendment #21 - appropriating funds for the 2024 Christmas on the Bayou Boat Parade.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #26, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-21](#)

- 27** Budget Amendment #22 - appropriating funds of MOHS Grant 24HS202T in the Fire Department budget.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #22, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-22](#)

- 28** Budget Amendment #23 - transferring funds from State Wireless Fund to Communication Equipment within the Police Department Budget.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #23, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-23](#)

- 29** Docket of Claims - to be approved through November 20, 2024.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$3,417,707.75, 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 11192024 29 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as amended, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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

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

Attachment(s):

[TL Wallace Contract - Landon Road Widening Project 09032024 17 - Executed](#)
[Cintas Facility Services Rental Service Agreement 10082024 50 - Ex A - Executed](#)
[Cintas Facility Services Rental Service Agreement PD 10082024 50 - Ex B - Executed](#)
[Cintas Facility Rental Service Agreement Municipal Court 10222024 9-A - Executed](#)
[MAofMS Engagement Letter - MHG Bond Issue 11052024 12 - Executed](#)
[Balch & Bingham Engagement Letter - MHG Bond Issue 11052024 12 - Executed](#)
[Amendments to GPT SFM, LLC Agreement 11052024 14-B - Executed](#)
[Frank Viscuso Standard Speaker's Agreement 11052024 16 - Executed](#)
[MSOHS Grant 24HS202T Agreement GFD Task Force III 11052024 17 - Executed](#)
[Audubon Delta Sign Placement Agreement 11052024 24 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices 11192024](#)

- 32** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Municipal Emergency Services for uniforms - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Uniforms - MES - Fire](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Request - October 2024](#)

- 34** Request - authorization for issuance of special check payable to Pafford EMS.

Attachment(s):

[Memo - Special Check Pafford EMS](#)

- 34 – A** Request - authorization for issuance of special check for the change fund for the 2024 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival; previously approved on October 8, 2024.

Attachment(s):

[Request - 2024 GHWWF Change Fund Special Check](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Ms. Nancy Evans
- Judge Jennifer Schloegel

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

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| • Mr. Alfred “Gene” Griebel Jr. | • Mrs. Mary Frances Ewald |
| • Mrs. Climeleen Barnes Bearden | • Mrs. Pauline Gulotta Mensi |
| • Mrs. Jeanie Carter Luckey | • Mrs. Shirley Marzett Butts |
| • Mrs. Jerrilyn McInnis-Mortis | • Dr. David E. Knowles |
| • Mr. Karl Joseph Fasold | • Mr. Willie Merrell |
| • Mrs. Linda Joy Thames | |

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 Kenneth Casey, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:56 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 3:00 P.M., 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, 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 3:00 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving Harvey and Jean Saucier associated with the City's Beulah Church Road Sewer and Road Improvement;; (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with property owned by Melinda Brady; and (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving Alexis Dunkleberger arising out of an incident that occurred on July 13, 2024, when her vehicle caused damage to City property., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, 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

The Council entered Executive Session at 3:00 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Director of Public Works Tyler Gentry (in at 3:05 P.M.), and Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:12 P.M., Moved By Kenneth Casey, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

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

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize the City, by and through the Legal Department, to acquire from Harvey and Jean Saucier 23,273.24 square feet of real property for right of way in connection with the Saucier Lane/Beulah Church Road Sewer Project for the total sum of \$26,174.56, and approve a budget amendment, as reviewed in Executive Session, to fund the purchase, and re-create a capital project for this acquisition, 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Motion to waive any potential conflict of interest that may exist with respect to attorney David Crane, who currently serves as a Commissioner on the City of Gulfport's Civil Service Commission, to represent Melinda Brady about prospective litigation to vacate a City right of way and/or subdivision plat within the City of Gulfport, 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, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

*** see item 8 - A for further action taken after 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 Mr. Alfred "Gene" Griebel Jr., Mrs. Climeleen Barnes Bearden, Mrs. Jeanie Carter Luckey, Mrs. Jerrilyn McInnis-Mortis, Mr. Karl Joseph Fasold, Mrs. Linda Joy Thames, Mrs. Mary Frances Ewald, Mrs. Pauline Gulotta Mensi, Mrs. Shirley Marzett Butts, Dr. David E. Knowles, and Mr. Willie Merrell, until December 3, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, 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

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council

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

The above and foregoing minutes having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 4th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

ADOPTED:

Rashida Bell, City Clerk

Billy Hewes, Mayor