



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – 1:30 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers
2309 15th Street, Gulfport

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 February 18, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., 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, as presented, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for February 4, 2025.

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 4, 2025, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[February 4, 2025 Minutes](#)

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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- James Thompson - 106 Running Deer - Parcel 6

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 2 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 3 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Utility Billing Specialist 1" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3485 03042025 3 - Signed](#)

- 4 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Utility Meter Liaison" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3486 03042025 4 - Signed](#)

- 5** Ordinance - replacing Exhibit "A" attached to Ordinance No. 3430 previously adopted on October 8, 2024, and establishing salaries of compensation for various employees within the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3487 03042025 5 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 6** Resolution - approving Change Order No. 1 to Contract with SunCoast Infrastructure, Inc., for the MIMA Paving Infrastructure Project (MCWI No. 157-2-CW-5.5), 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 6 - Signed](#)

- 7** Resolution - approving Letter Agreement(s) with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC, to provide Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year End 2024 H2O Innovation Operation & Maintenance, LLC, Reports, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Resolution - approving Letter Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, to provide Auditing Services to the City of Gulfport for Fiscal Year Ending 2024, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 8 - Signed](#)

- 9 Resolution - approving Lighting Services - Standard Lease Agreement with Mississippi Power Company for LED Lighting Services at the Orange Grove Community Center, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 9 - Signed](#)

- 10 Resolution - approving Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Mississippi Department of Transportation Commission in connection with the O'Neal Road at Three Rivers Road Intersection 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 10 - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Gulfport (Fire Department) and the United States Coast Guard regarding Emergency Services response to Coast Guard Station Gulfport, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12 Resolution - approving Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gulfport and the Mississippi Department of Transportation Commission in connection with the Gulfport Commerce Corridor Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving Order Form and Software License Agreement with Blazestack Inc. for Fire Investigation Case Management Software, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Professional Legal Services Agreement with Michael D'Angelo, Esq., to serve as a Public Defender in the Gulfport Municipal Court, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving Professional Legal Services Agreement with Ray Anthony Young, Esq., to serve as a Public Defender in the Gulfport Municipal Court, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Submission of Application for Voluntary Accreditation and Accreditation Agreement with the American Public Works Association, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for Morning Star Baptist Church's Community Spring Resource Day, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 17 - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 17th Annual Unity Festival, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 18 - Signed](#)

- 19** 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 17th Annual Unity Festival, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 19 - Signed](#)

- 20** 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 Morning Star Baptist Church's Community Spring Resource Day, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - authorizing property conveyances required to undertake the Rebuild of Fire Station 2 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 21 - Signed](#)

- 22** 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 Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 22 - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - requesting the support of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to certain improvements to the 30th Street Park in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 23 - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - requesting the support of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to certain park improvements located in the "Olivet Subdivision" in the City of Gulfport, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 24 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 25** Budget Amendment #45 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from drug-related arrest.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #45, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-45](#)

- 26** Budget Amendment #46 - increasing line item 214 to reflect reimbursement through FY 2024 Bulletproof Vest Program.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #46, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-46](#)

- 27** Budget Amendment #47 - transferring funds from Harbor (operating) to Leisure Services (capital) .

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #47, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-47](#)

- 28** Budget Amendment #48 - transferring funds from Harbor (operating) to Leisure Services (capital).

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #28, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-48](#)

- 29 Docket of Claims - to be approved through March 5, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$2,334,287.88, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03042025 29 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., 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):

[Harrison County \(HCSO\) FY2024 JAG MOU 12172024 28 - Executed](#)

[First Amendment - Circuit Clerk of Harrison County 01072025 20-A - Executed](#)

[Mississippi Power Lighting Services Agreement 02042025 8 - Executed](#)

[Seymour Engineering Agreement - Turkey Creek Pump Station Basin Assessment Project 02182025 12 - Executed](#)

[Southern Colonial Construction - Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Connection to Biloxi WWTP Change Order 2 02182025 21 - Executed](#)

[MAofMS Municipal Advisor Engagement Agreement 02182025 26-EXA](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices 030425](#)

- 32 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Glass Solutions for replacement of windows - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Replace Windows - Glass Solutions - Fire](#)

- 33 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Lowe's for Coin Operated Washer and Dryer - Municipal Marina - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Coin Operated Washer and Dryer - Lowe's - Harbor](#)

- 34 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Puckett for the Genie Z45 Engine replacement - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Genie Z45 Engine Replacement - Puckett - Leisure Services](#)

- 35 Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for MCWI North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement for Bids - MCWI North Gulfport WWTP Headworks](#)

- 36 Legal Notice - advertisement for 2024 CAPER 15-day Comment Period and Community Needs Public Hearing.

Attachment(s):

[MEMO CD 3.2025 CAPER](#)

[LEGAL AD CAPER CommunityNeedsPH](#)

- 37 Legal Notice - advertisement for HOME and CDBG-CV available funds.

Attachment(s):

[MEMO CD 3.2025 RFA](#)

[LEGAL AD PY23 PY24 RFA](#)

- 38 Legal Notice - advertisement for Proposals for Police SSV Expeditions.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement - Gulfport Police Expeditions](#)

- 39 Legal Notice - advertisement for Request of Applications for CHDOs and Available Set-Aside Funds.

Attachment(s):

[MEMO CD 3.2025 CHDO](#)

[LEGAL AD PY17-PY24 CHDO](#)

- 40 Public Records Request - for the month of January 2025 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[January 2025 Records Request](#)

- 41 Ratification - of Certified Results/Recapitulation of February 18, 2025, Special Election to fill the vacated City Council seat in Ward 5 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Special Election - Ward 5 - Official Results](#)

[2.26.25- Official Recapitulation \(Special Election - Ward 5\)](#)

- 42** Ratification - of Oath of Office - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Tekela Campbell - Oath of Office](#)

Public Agenda

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Mr. Kealvn Barnett - 129 Holly Circle
- Ms. Pamela Footman
- Mr. Tom Franklin - 810 Ford Street

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [**Honorable John F. Johnny Walker**](#)
- [**Master Walley Bell**](#)
- [**Mr. Anthony Charles Lewis Sr.**](#)
- [**Mr. Calvin Lee Sugar Bear Bulter**](#)
- [**Mr. Denny Lee Ruiz**](#)
- [**Mr. Edward E. Ruiz**](#)
- [**Mr. Hubert Graham Parker**](#)
- [**Mr. Rander Joseph Ruiz Jr.**](#)
- [**Mr. Robert J. Kilroy**](#)
- [**Mr. Rondal Allen Droopy Bailey**](#)
- [**Mr. Sidney Sid Ray Sison**](#)
- [**Mrs. Deborah Anderson LeMasters**](#)
- [**Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Houtz**](#)
- [**Mrs. Ethel Mae Magee**](#)
- [**Mrs. Viola Faye Mahan**](#)

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 Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:32 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:33 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines, R.Lee Flowers

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 2:34 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving the vacation of platted streets or rights of way in and around North Wright Avenue, 65th Avenue, and West 14th Street in west Gulfport south of Commission Road or 17th Street; (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving Toby Cortez and National General Insurance / Imperial Fire and Casualty arising out of an incident that occurred on November 2, 2024, when his vehicle caused damage to City property (a street sign); (3) strategy session with respect to pending litigation involving Summit Development (eminent domain proceedings); (4) strategy session with respect to pending litigation involving Philips Building Supply (eminent domain proceedings);(5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation related to monies or compensation overpaid to officials., 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:34 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (out at 2:54/ in at 3:03 P.M.), Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers (in at 2:34 P.M.), Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Director of Finance and Accounting Joseph Dalto (in at 2:53 P.M.), Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:03 P.M., 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., 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 be authorized to accept the sum of \$154.65 from and/or on behalf of Toby Cortez and National General Insurance (Imperial Fire and Casualty), in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on November 2, 2024, when Toby Cortez damaged a City street sign, 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., 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Motion to authorize the City to resolve the eminent domain case against Phillips Building Supply of Gulfport, Inc., in connection with the Build Grant (Cause No. D2401-24-927) for the total payment to or on behalf of Phillips Building Supply of Gulfport, Inc., in the amount of \$35,601.50, and that the City Attorney's office be authorized to undertake any and all steps as may be required to resolve the matter for the said amount and that any and all actions taken with respect to the resolution of this matter heretofore taken by they City Attorney's office are hereby ratified., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski
Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Motion to authorize and approve the City Attorney's Office to pursue recovery, by way of filing a lawsuit or otherwise, those monies overpaid to a sitting Councilmember (Holmes-Hines) as compensation and to pay any monies or fees incurred as part of this, such as court costs, filing fees, and litigation expenses., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Abstain: Rusty Walker

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

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 Honorable John F. "Johnny" Walker, Mr. Anthony Charles Lewis Sr., Mr. Andy Alfonso Jr., Mr. Calvin Lee "Sugar Bear" Butler, Mr. Denny Lee Ruiz, Mr. Edward E. Ruiz, Mr. Hubert Graham Parker, Mr. Rander Joseph Ruiz Jr., Mr. Robert J. Kilroy, Mr. Rondal Allen "Droopy" Bailey, Mr. Sidney "Sid" Ray Sison, Mr. Walley Bell, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Houtz, Mrs. Deborah Anderson LeMasters, Mrs. Ethel Mae Magee, Mrs. Viola Faye Mahan, until March 18, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., 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 8th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

ADOPTED:

Rashida Bell, City Clerk

Billy Hewes, Mayor