



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 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 March 4, 2025, at 1:30 PM

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas **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 with the following adjustments; add item 7 – A - Ordinance - increasing the number of poll managers allowed for the Democratic Primary, and for related purposes., add item 7 – B - Ordinance - replacing "Exhibit C" attached to Ordinance No. 3430 previously adopted on October 8, 2024, and for related purposes., add item 10 – A - Resolution - approving Award to Montrose Ford in connection with the Reverse Auction for the purchase of six (6) Ford Expeditions, and for related purposes., add item 22 – A - 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 Rotary Club of Gulfport's 2025 Fundraiser Walk Event, and for related purposes., add item 23 – A - Resolution - designating persons authorized to serve as signatories on the City's bank accounts with Cadence Bank, and for related purposes., 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 18, 2025.

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 18, 2025, 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):

[February 18, 2025 - Minutes](#)

- 2 Ratification - of appointment to Coast Transit Authority Board of Commissioners.

Motion to Ratify appointment of Jase Payne to Coast Transit Authority Board of Commissioners, 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):

[Letter of Appointment - Coast Transit Authority Board - Jase Payne](#)

- 3 Ratification - of appointment to the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees.

Motion to Ratify appointment of Joel Smith to Gulfport School District Board of Trustees, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Appointment Letter - Gulfport School Board - Joel Smith](#)

Hearings / Appeals

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

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Mr. Matthews - 2209 23rd Street - Parcel 6

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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 03182025 4 - Signed](#)

- 5 Appeal - Planning Commission Approval - request for a liquor store use - Zoned B-2 (General Business) - located at 1229 Pass Road - Case# 2501SE003 - Ward 2.

Motion to Remand back to the Planning Commission for a proper record, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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

Recommendations

- 6 Recommendation from City Engineer to Accept - Hatten Manor Subdivision, Phase I - Water and Sewer Only for purposes of starting one-year warranty period.

Motion to Accept Hatten Manor Subdivision, Phase I - Water and Sewer Only for purposes of starting one-year warranty period, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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):

[Recommendation to Accept Hatten Manor Subdivision Phase I Water & Sewer Only for the Start of the Warranty Period](#)

Ordinances

- 7 Ordinance - amending Chapter 2, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances, to add provisions regulating the placement of certain Wildlife Monitoring Devices in or near the Bert Jones Yacht Basin, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

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 3488 03182025 7 - Signed](#)

- 7 – A** Ordinance - increasing the number of poll managers allowed for the Democratic Primary, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Failed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines

Nay: Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

- 7 – B** Ordinance - replacing "Exhibit C" attached to Ordinance No. 3430 previously adopted on October 8, 2024, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3489 03182025_7-B - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 8** Resolution - approving the 2025 Mother Son Dance, and for related purposes.

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

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 03182025_8 - Signed](#)

- 9** Resolution - approving the "Keep Gulfport Clean and Green" Event, and for related purposes.

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

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 03182025_9 - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving the Application Service Provider Agreement with CloudGavel LLC, and for related purposes.

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

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 03182025 10 - Signed](#)

- 10 – A** Resolution - approving Award to Montrose Ford in connection with the Reverse Auction for the purchase of six (6) Ford Expeditions, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

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 03182025 10-A - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving Memorandum of Understanding regarding the NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS) between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Gulfport Police Department, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Proposal and Terms and Conditions with Convergent Technologies, LLC, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving Renewal Rental Agreement with South Mississippi Business Machines of Gulfport, Inc., for various copier/printers, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025_13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Fourth Amendment to License Agreement between Utility Service Communications Co., Inc (Licensor) and T-Mobile South, LLC (Licensee), allowing for removal and replacement of certain and various pieces of equipment on Gulfport's water tank located at 200 East Beach Boulevard, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025_14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Professional Services with Volkert, Inc. for the MIMA Paving Project Phase II, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025_15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Application for the Federal Lands Access Program Grant through the Federal Highway Administration for the Gulfport Harbor Boat Launch - Ship Island Access Improvements Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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):

[Resolution 03182025_16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - authorizing a donation of funds to CASA of South Mississippi, 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** 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):

[Resolution 03182025 17 - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, by and through the Gulfport Fire Department, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03182025 18 - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, by and through the Gulfport Police Department, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03182025 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 the 2025 Jeepin' the Coast Thankful Thursday, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03182025 20 - Signed](#)

- 21** 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 2025 Jeepin' the Coast Thankful Thursday, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03182025 21 - Signed](#)

- 22** 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 2025 R+B in May Festival, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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 03182025 22 - Signed](#)

- 22 – A** 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 Rotary Club of Gulfport's 2025 Fundraiser Walk Event, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 03182025 22-A - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2025 R+B in May Festival, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

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 03182025 23 - Signed](#)

- 23 – A** Resolution - designating persons authorized to serve as signatories on the City's bank accounts with Cadence Bank, 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 03182025 23-A - Signed](#)

- 24** 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 03182025 24 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 25** Budget Amendment #49 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from drug-related arrest.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #49, 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 2025-49](#)

- 26** Budget Amendment #50 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from forfeiture funds.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #50, 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 2025-50](#)

- 27** Budget Amendment #51 - appropriating funds for the 2025 Jeepin' the Coast Thankful Thursday.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #51, 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 2025-51](#)

- 28** Budget Amendment #52 - increasing funds in 115 Audit Fees line item.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #52, 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 2025-52](#)

- 29** Budget Amendment # 53 - increasing funds in Municipal Courts Department.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #53, 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 2025-53](#)

- 30** Docket of Claims - to be approved through March 19, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$4,175,754.82, 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 03182025 30 - 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

- 31 Acceptance - of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport's Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024, from independent auditors (Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[MHG Audited Financials FYE24](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Biloxi MOU FY 2024 JAG 12172024 28 - Executed](#)

[Microsoft True-Up Agreement 02182025 20 - Executed](#)

[Change Order 1 Suncoast Infrastructure - MIMA Paving Infrastructure Project 03042025 6 - Executed](#)

[Mauldin & Jenkins Engagement Letter FYE2024 H20 Reports 03042025 7 - Executed](#)

[Mauldin & Jenkins Engagement Letter FYE 2024 Audit 03042025 8 - Executed](#)

[MPC Lighting Services Standard Lease Agreement OGCC 03042025 9 - Executed](#)

[MOA USCG & GFD 03042025 11 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices](#)

- 34 Legal Notice - advertisement for a 15-Day Notice of Proposed Floodplain Review.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice -15-Day Notice of Proposed Floodplain Review](#)

- 35 Legal Notice - advertisement for Debris Monitoring Services.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice - Debris Monitoring Services Advertisement 2025](#)

- 36 Legal Notice - advertisement for Debris Removal Service.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice - Debris Removal Service Advertisement 2025](#)

- 37 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Artisan Pyrotechnics for Independence Day Celebration - Events - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Independence Day Celebration 2025 - Artisan Pyrotechnics - Events](#)

- 38 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Champion for a 2025 Jeep Gladiator - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[2025 Jeep Gladiator - Champion - Fire](#)

- 39 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Craftsman Solutions for Demolition - Code Enforcement - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Craftsman Solutions - Demolition - Code Enforcement](#)

- 40 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Kirk Auto Group for 2023 Dodge Charger - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[2023 Dodge Charger - Kirk Auto - Police](#)

- 41 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Southern Waterworks Supply for hydrant meters and suction hoses - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Hydrant Meters and Suction Hoses - Southern Waterworks - Public Works](#)

- 42 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Southland Heating and Air Conditioning for the Replacement of A/C Units - Building Maintenance - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Replacement A/C Units - Southland - Building Maintenance](#)

- 43 Privilege License Report - for the month of March 2025 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - March 2025](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Request - February 2025](#)

- 45 Ratification - of Bond and Oath of Office - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[B.J. Sellers, Jr. - Official Bond and Oath](#)

[B.J. Sellers, Jr. - Oath of Office](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Ms. Kristen Garriga - Gulfport Main Street Association
- Ms. Sandra Wyche - P.O. Box 1224

This concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [Mr. Charles Price Charley Hewes](#)
- [Mr. Clayton Dewitt Ramage](#)
- [Mr. George M. Mason](#)
- [Mr. Jamal Armond Dedeaux](#)
- [Mr. Michael Dwayne Ray](#)
- [Mrs. Emma Jean Cooley](#)
- [Mrs. Mildred Jean Mille Mason](#)

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 2:56 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.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 3:03 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., 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 3:03 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation to confirm title to property being pursued by Susan Culotta in the Harrison County Chancery Court; (2) strategy session with respect to pending litigation involving Summit Development (eminent domain proceedings); (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation related to monies or compensation overpaid to officials., (4) transaction of business and negotiations regarding the location or expansion of a business associated with the prospective conveyance of lands / property within the city., 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 Council entered Executive Session at 3:04 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (recused at 3:30 P.M. from item #3), 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 Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:37 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

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 City's Legal Department, to resolve, fully and finally, the pending eminent domain claim against SUMMIT CONSULTANTS OF ARIZONA, INC., for the total sum of \$49,450.50 in connection with acquisition of right of way required for the Build Grant/Interconnecting Gulfport Project and to authorize the issuance of a special check in the amount of \$3,539.00, payable to the defendant, representing the amount due over and above the amount placed on deposit with the Clerk, 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., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Motion to authorize the City, by and through the City's Legal Department, to resolve, fully and finally, the pending Complaint to Confirm Title to Real Property filed by Susan G. Culotta in the Chancery court of Harrison County for the sum of \$1,951.56 to be paid by Culotta to the City in full and complete satisfaction of the City's tax lien on the real property which is the subject of the lawsuit and described therein, 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

Motion to declare and find that Councilmember Holmes-Hines is indebted to the City of Gulfport in the amount of \$6,168.59 as a result of monies previously inadvertently paid to her in excess of her proper amounts of salaries of compensation as an elected official of the City and as determined by the City's Department of Finance and Accounting, and to declare that the same is a lawful debt owed to the City of Gulfport, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous 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 Mr. Ben Madeross, Mr. Charles Price "Charley" Hewes, Mr. Clayton Dewitt Ramage, Mr. George M. Mason, Mr. Jamal Armond Dedeaux, Mr. Michael Dwayne Ray, Mrs. Emma Jean Cooley, Mrs. Mildred Jean "Millie" Mason, until April 8, 2025, at 1:30 PM for a Regular Meeting, Moved By Kenneth Casey, Seconded by Richard Kosloski

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