



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 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 Special Call Meeting on March 31, 2025, at 1:00 PM

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

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

Agenda Order

Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order

Motion to 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 March 4, 2025.

Motion to Approve Minutes for March 4, 2025, 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):

[March 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:

Constance - Parcel 22

Stephen Leonard - Parcel 12

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 04082025 2 - Signed](#)

Recommendations

- 3** Recommendation from City Engineer to Approve the Release of the Performance Bond - the Island Townhomes Subdivision.

Motion to Accept Recommendation, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **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):

[Recommendation - The Island Townhomes Subdivision](#)

- 4 Recommendation from the Departments of Urban Development and Engineering to Approve Final Plat - of 7-lot subdivision (River Pointe Estates) - on property zoned R-E (Residence Estate) - 10550 O'Neal Road - Case #2505CC051 - Ward 5.

Motion to Accept Final Plat of River Pointe Estates Subdivision, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., 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

- 5 Recommendation from the Departments of Urban Development and Engineering to Approve Final Plat - of 10-lot subdivision (Swan Landing Estates Phase 1) - on property zoned R-1-15 (Single-Family) - South Swan Road - Case #2505CC052 - Ward 7.

*** Councilmember B.J. Sellers Jr. recused from the Chambers during the discussion and vote on this item.**

Motion to Accept Final Plat of Swan Landing Estates Subdivision, Moved By Richard Kosloski, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Recused: B.J. Sellers Jr.

- 6 Recommendation from Planning Commission to Amend Zoning Ordinance - (amending Official Text of Appendix A, Section IV, (E)(3)) - Case #2411PC169.

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 3490 04082025_6 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

- 7 Ordinance - providing for removal or deletion of one (1) "Recreation Aide I" 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 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):

[Ordinance 3491 04082025_7 - Signed](#)

- 8 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) additional "Center Coordinator" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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):

[Ordinance 3492 04082025 8 - Signed](#)

- 9 Ordinance - providing for the salaries of compensation for various Seasonal positions in the Department of Leisure Services, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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):

[Ordinance 3493 04082025 9 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 10 Resolution - accepting and acknowledging the recommendation of Gulfport Planning Commission regarding Health Care Services Urban Renewal District and adopting Urban Renewal Plan, 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 04082025 10 - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - accepting donation of funds for a Memorial Bench and Plaque, in Jones Park, 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 04082025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - accepting Perpetual Drainage Easement for Gulfport High School Baseball/Softball Field (Gulfport School District), 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 04082025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - accepting Warranty Deed from Gulfport School District for purposes of construction of Fire Station No. 2, 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 04082025 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - acknowledging employee luncheon event, 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 04082025 14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving Award to Crawford Electric in connection with the Reverse Auction for LED Roadway Lighting Fixtures and Poles, 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 04082025 15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution - approving Award to Warren Paving, Inc., in connection with the MIMA Paving Infrastructure Project - Phase II, Part I (Sections 1 & 6), 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 04082025 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving Bylaws for the Organization and Administration of the Gulfport Youth Sports and Recreation Commission, 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 04082025 17 - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - approving Contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc., regarding 2025 July Fourth fireworks display, 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 04082025 18 - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - approving Gulfport Sportsplex Sponsorship 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 04082025 19 - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - approving Master Services Agreement with Criteria Corp, 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 04082025 20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - approving Master Agreement for Material and Services with NewEdge Services, LLC, for Cityworks Hosting, 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 04082025 21 - Signed](#)

- 22** Resolution - approving Addendum No. 9 to Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., for the Interconnecting Gulfport BUILD Grant 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 04082025 22 - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - approving Permit and Tap Fee waivers in association with the Project to construct Fire Station No. 2, 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 04082025 23 - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - approving Special Tent Event Permit for the Temple Baptist Church Tent Revival at 14204 Dedeaux Road, 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 04082025 24 - Signed](#)

- 25** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 3rd Annual SippiCup, 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 04082025 25 - Signed](#)

- 26** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 10th Annual ChandyFest, 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 04082025 26 - Signed](#)

- 27** 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 10th Annual ChandyFest, 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 04082025 27 - Signed](#)

- 28** 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 Nay's Kids Easter Egg Hunt, 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 04082025 28 - Signed](#)

- 29** 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 Annual SHEA Community Conversation and Baby Shower Event, 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 04082025 29 - Signed](#)

- 30** 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 Mississippi Aquarium's 2025 Penguin Easter Egg Hunt, 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 04082025 30 - Signed](#)

- 31** 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 Mississippi Constables Association's Annual Convention Cookout, 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 04082025 31 - Signed](#)

- 32** 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 Mississippi State University Extension Service - Harrison County, 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 04082025 32 - Signed](#)

- 33** 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 Peacock Island Community ARTSFEST, 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 04082025 33 - Signed](#)

- 34** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to participate in an Insurance Pool and its governing entity to be known as Gov Pro, 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 04082025_34 - Signed](#)

- 35** 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 04082025 35 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 36** Budget Amendment #54 - appropriating funds for Tidelands Grant FY23-P603-15 for Removable Restrooms for the West Side of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #54, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-54](#)

- 37** Budget Amendment #55 - appropriating donated funds for Memorial Bench and Plaque in Jones Park.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #55, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-55](#)

- 38** Budget Amendment #56 - appropriating funds for the 2025 Nay's Kids Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #56, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-56](#)

- 39** Budget Amendment #57 - reallocating funds for Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Force Main Connection to West Biloxi Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*** Councilmember B.J. Sellers Jr. recused from the Chambers during the discussion and vote on this item.**

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #57, 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

Recused: B.J. Sellers Jr.

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-57](#)

- 40** Budget Amendment #58 - transferring funds for LED Roadway Lighting Fixtures and Poles with Crawford Electric. *(no publication needed)*

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #58, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-58](#)

- 41** Docket of Claims - to be approved through April 9, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$4,490,672.44, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Recused: B.J. Sellers Jr.

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 04082025 41 - 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

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

Attachment(s):

[Weaver Electric Agreement 10222024 5 - Executed](#)
[Term Contract Group J - F.J. Turner Company, Inc. 12172024 17 - Executed](#)
[Term Contract Group J1 - Coburn Supply Company 12172024 18 - Executed](#)
[Term Contract Group J1 - Consolidated Pipe & Supply 12172024 18 - Executed](#)
[Term Contract Group C2 - Design Precast & Pipe, Inc. 01232025 7 - Executed](#)
[Term Contract J2 - Design Precast 01232025 8 - Executed](#)
[Blazestack 03042025 13 - Executed](#)
[Michael D'Angelo Public Defender Agreement 03042025 14 - Executed](#)
[Ray Anthony Young Jr Public Defender Agreement 03042025 15 - Executed](#)
[Convergint Change Order 03182025 12 - Executed](#)
[SMBM Rental Agreement 03182025 13 - Executed](#)
[Fourth Amendment - T-Mobile 200 E Beach Blvd Water Tank 03182025 14 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices 040825](#)

- 44 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to 911 Rapid Response for a Skid Unit for Rescue Brush Truck - Fire Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Skid Unit - 911 Rapid Response - FD](#)

- 45 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Anderson Enterprises for a Pole Barn - Leisure Services Department- to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Pole Barn - Anderson Enterprise - LS](#)

- 46 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to B & R Industrial Supply for Barricades and Barrel Weights - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Telespar Barricades and Barrel Weights - B & R Industrial Supply - PW](#)

- 47 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Crane 1 Services for a 5-Ton Hoist and Trolley - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[5 Ton Hoist and Trolley - Crane 1 services - PW](#)

- 48 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Momar Inc. for Solvent Degrease - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Degreaser - Momar - PW](#)

- 49** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Motorola Solutions for the Camera System - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Camera System - Motorola -PD](#)

- 50** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to North American Rescue for Personal Tourniquets - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Personal Tourniquets - North American Rescue - PD](#)

- 51** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Universal Concepts for Light Strand Replacement - Leisure Services Department (Harbor Lights) - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Light Replacement - Universal Concepts - LS-HL](#)

- 52** Ratification - of Water Grievance Hearing Committee Decision Letter(s) for the month of February 2025 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Water Grievance Hearing Committee Decision Letters- February 2025](#)

- 53** Request - authorization to enter negotiations with Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc., for the Washington Avenue Widening Project.

Attachment(s):

[Memo and Tabulation Sheet](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Sandra Wyche

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- **Dr. Mary Jane Ramsey Dickson**
- **Mr. Alan Ervin Cosgriff**
- **Mr. Charles Halbert Delk**
- **Mr. Don Edward Hawthorne Jr.**
- **Mr. Gary Mark Schultz**
- **Mr. James Walter Holmes**
- **Mr. Justin R. Herring**
- **Mr. Patrick Michael McCann**
- **Mrs. Deanna Schloegel Castenado**
- **Mrs. Patricia Poe Tilley**

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 R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:56 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:59 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

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 3:01 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving Emin Fernandez-Yanes arising out of an incident that occurred on January 6, 2025, when Fernandez-Yanes damaged a City police vehicle; (2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving Bryson Gazzier arising out of an incident that occurred on March 6, 2025, when Gazzier damaged a City traffic sign; (3) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation associated with the lawsuit involving Catina Parker / Estate of Leonard Parker (USSD Cause No.: 1:21-cv-00217); (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation arising out of or involving properties owned by MDOT along 13th and 15th Streets in Gulfport and the use of municipal resources associated with the same; (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with or involving Anchor Development; (6) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation associated with or involving the workers compensation claim of Darlene Pinckney; (7) transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry in the harbor area and associated with Pan Isles, Inc.; and (8) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation associated with or involving the workers compensation claim of Christian Oatis., 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 3:01 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers (out at 3:09 P.M./ in at 3:17 P.M.), Richard Kosloski, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller (out at 3:29 P.M.) , City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Hugh Keating (in at 3:01 P.M./ out at 3:09 P.M.), Director of Engineering Jeremy Harrison (in at 3:33 P.M./ out at 4:00 P.M.), and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 4:00 P.M., 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

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize dismissing defendants, Express Scripts, Inc., Optum RX, Inc., Indivior, and Alvogen from any complaints, and motions to amend complaints filed by the City of Gulfport in the multi-district opioid litigation, 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$185.80, from Emin Fernandez-Yanes, in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on January 6, 2025, when a vehicle being operated by Emin Fernandez-Yanes damaged Gulfport Police Department vehicle #3926, 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 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

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept the sum of \$161.13, from and on behalf of Bryson Gazzier, in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on March 6, 2025, when a vehicle being operated by Bryson Gazzier damaged a speed limit sign support, 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 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

Motion to approve the temporary closing of Courthouse Road, a City street within the City's corporate limits, north of 48th Street from April 8, 2025, through April 13, 2025, in order to preserve "good order" and to prevent damage to public or private property and on condition that there be alternative means of ingress / egress to the affected areas be made available to the public, 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

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 Dr. Mary Jane Ramsey Dickson, Mr. Alan Ervin Cosgriff, Mr. Charles Halbert Delk, Mr. Don Edward Hawthorne Jr., Mr. Gary Mark Schultz, Mr. James Walter Holmes, Mr. Justin R. Herring, Mrs. Deanna Schloegel Castenado, Mrs. Patricia Poe Tilley, until April 22, 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