



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 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 April 29, 2025, at 11:30 AM.

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 (out at 3:46 P.M.), 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 5 – A - Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Assistant Building Maintenance Technician" position, and for related purposes., and add Item 19 – A - Budget Amendment # 65 - transferring funds for Construction Contract with J.E. Talley Construction, Inc., for Richards Bayou Dredging Project, 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

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for April 15, 2025 Special Call Meeting.

Motion to Approve Minutes for April 15, 2025 Special Call Meeting, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, 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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[April 15, 2025 SCM Minutes](#)

Hearings / Appeals

- 2** 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 Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Parcel 2 - 2950 49th Avenue

Parcel 7 & 8 - 4020 Michigan Avenue

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, 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 05062025 2 - Signed](#)

- 3** Appeal - Zoning Board Approval - request for 8-foot set back from secondary frontage - Zoned R-1-7.5 (Single Family) - located at 500 East Beach Boulevard - Case# 2502ZB024 - Ward 2.

President Walker called for a Recess, without objection, at 2:42 P.M.; reconvened at 2:52 P.M.

Motion to Remand back to the Zoning Board for a professional boundary survey, 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

- 4 Recommendation from the Departments of Urban Development and Engineering to Approve Final Plat - of 16-lot subdivision (Forest Ridge Phase 2) - on property zoned R-1-7.5 (Single Family), R-1-10 (Single Family), R-1-15 (Single Family), R-2 (Single Family), T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus") - O'Neal Road - Case #2506CC066 - Ward 6.

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

Motion to Accept Final Plat of Forest Ridge Phase 2, 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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Recused: B.J. Sellers Jr.

Ordinances

- 5 Ordinance - authorizing waiver of tap fees for certain county construction projects located within the City limits of Gulfport.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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. Seller, Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3494 05062025 5 - Signed](#)

- 5 – A Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Assistant Building Maintenance Technician" 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, B.J. Sellers Jr., R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3495 05062025 5-A - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 6** Resolution - approving Award to and Construction Contract with J.E. Talley Construction, Inc., in connection with the Richard Bayou Dredging Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 6 - Signed](#)

- 7** Resolution - approving Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Insurance Company as Reinsurance Carrier, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Resolution - approving Proposal from and Agreement/Terms of Service with Samsara, Inc., and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 8 - Signed](#)

- 9** Resolution - approving Quote from Nearmap US, Inc., concerning Aerial Imagery, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 9 - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving Sales Order and Terms of Service with Formstack, LLC, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 10 - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - approving Change Order No. 1 to Agreement with DNA Underground, LLC, under the existing Unit Price Contract for the Old Highway 49 at O'Neal Road Intersection Improvements Project, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Change Order No. 3 to Contract with Southern Colonial Construction, LLC, for Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Force Main Connection to West Biloxi Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, and for related purposes.

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

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, R.Lee Flowers, Richard Kosloski

Recused: B.J. Sellers Jr.

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 05062025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - accepting donations of funds and in-kind services from various sources in support of the City's 2025 "Cinema by the Shore" Events in Jones Park, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025_13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Permit Fee waiver(s) in association with the Renovation Project of Fire Station No. 1, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025_14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving temporary closure of municipal right of way for the WJZD 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, and for related purposes.

Motion to Table, 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

The following was taken after Executive Session:

Motion to Take off the Table, 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

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 05062025_15 - Signed](#)

- 16** 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 WJZD 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, and for related purposes.

Motion to Table, 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

The following was taken after Executive Session:

Motion to Take off the Table, 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

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 05062025_16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - declaring certain and various items of municipal personal property to be surplus property which is no longer used or needed by the municipality and declared to have no value to the municipality and authorizing transfer of said items of municipal personal property to the George County Volunteer Fire Department, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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 05062025_17 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 18 Budget Amendment # 63 - allocating funds received for 2024 Cinema by the Shore.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #63, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-63](#)

- 19 Budget Amendment # 64 - transferring funds for additional costs for the O'Neal Road Widening at KCS Railroad Project.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #64, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-64](#)

- 19 – A Budget Amendment #65 - transferring funds for Construction Contract with J.E. Talley Construction Inc., for Richards Bayou Dredging Project.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #65, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-65](#)

- 20 Docket of Claims - to be approved through May 7, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$2,824,158.04, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

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 05062025 20 - 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

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

Attachment(s):

[MOU MDMR GOMESA 01232025 9 - Executed](#)

[Supplemental Agreement No 2 Volkert 03182025 15 - Executed](#)

[Bylaws of Gulfport Youth Sports and Recreation Commission 04082025 17 - Executed](#)

[Driven Elite Amended and Re-Stated License Agreement 04152025 1 - Executed](#)

[RAVE Alert Renewal 04222025 8 - Executed](#)

[Malouf Construction LLC Contract 04222025 9 - Executed](#)

[Additional Amendments to Lease Agreement - Pan Isles, Inc. 04222025 12B - Executed](#)

[Neel-Schaffer Supplemental Agreement 1 04222025 15 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices 05062025](#)

- 23 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to AD & R for demolition - Code Enforcement - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[3019 15th St. Case 15337- CE](#)

- 24 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Dell for Dell CPU Monitors, Laptops - Information Technology Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Dell CPU - Dell - IT](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Oath of Office - Sara Nees](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- David Easterling
- Kevin Lock
- Arie Downing
- Kealvin Barnett
- JoEllen Tappan

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- [Dr. Patrick Albert Evans](#)
- [Mr. Otts Gordon Loposser Jr.](#)
- [Mr. Ronnie Blacklidge](#)
- [Mrs. Cathy Grimsley](#)
- [Mrs. Dona Harry Haynes](#)
- [Mrs. Paula Wright Beasley](#)
- [Mrs. Rita Ann McGehee](#)

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:32 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (Teleconference at 3:34 P.M.), 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, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 3:36 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 3:36 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation associated with Catina Parker, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **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

The Council entered Executive Session at 3:37 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (Teleconference), 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 3:43 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 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 Dr. Patrick Albert Evans, Mr. Otts Gordon Lopper Jr., Mr. Ronnie Blackledge, Mrs. Cathy Grimsley, Mrs. Dona Harry Haynes, Mrs. Paula Wright Beasley, and Mrs. Rita Ann McGehee, until May 20, 2025, at 1:30 PM for a Regular Meeting, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines