



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, June 3, 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 May 20, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, **Councilmembers:** Kenneth Casey, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines (Teleconference), 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 May 6, 2025.

Motion to Approve Minutes for May 6, 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):

[May 6, 2025 Minutes](#)

- 2 Approval of Minutes - for May 20, 2025.

Motion to Approve Minutes for May 20, 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):

[May 20, 2025 Minutes](#)

Hearings / Appeals

- 3 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:

- Irvine Robert Dale
- Joan Lampley

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 06032025_3 - Signed](#)

Ordinances

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, 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

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 34997 06032025_4 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 5** Resolution - awarding bid and approving Contract with Eagle Energy, Inc., for "Term Contract - Fuel", and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_5 - Signed](#)

- 6** Resolution - approving Installation, Operation and Management Agreement with the Historical Society of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_6 - Signed](#)

- 7** Resolution - approving Services Agreement with the Historical Society of Gulfport in connection with the operation of a Visitors Center, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Resolution - approving Media Agreement between the Gulfport Police Department and Gray Television Inc., regarding the WLOX Recruitment Contract, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_8 - Signed](#)

- 9** Resolution - approving Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with CFF, LLC, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_9 - Signed](#)

- 10** Resolution - approving Amendment No. 2 to Memorandum of Lease Agreement with Pop Brothers, LLC, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_10 - Signed](#)

- 11** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to accept ownership of forfeited or seized vehicle, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_11 - Signed](#)

- 12** 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 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_12 - Signed](#)

- 13** 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 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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 06032025_13 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 14** Budget Amendment # 74 - transferring funds from FY 2024 to FY 2025 for Traffic Services Grant.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #74, 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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-74](#)

- 15** Budget Amendment #75 - allocating funds for the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #75, 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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-75](#)

- 16** Budget Amendment # 76 - increasing line item 286 Police Narcotics Task Force Capital from drug-related arrest.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #76, 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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-76](#)

- 17** Budget Amendment # 77 - increasing line item 278 Capital Outlay.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #77, 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):

[Budget Amendments 2025-77](#)

- 18** Docket of Claims - to be approved through June 4, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$2,825,540.01, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Richard Kosloski

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 06032025_18 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

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

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):

[CloudGavel Agreement 03182025_10 - Executed](#)

[MIMA Paving Phase II Part 1 04082025_16 - Executed](#)

[Covington Debris Monitoring Agreement 05202025_8 - Executed](#)

[Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC - Water Well Agreement 05202025_9 - Executed](#)

[AST Carnegie Library Supplemental Rider 05202025_14 - Executed](#)

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

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):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notifications 060325](#)

- 21** Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for Repair & Replacement Unit Price Project.

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):

[Advertisement for Bids - Repair & Replacement Unit Price Project](#)

- 22** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to All Phase Electric for the restock of stranded IMSA traffic signal cables - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

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):

[Traffic Signal Cables - All Phase - PW](#)

- 23** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Crawford Electric for Hubbell Power Systems Lighting Foundations - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

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):

[Hubbell Power - Crawford - PW](#)

- 24** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation for a Toro Sand Pro 2040Z Infield Groomer - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

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):

[Toro Sand Pro - Jerry Pate - LS](#)

- 25** Notice - of Resignation from the Civil Service Commission - to be made a part of the minutes.

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):

[Notice of Resignation - Robert Raybourn - Civil Service Commission](#)

- 26** Public Records Request - for the month of April 2025 - to be made a part of the minutes.

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):

[Public Records Request - April 2025](#)

- 27** Request - authorization for issuance of special check payable to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC, for Invoice 16405.08-122, 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):

[Request - Special Check - Invoice 16405.08-122 - Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC](#)

- 28** Request - authorization for issuance of special check payable to Neel Schaffer, Inc., for Invoice 1106022, 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):

[Request - Special Check - Invoice 1106022 - Neel Schaffer](#)

- 29** Request - authorization for issuance of special check payable to Neel Schaffer, Inc., for Invoice 1106028, 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):

[Request - Special Check - Invoice 1106028 - Neel Schaffer](#)

- 30** Request - authorization for issuance of special check payable to T L Wallace Construction, Inc., for Reconstruction of Landon Road from Coleman Road to U.S. 49 Pay Application #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):

[Request - Special Check - T L Wallace Construction - Pay App #5](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

- Carolyn Jones
- Joan Lampley

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- Colonel William Lambert Campen
- Dr. William Frank Sistrunk
- Mr. Jonathan Mark Braun
- Mr. Ronald Giles Peresich
- Mr. Ted Alfred Roland, Sr.
- Mr. Tommy James Bradshaw, Sr.
- Mrs. Evelyn Fields Cosgriff

Executive Session

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to make a preliminary determination of the necessity for Executive Session, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:12 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, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:14 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 2:14 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to ongoing litigation involving Emile Ozerden, et al. with respect to vacation of a platted but unimproved City Street, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

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 Executive Session at 2:15 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, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, and Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:16 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 Executive Session.

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

Motion to approve and agree to, subject to final approvals of the Departments of Public Works and Engineering, the right of way vacation sought in Ozerden/Haddock/Cody v. City of Gulfport (Chancery Court Cause No. 25-1016(2)), and to retain whatever easements as may be required by the Departments of Public Works and Engineering as a part of said vacation, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Rusty Walker

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

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 Colonel William Lambert Campen, Dr. William Frank Sistrunk, Mr. Jonathan Mark Braun, Mr. Ronald Giles Peresich, Mr. Ted Alfred Roland Sr., Mr. Tommy James Bradshaw Sr., and Mrs. Evelyn Fields Cosgriff, until June 17, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland