



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 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 July 8, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Hugh Keating, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas, **Councilmembers:** Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, and Johnny Hoggatt.

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; Postpone Item 15 until August 5, 2025, at the Administration's request., Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Presentation Agenda

- Mayor's Report

Policy Issues

Minutes / Appointments

- 1 Approval of Minutes - for June 17, 2025.

Motion to Approve June 17, 2025 Minutes, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[June 17, 2025 Minutes](#)

- 2 Ratification - of appointment to the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission.

Motion to Ratify the appointment of Rob Maness to Gulfport Redevelopment Commission, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Kendal Buckner

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Appointment - Gulfport Redevelopment Commission - Rob Maness](#)

- 3 Ratification - of reappointment to the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission.

Motion to Ratify the reappointment of Carole Lynn Meadows to Gulfport Redevelopment Commission, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Reappointment - GRC - Carole Lynn Meadows](#)

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 B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

There being no one to address the council, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by B.J. Sellers Jr.

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 4 - Signed](#)

- 5 Appeal - Planning Commission Approval - request for hospital use - Zoned T4+ (General Urban Zone "Plus") - located at 1201 31st Avenue - Case# 2505PC056 - Ward 2.

Motion to Approve and spread the withdrawal upon the Minutes, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Motion to Table, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Resume at 2:29 P.M.

The following was taken after recess:

Motion to Take off the Table, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

- 6** Appeal - Zoning Board Approval - request for 15-foot front yard setback - Zoned R-2 (Single-Family) - located at John Evans Road - Case# 2505ZB062 - Ward 5.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

John Ruble - Applicant
Samson Vasquez - Opposed
Edward Champagne - Opposed

The President called for recess at 2:24 P.M.

Recommendations

Ordinances

- 7** Ordinance - amending Ordinance 3128, as amended by Ordinance 3407, to provide for refund, in certain circumstances, of recreation fees to parents who coach teams, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3504 07222025 7 - Signed](#)

- 8 Ordinance - providing for removal or deletion of the "Lead Building Inspector" position from the City of Gulfport, Mississippi's Salary Grade Schedule, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3505 07222025 8 - Signed](#)

- 9 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Building Inspector" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3506 07222025 9 - Signed](#)

- 10 Ordinance - providing for the salary of compensation for one (1) "Assistant Director of Urban Development" position, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3507 07222025 10 - Signed](#)

Resolutions

- 11 Resolution - approving 2025 Annual Action Plan and 2017-2024 CDBG and HOME Substantial Amendment, and for related purposes.

Ella Holmes-Hines suspended rules without objection.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Nay: Kendal Buckner, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Ruth Robinson - N/A

Sandra Wyche - P.O. Box 1224

Sonja Barnes - 513 23rd Street

Kealvin Barnett - 129 Holly Circle

Nancy Evans - 4619 Arkansas Avenue

Christopher Lane - 18027 Homestead Avenue

Motion to Postpone until a workshop can be had, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Failed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ella Holmes-Hines, Carrissa Corbett

Nay: Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Amendment No. 4 to Contract with ISI Water Company (Water Company of America "WCA") for Utility Bill Auditing Services, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving award to Deep South Equipment Company in connection with the reverse auction for the purchase of four generators, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution - approving Cooperative Agreement between the Gulfport Job Corps Center and the City of Gulfport, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution - approving HOME Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and for related purposes.

Motion to Postpone until August 5, 2025, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

- 16** Resolution - approving Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Navy, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with KC Project Solutions, LLC, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 17 - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - approving Quote from MS Tire Recycling, LLC, for disposal of tires stockpiled at the Department of Public Works, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025_18 - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - approving Site Access Agreement with Verizon Wireless for the VA Water Tower, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025_19 - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - authorizing negotiations to acquire right of way and to do any acts necessary and legal, including prosecution in Special Court of Eminent Domain, to obtain title for the City under Miss. Code Ann. § 11-27-81, et seq., and, if necessary, to expedite the “Dedeaux Road Widening Project”, to authorize special checks to acquire the property interests stated herein, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025_20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport to submit Application to the Mississippi Development Authority seeking grant funding pursuant to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program authorized under Miss. Code Ann. § 57-119-1, et seq., to support projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025_21 - Signed](#)

- 22** 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 Ron Roland, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 22 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 23** Budget Amendment # 88 - increasing line item 277 Vehicles from drug-related arrest.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #88, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-88](#)

- 24** Budget Amendment # 89 - transferring funds from General Fund to lien item 215 - Lot Assessment.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #89, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-89](#)

- 25** Budget Amendment # 90 - transferring funds to bring operating accounts to estimated year-to-date recommendations.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #90, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-90](#)

- 26** Budget Amendment # 91 - transferring water sewer unobligated funds to purchase generators for use at water wells and lift stations during storm events.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #91, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-91](#)

- 27** Budget Amendment # 92 - transferring water sewer funds to bring operating accounts to year-to-date expected totals.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #92, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-92](#)

- 28** Budget Amendment # 93 - appropriating additional funds for Urban Development Contractual Services.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #93, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-93](#)

- 29** Docket of Claims - to be approved through July 23, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$6,713,997.56, Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By The Following Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 07222025 29 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented, Moved By Carrissa Corbett, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

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

Attachment(s):

[Stop Loss Insurance Policy 05062025 1 - Executed](#)

[Historical Society of Gulfport Installation, Operation & Management Agreement - Depot Museum 06032025 6 - Executed](#)

[Historical Society of Gulfport Services Agreement - Grass Lawn Visitor Center 06032025 7 - Executed](#)

[Mississippi Delta Shows GHLWF 2025 06172025 13 - Executed](#)

[AJGRMS, LLC/Associated Adjusters Letter of Understanding 06172025 20 - Executed](#)

[Certificate of Substantial Completion - Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Force Main](#)

[Connection to West Biloxi WWTP 07082025 14 - Executed](#)

[Change Order No. 4 - Debuys Road Sewer Pump Station Force Main Connection to West Biloxi WWTP 07082025 15 - Executed](#)

[Veripic Subscription License Agreement Renewal 07082025 19 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices 072225](#)

- 32 Legal Notice - advertisement for Grounds Maintenance Contracts A, B, C & G.

Attachment(s):

[Legal AD](#)

- 33 Legal Notice - advertisement for sealed bids for the 2025 Water Well Project.

Attachment(s):

[Advertisement for Bids Water Wells](#)

- 34 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Grassmaster's Lawn Service for demolition - 13355 Warren Drive (Ward 6) - Code Enforcement - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[13355 Warren Dr Case 16128 - CE](#)

- 35 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to J. Allen Ford for a Ford Expedition - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Ford Expedition](#)

- 36** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to League Outfitters for football jerseys and pants - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Football Jerseys and Pants - League Outfitters - LS](#)

- 37** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to OEC Repairlink for an Engine - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Engine - OEC - PD](#)

- 38** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Southland Heating & Air Conditioning for the replacement of 3 Mini Splits - Building Maintenance - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Repace Mini Splits - Southland - Building Maints.](#)

- 39** Privilege License Report - for the month of June 2025 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Privilege License Report - June 2025](#)

Public Agenda

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Pamela Footman - Ward 3
Rosetta Williams - 600 Todd Drive
Buddy Cospelich - 1316 24th Street
Kealvin Barnett - 129 Holly Circle

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- **Mrs. Elizabeth Geiger Roland**
- **Mrs. Peggy Marie Bosma**

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 Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

The Council entered Closed Session at 4:30 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Wayne Miller, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 4:33 P.M., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by B.J. Sellers Jr.

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

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 4:33 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to pending litigation associated with Darlene Pinckney;(2) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with damage to city property (traffic signage) caused by Kristy Maffett; (3) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with damage to city property caused by Kaden Parker Ray; and (4) prospective sale of City property, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

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Motion to Exit Executive Session at 4:46 P.M., Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Ron Roland

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion to authorize the City's Attorneys Office to resolve the pending and controverted workers compensation claim of Darlene Pinckney (DOI: June 30, 2022; MWCC No. 2205488-T-2416-C) on a Section 9(i) basis for the total sum of \$20,000.00 and to authorize and/or ratify any acts required of the City to effectuate said settlement., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's office to accept the sum of \$55.23, from and/or on behalf of Kristy Maffett and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on March 17, 2025, when Kristy Maffett damaged a City stop sign, and that the Mayor and City Attorney's office be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this settlement on behalf of the City, including, without limitation, any releases., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

Motion to authorize the City Attorney's office to accept the sum of \$1,505.00, from and/or on behalf of Kaden Parker Ray and Mississippi Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on March 14, 2025, when Kaden Parker Ray damaged City landscape trees, and that the Mayor and City Attorney's office be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this settlement on behalf of the City, including, without limitation, any releases., Moved By Ron Roland, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt

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 Mrs. Elizabeth Geiger Roland, Mrs. Peggy Marie Bosma, until August 5, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kendal Buckner, Ron Roland, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt