



City Council | Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 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 22, 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, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt. **Absent:** Councilmember Ron Roland

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; delete items 4, 9, 26, and 29, at the Administration's request, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Policy Issues

Hearings / Appeals

- 1 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** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Nicki Holland - Parcel 3,4, & 5

Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 1 - Signed](#)

Recommendations

- 2 Recommendation from City Engineer to Accept for Perpetual Maintenance - Northpark Drive (Carmax Way to Dedeaux Road) excluding the roadway - One-Year Warranty release.

Motion to Approve Recommendation to Accept for Perpetual Maintenance - Northpark Drive excluding roadway, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Recommendation to Accept Northpark Drive \(Carmax Way to Dedeaux Road\) for Perpetual Maintenance Excluding the Roadway](#)

Ordinances

- 3 Ordinance - amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, by deleting Section 3-30 in its entirety, and for related purposes.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Ordinance 3508 08052025 3 - Signed](#)

- 4 Ordinance - amending Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

Resolutions

- 5** Resolution - approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with SunCoast Infrastructure, Inc., for the MIMA Paving Infrastructure Project (MCWI No. 157-2-CW-5.5), and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 5 - Signed](#)

- 6** Resolution - approving Designation of Dissemination Agent Agreement between the City of Gulfport and Raymond James, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 6 - Signed](#)

- 7** Resolution - approving Grounds Maintenance Contract with Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC, and for related purposes.

Councilwoman Holmes-Hines suspended rules without objection.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 7 - Signed](#)

- 8** Resolution - approving Grounds Maintenance Contract with Wolverton Property Management, and for related purposes.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Johnny Hoggatt, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 8 - Signed](#)

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

- Deleted -

- 10 Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Harman CPA, LLC, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

The following actions were taken after Executive session:

Motion to Take off the Table, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Motion to Approve, Moved By Johnny Hoggatt, **Seconded by** B.J. Sellers Jr.

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 10 - Signed](#)

- 11 Resolution - approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Contract with Warren Paving, Inc., in connection with the MIMA Paving Project, Phase II, Sections 1 and 6, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 11 - Signed](#)

- 12** Resolution - approving Statement of Work in connection with the Webex Collaboration Deployment (CSpire), and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 12 - Signed](#)

- 13** Resolution - approving Sub-Award Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding the Jones Park Parking Expansion Project, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 13 - Signed](#)

- 14** Resolution – approving the sale of sidearm to Lieutenant Samuel Jewell upon retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said sidearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 14 - Signed](#)

- 15** Resolution – approving the sale of firearm to Sergeant James Nix upon retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 15 - Signed](#)

- 16** Resolution – approving the sale of firearm to Sergeant William J. McConnell upon retirement from the City of Gulfport and setting the amount to be paid for said firearm pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-131, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 16 - Signed](#)

- 17** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2025 Cruisin' the Coast, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 17 - Signed](#)

- 18** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2025 GHS Admiral Bayou Classic Cross Country Race, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 18 - Signed](#)

- 19** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the 2025 MS Gulf Coast Veteran's Parade, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025_19 - Signed](#)

- 20** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the American Heart Association's 2025 Gulf Coast Heart Walk, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025_20 - Signed](#)

- 21** Resolution - approving the temporary closure of municipal right of way for the Amtrak Mardi Gras Service Line Celebration, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025_21 - Signed](#)

- 22** Resolution - authorizing the donation of funds to Gulfport Main Street Association, in accord with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-19-44.1, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025_22 - Signed](#)

- 23** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport, by and through Human Resources, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 23 - Signed](#)

- 24** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure (in the form of an in-kind donation) for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport in connection with the 2025 Coastal Mississippi Homeschool Sports Association's Jones Park Track Meet, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 24 - Signed](#)

- 25** Resolution - authorizing an expenditure for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Gulfport at 2025 Cruisin' the Coast, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):[Resolution 08052025 25 - Signed](#)

- 26** 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 MS Gulf Coast Veteran's Parade, and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

- 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 2025 MS Gulf Coast Veteran's Parade, and for related purposes.

- Deleted -

- 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 Port City Bowl, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025_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 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina Memorial Ceremony, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

- 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 American Heart Association's 2025 Gulf Coast Heart Walk, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025_30 - Signed](#)

- 31** 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 inaugural run of Amtrak's Mardi Gras Line, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 31 - Signed](#)

- 32** Resolution - authorizing the purchase of bottled water for certain employees of the Gulfport Fire Department for hydration purposes, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 32 - Signed](#)

- 33** Resolution - authorizing acceptance of Grant Award from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, approving a Notice of Grant and Agreement Award, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 33 - Signed](#)

- 34** Resolution - authorizing the City of Gulfport, by and through the Gulfport Fire Department, to apply to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Grant funding, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 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 B.J. Sellers Jr., **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 35 - Signed](#)

- 36** Resolution - rejecting certain bids, authorizing certain readvertisements, and awarding certain bids in connection with lighting and decorative elements for the 2025 Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 36 - Signed](#)

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 37** Budget Amendment # 94 - increasing line item 213 - Police Overtime from Police Services Airport.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #94, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment Memo - increasing line item 213 Police Overtime Budget Amendments 2025-94](#)

- 38** Budget Amendment # 95 - increase line item 213 - Police Overtime from Police Reimbursements.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #95, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment Memo - increasing line item 213 Police Overtime \(2\) Budget Amendments 2025-95](#)

- 39** Budget Amendment # 96 - increasing line item 213 - Training Programs from Police Services Reimbursement.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #96, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment Memo - increasing line item 213 Training Programs Budget Amendments 2025-96](#)

- 40** Budget Amendment # 97 - increasing line item 277 - State Capital Outlay and 278 - Federal Capital Outlay.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #97, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendment Memo - increasing line item 277 State Capital Outlay & 278 Federal Capital Outlay Budget Amendments 2025-97](#)

- 41** Budget Amendment # 98 - transferring funds within Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival for Contractual Expenses.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #98, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Ceiling Light Installation - Budget Transfer Budget Amendments 2025-98](#)

- 42** Budget Amendment # 99 - allocating funds from the unobligated water sewer funds to fund Change Order 2 for Suncoast Infrastructure for the MIMA Paving Infrastructure Project.

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment #99, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Carrissa Corbett

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Budget Amendments 2025-99
FY 25 - BA to fund CO 2 - Suncoast Inf - Mima Paving Inf 7-24-25](#)

- 43** Docket of Claims - to be approved through August 6, 2025.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$1,308,688.39, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

Absent: Ron Roland

Attachment(s):

[Resolution 08052025 43 - Signed](#)

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve Routine Agenda, as presented, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Kendal Buckner

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

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

Attachment(s):

[POD MOU - HCSD 07082025 11 - Executed](#)

[POD MOU - GSD 07082025 11 - Executed](#)

[MOU NAVSURFWARCENDIV 07222025 16 - Executed](#)

[KC Project Solutions Agreement 07222025 17 - Executed](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Code Enforcement Chapter 3 Notices](#)

- 46** Legal Notice - advertisement for Installation and Removal of Decorative Elements for Harbor Lights Winter Show.

Attachment(s):

[Legal Notice](#)

- 47** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to JH Wright for 100 HP Motor - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[100 HP Motor - JH Wright - PW](#)

- 48** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Mayer for replacement of light fixtures - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Light Fixtures - Mayer - LS](#)

- 49** Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing to Penick for mulch - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[Mulch - Penick - LS](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Request - May 2025](#)

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

Attachment(s):

[Public Records Request - June 2025](#)

- 52** Ratification - of Public Official Bonds - to be made a part of the minutes.

Attachment(s):

[7.14.25- MEMO for Mayor and Council Bonds](#)

[Hugh Keating Official Bond](#)

[Kendal Buckner Official Bond](#)

[Ronald Roland Official Bond](#)

[Ella Holmes Hines Official Bond](#)

[FB Rusty Walker Official Bond](#)

[Bennie Sellers Official Bond](#)

[Carrissa Corbett Official Bond](#)

[John Hoggatt Official Bond](#)

Public Agenda

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following Citizen(s) addressed the Council:

Kealvin Barnett - 129 Holly Circle
Sandra Wyche - P.O. Box 1224
Patricia Battiste - 11111 Highland Avenue
Derek Bullock - 11529 Hillcrest Road
Dr. Brenda Matthews - 1618 Rich Avenue

This Concluded the Public Agenda.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- **Attorney Gayle Tart**
- **Miss Elizabeth Jo "Libby" Randall**
- **Mr. Tommy Lee McCormick**
- **Mrs. Flora Mae Harris**
- **Mrs. Sylvia Harrison**
- **Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Thornburg**

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 Johnny Hoggatt, Seconded by B.J. Sellers Jr.

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

The Council entered Closed Session at 2:30 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kendal Buckner, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt, Mayor Hugh Keating, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 2:36 P.M., Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by B.J. Sellers Jr.

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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 2:37 P.M. for (1) strategy session with respect to pending workers comp litigation associated with Dillon Malley; (2) strategy session with respect to pending workers comp litigation associated with Alyssa Fredericksen; (3) strategy session with respect to prospective workers comp litigation involving Christian Oatis; (4) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with damage to city property (traffic signage) caused by Penny Sherman (USA Insurance Company); (5) strategy session with respect to prospective litigation associated with damage to city property (police vehicle) caused by Maurice Daggs (USAA Insurance Company); and (6) Discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance of specific position., Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

The Council entered Executive Session at 2:37 P.M. In attendance: Councilmembers: Kendal Buckner, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, B.J. Sellers Jr., Carrissa Corbett, Johnny Hoggatt, Mayor Hugh Keating, CAO Wayne Miller, City Attorney Jeff Bruni, Clerk of Council Brittany Rodgers, Deputy Clerk of Council Brittany Thomas.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 3:19 P.M., Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

No official action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Motion that the City Attorney's Office be authorized to accept the sum of \$58.53, from and/or on behalf of Penny Sherman and USA Insurance Co., in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on April 3, 2025, when Penny Sherman damaged a City speed limit 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 B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Motion that the City Attorney's Office be authorized to accept the sum of \$15,116.00, from and/or on behalf of Maurice Daggs and United Services Automobile Association (USAA), in settlement of the City of Gulfport's claim for property damage arising out of an incident that occurred on May 28, 2025, when Maurice Daggs damaged a City owned GPD 2019 Dodge Charger, Unit #4037, 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 B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland

Motion to authorize the City, by and through the City Attorney's Office, to resolve the pending workers' compensation claim of Christian Oatis (MWCC No. 101220) on a Section 9(i) basis for the total sum of \$30,000.00 and to authorize and/or ratify any and all acts required of the City and or its's counsel to effectuate said settlement, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

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 Attorney Gayle Tart, Miss Elizabeth Jo "Libby" Randall, Mr. Tommy Lee McCormick, Mrs. Flora Mae Harris, Mrs. Sylvia Harrison, Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Thornburg, until August 19, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. for a Regular Meeting, Moved By B.J. Sellers Jr., Seconded by Johnny Hoggatt

Vote: Motion Passed By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ron Roland