



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

12:30 PM

*Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers*

12:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 12:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on August 16, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 12:44 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu.

The President announced a quorum called the meeting to order.

Motion to declare a special called meeting, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded By** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Upon the advice of General Counsel, Motion to enter closed session to determine the need for executive session at 12:36 P.M., Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded By** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

Motion to exit closed session and enter executive session at 12:40 P.M., Moved By Ricky Dombrowski, **Seconded By** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines

The Council entered executive session at 12:40 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 12:44 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu; Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, GRC Counsel Steve Hendrix, Developer Rob Lubin, Economic Developer Director David Parker, Comptroller Linda Elias, Clerk of Council Ronda Cole and Deputy Clerk of Council Cheryl Germany. The Council entered executive session to discuss economic development.

Motion to exit executive session at 1:27 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded By R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

Attorney Hugh Keating stated that no official action was taken during executive session.

Motion to recess until regular meeting at 1:30 P.M., Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded By Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

1:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 1:30 P.M., on the above date, same being a recessed meeting from a special called meeting held this day, September 6, 2016 at 12:30 P.M. **Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Councilmembers: Kenneth Casey (out at 4:38 P.M.), Ricky Dombrowski (out at 3:09 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu.

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

Agenda Order

The President called for the following adjustments to the agenda:

Addition of Policy Items: #23-A, Emergency Funding for repairs to offset excessive erosion along South Swan; Addition of Routine Item: #39-A, Extension of casino lease payment to end of September; Deletion of Policy Item #9, MRHA Agreement to conduct a Regional Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Assessment.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Adjusted, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Presentation Agenda

The President called for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Billy Hewes welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and announced the following upcoming events:

Harrison County Fair scheduled for September 7-11 at the Harrison County Fairgrounds. This was the return of the fair after 80 years and there would be plenty of rides, full-scale rodeo, live music and more!

There were several upcoming Police Community Meetings.

Mount Bethel Baptist Church would host "The Public and the Police" town hall meeting this day at 6:00 p.m.

The Police Department would also be hosting Community Meetings on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 P.M. at the Orange Grove Community Center and Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 P.M. at West Side Community Center.

Big congratulations to Gulfport's own Jonathan Holder who was recently called upon, not only to the major leagues, but to the New York Yankees! Jonathan also pitched for Gulfport High School and Mississippi State University.

Engineering Director Kris Riemann gave an update on the 28th Street widening project. There were delays due to the soil compaction problems on the south side.

This completed the Mayor's Report.

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of minutes - for August 16, 2016.

Motion to Approve the minutes for August 16, 2016, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Resolutions / Requests

- 2 Resolution - approving the budget of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport for its 2017 fiscal year.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 3 Resolution - approving a Petition by Gulf Coast Shipyard Group, Inc. for a municipal ad valorem tax exception, not to include school district taxes for a period of five (5) years for capital investment and to authorize the exemption on certain tangible property pursuant to Miss. Code (1972) ann., as amended, Sec. 27-31-101, et. seq.

Motion to Approve as presented, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, Cara Pucheu

Nay: R. Lee Flowers

- 4 Resolution - approving the third amended and restated by-laws of the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission and for related purposes - first reading at the August 16, 2016 meeting - introduced by Councilmember Dombrowski.

Motion to Table Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 5 Resolution - approving the third amended and restated by-laws of the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission and for related purposes - introduced by the Administration.

Motion to Table, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 6 Resolution - approving award and contract to Jay Bearden Construction, Inc., for the West 28th Street Area Water Main Improvements Project, Part 2 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 7 Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Brown, Mitchell and Alexander, Inc. for the Ship Island Ferry Boat Terminal Facility Improvements Project, contingent upon MDOT approval.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ricky Dombrowski, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 8 Resolution - regarding Engineering Services Agreement with Brown, Mitchell and Alexander, Inc. for Airport Road Extension to Washington Avenue Project.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Nay: Ella Holmes-Hines

- 9 Resolution - approving Collaboration Agreement between the City of Gulfport and Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to conduct a Regional Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Assessment under the Lead of MRHAVIII, and authorizing Mayor to execute same.

Deleted from Agenda

- 10 Resolution - approving Lease Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for property located at 12188 Hwy. 49, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ricky Dombrowski, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 11 Resolution - approving Contract with Covington Civil and Environmental, Inc. for Hurricane or Tropical Storm Debris Pre-Event Monitoring and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.
Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 12 Resolution - approving Lighting Services Lease Agreement with Mississippi Power for the purpose of providing improved lighting in Jones Park and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ricky Dombrowski, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 13 Resolution - approving an Outdoor Lighting Maintenance Agreement with Mississippi Power to maintain city-owned street lights and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ricky Dombrowski, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu
Absent: Ricky Dombrowski (out of room)

- 14 Resolution - approving Application and Project Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Flat Branch and Qubbie Creek and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 15 Resolution - approving Change Order #2 (Final) to Agreement with Gulf Breeze Landscaping for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements, Phase 3 (Fishbone Alley Project) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 16 Resolution - approving Property Access Approval Form in conjunction with MDEQ investigation, to authorize the Mayor to execute the same, and for related purposes - tabled at the August 16, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Motion to Bring off Table By: R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Motion to Suspend Rules Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Motion to Approve By: R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 17 Resolution - ratifying Advertising Agency Agreement between the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission, an urban renewal agency of the City of Gulfport, and Mesh Design, LLC, and approving Work Order One, and for related purposes.

Motion to Table Until After Executive Session, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Note: The following action is following executive session:

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

- 18 Approval - of proposal submitted for body-worn camera services, also approval of payment schedule for the Police Department.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Note: Councilmember Holmes-Hines asked the Chief if there was a policy in place for use of the body worn cameras.

Police Chief Papania stated they were currently developing a policy.

- 19 Final Acceptance - of Savoy Place Subdivision for water and sewer improvements only.

Motion to Approve acceptance of Savoy Place Subdivision for water and sewer improvements, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Code Enforcement / Ordinance

- 20 Code Enforcement Hearing - on resolution to declare that certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and to authorize advertisements for bids and lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

Motion to Open Hearing, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Motion to Close Hearing and Approve Resolution, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

- 21 Ordinance - fixing the levy for the municipal taxes for the city of Gulfport, Mississippi and the Gulfport Municipal Separate School District for the fiscal year 2016-2017, beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Ordinance #2864

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 22 Budget Amendment #57 - requesting increase of Police Department Federal Capital 276-630100, due to receipt of forfeited money.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

- 23 Budget Amendment #58 - requesting decrease of Police Dept. Personnel Services, and increase in Police Dept. Capital, for the purpose of purchasing body cameras.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

- 23-A Budget Amendment - to transfer funds for erosion repair on South Swan Road at Pecan Hill Drive.

Motion to Add Budget Amendment to transfer funds for emergency erosion repair on South Swan Road at Pecan Hill Drive, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

- 24 Docket of Claims - to be approved through September 7, 2016.

Motion to Approve Docket of Claims, in the amount of \$3,506,680.74, Moved By Cara Pucheu,
Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

Routine Agenda

Motion to Approve the Routine Agenda as presented, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by**
Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

- 25 Resolution - awarding bids for lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 26 Acceptance - of letter from Mayor Hewes rescinding letter to withdraw from Interlocal Agreement for the provision of ambulance services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 27 Ratification - Notice of public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2017 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 28 Ratification - of Employee Handbook for the City of Gulfport as approved by Council - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 29 Ratification - of Agreement with Trustmark approved by Council on July 19, 2016 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 30 Letter - regarding emergency purchase authorization for two (2) sewer station lift pumps at Comfort

Inn - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 31 Letter - requesting the purchase of sports field turf for the Gulfport Sportsplex - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 32 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for Piping related to the Highway 49 Relocation Project - Public Works Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 33 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for HP Probooks & Canon Scanners - IT Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 34 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for Sewer Manholes - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 35 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Display Screen for the Christmas Light Show - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 36 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for push-to-talk handsets - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 37 Letter - requesting permission to issue purchase order for the relocation of two portable buildings to the Small Craft Harbor in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm - Leisure Services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 38 Legal Notice - regarding RFP for Multifunction Copier/Scanner/Printer/Fax Lease Services for the City of Gulfport.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 39 Legal Notice - regarding lease program for mowers and utility vehicles to be located at the golf course, Sportsplex, harbor and cemetery.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 39-A Approval - of First Amendment to the Ground Lease (Casino Project), also approval of four (4) month extension related to the EB-5 program.

Motion to Approve the First Amendment to Ground Lease as presented and authorize a four (4) month extension related to the EB-5 program, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

Public Agenda

Citizen Forum – Up to thirty minutes shall be allowed for public input with a three minute time limit on each speaker.

No citizens addressed the Council at this time.

Council Comments

Executive Session

Upon advise of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Closed Session to determine the need for executive session at 3:24 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to Exit Closed Session and Enter Executive Session at 3:26 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski

The Council entered executive session at 3:26 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey (out at 4:38 P.M.), Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu; Mayor Billy Hewes, (in at 3:39 P.M.) CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, GRC Counsel Steve Hendrix (out at 4:14 P.M.), Economic Developer Director David Parker, Leisure Services Director David D'Aquila , Clerk of Council Ronda Cole and Deputy Clerk of Council Cheryl Germany. MESH Representatives, Taylor Bennett (out at 4:08 P.M.), Erin Reynaud (out at 4:08 P.M.) and Jennie Kurtz (out at 4:08 P.M.). The Council entered executive session to discuss lease on the Struthers property and the status on the negotiated terms previously presented, lease of Sportsplex property, an economic development matter involving Advertising Agreement with the Aquarium and a possible lease or acquisition of property on Landon Road area near the Sportsplex.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 4:42 P.M., Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: y, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey and Ricky Dombrowski

Attorney Hugh Keating stated no official action was taken in executive session.

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

Motion to Take Policy Item #18, Ratifying Advertising Agency Agreement with Mesh Design, LLC and approving work order #1, off the Table, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Myles Sharp

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to grant the Administration authority to negotiate the purchase of real property, near the Sportsplex property, within the ranges as discussed in executive session, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded By Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to grant the Administration authority to obtain two (2) appraisals on property located at the Sportsplex, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded By Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Motion to grant an additional fifteen days to the previously negotiated Struthers settlement, to begin when the notification is delivered (Councilwoman Ella Holmes-Hines stated the following day, September 7, 2016), with all other terms to remain the same, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded By R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Memorial Adjournment

- Mrs. Geraldine Bradley Swanier
- Mr. Jeremiah Joseph "Jerry" O'Keefe, III
- Mr. Larry Dornell Gholar
- Mr. Percy H. Kaigler, II
- F. Day Sandy

Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion to adjourn in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Bradley Swanier, Mr. Jeremiah Joseph "Jerry" O'Keefe, III, Mr. Larry Dornell Gholar, Mr. Percy H. Kaigler, II, and F. Day Sandy, until 6:00 p.m., this same date for a public hearing on the budget, Moved By Myles Sharp, Seconded By Cara Pucheu

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers and Cara Pucheu

Absent: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski

Agenda Adjustments

Add Policy Item #23-A Budget Amendment - to transfer funds for erosion repair on South Swan Road at Pecan Hill Drive.

Add Routine Item #39-A Approval - of First Amendment to the Ground Lease (Casino Project), also approval of four (4) month extension related to the EB-5 program.

Public Hearing 6:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers

Motion to Declare Special-Called Meeting of the City Council Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** R.Lee Flowers

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Presentation - of Mayor's proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

Overview of the 2017 Budget Recommendations was presented by Comptroller Linda Elias

After discussion and comments from the public, Motion to Adjourn, Moved By Myles Sharp, **Seconded by** Ricky Dombrowski

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Aye: Kenneth Casey, Ricky Dombrowski, Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ella Holmes-Hines (out of the room)

City Clerk

Mayor