



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Minutes City Council

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

1:30 PM

Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers

1:30 p.m. - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 1:30 P.M, on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on January 17, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. **Present:** Mayor Billy Hewes, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Council Members: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines (in at 1:33 P.M.), Rusty Walker, Myles Sharp (out at 1:49), R.Lee Flowers, and Cara Pucheu. **Absent:** Ricky Dombrowski.

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

Agenda Order - Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order

The President called for confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order.

Motion to Approve Agenda with the Deletion of Policy Item #10, 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

Presentation Agenda

- **Mayor's Report**

Bicentennial Press Conference - The Mayor announced the kick-off of the Bicentennial with a press conference on February 8th at Centennial Plaza at 2:00 p.m. Another press conference will follow on Wednesday, February 15th announcing the headlining entertainment that will be a part of the State's Bicentennial South Celebration.

Mardi Gras Mambo for Seniors - The City will again partner with Boyington Health and Rehab Services for a fun-filled Mardi Gras event for seniors of our area, Thursday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m., Lyman Community Center.

Project Prom 2017 - City Hall will be a drop off point this year for prom dresses and accessories. All items collected will be distributed by the non-profit "Pink Lotus Project" which provides educational programs to females in our community.

Mardi Gras Parades - Krewe of Gemini will roll two parades through downtown Gulfport this year on Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.

This concluded the Mayor's Report.

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of minutes - for January 17, 2017.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, **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

Planning / Ordinances / Code Enforcement

- 2 Objection - to Planning Commission denial to rezone property from R-1-7.5 (Single Family) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business) located north of O'neal Road, south of River Road, east of and adjacent to Sheldon Street, and west of and adjacent to Highway 605 - Case# 1612PC162 - Ward 6.

Motion to Suspend the Rules of Order, Moved by R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Kenneth Casey

Motion to Override the Planning Commission's decision to deny rezoning from R-1-7.5 to B-1, and approve rezoning to RB, Moved By R.Lee Flowers, **Seconded by** Cara Pucheu

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

Ordinance 2889
- 3 Objection - to Planning Commission recommendation to resubdivide 3 parcels into 6, zoned R-1-7.5 (Single Family) located north of and adjacent to Beach Drive, south of Burke Street, east of and adjacent to Southern Circle, and west of Mockingbird Lane - Case# 1612PC167 - Ward 2.

Motion to Approve, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded by** R. Lee Flowers
Motion to Approve was Withdrawn By Kenneth Casey

Motion to Table Due to Absence of Councilmember Dombrowski who is representative of said area, and council's request to hear comments from ward representative, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **Seconded By** Myles Sharp

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

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 Table, Moved By Kenneth Casey, **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

- 4 Ordinance - repealing and deleting Chapter 5, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi related to scrap metal dealers in the City of Gulfport.

Motion to Adopt the Ordinance, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Rusty Walker

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski,

Ordinance 2890

- 5 Ordinance - providing for the Salary of Compensation for certain positions of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi and for related purposes - Public Works Department.

Motion to Adopt the Ordinance, Moved By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded by** Ella Holmes-Hines

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

Ordinance 2891

- 6 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 Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

There being no one present to object, Motion to Close the Hearing and Approve the Resolution By Cara Pucheu, **Seconded By** Kenneth Casey.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

Resolutions

- 7 Resolution - approving Purchase Agreement with MUSCO and financing agreement with First American for purchase of lighting for Sportsplex Expansion and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 8 Resolution - approving One Year Extension of Master Engineering Services Agreements 2014 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 9 Resolution - approving Amendment #1 to Professional Services Agreement with Norman "Pat" Pope for domestic violence prosecutor services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 10 Resolution - expanding the boundaries of Gulfport Main Street area to include the section of land between 25th Avenue and 30th Avenue, from the railroad tracks to 19th Street and for related purposes.

-DELETED -

- 11 Resolution - requesting assistance of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to improvements to the Francis X. Collins Park in the City of Gulfport,

Mississippi, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 12** Resolution - requesting assistance of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to improvements to the Silver Ridge Park in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 13** Resolution - formally requesting assistance of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with respect to the re-surfacing of a portion of Woodward Avenue in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and for related purposes.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 14** Resolution - by the Gulfport City Council authorizing the filing of an application for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STO) funding for 20th Avenue Improvements at the Mississippi Aquarium and committing the necessary non-federal match for the project, and for related purposes.

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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 15** Budget Amendment #15 - re-allocating unused Capital Project funds to the Sportsplex Expansion Project.

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

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

- 16 Docket of Claims - to be approved through February 8, 2017.

Motion to Approve the Docket of Claims in the amount of \$3,493,532.79, Moved By Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

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

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 18 Ratification - of executed Lease Agreement with Mississippi Power for lighting services - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 19 Ratification - of executed Lease Agreement between City of Gulfport and Yamaha for golf carts - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 20 Privilege Licenses - for the month of December 2016 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 21 Letter - regarding request of one (1) year Extension to Armed and Unarmed Security Guard Services Agreement with Swetman Security.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 22 Letter - regarding Emergency Purchase Authorization related to Little Tandy sewer force main failure - to be made a part of the minutes

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 23 Request - to approve recommendation regarding RFP for Concession Sales & Operations - Leisure Services Department.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 24 Letter - regarding RFP for Multi-Function Copier, Scanner and Printer Lease Services.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 25 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Envelopes - Utility Billing Department - to be made a part of the minutes

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 26 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Coated Chassis Kits - Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 27 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Uniform Shirts – Police Department – to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 28 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Light Bar/Sirens - Police Department - be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 29 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for a Leveling Pipe Lifter - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 30 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for a Pump-able Flow-able Fill - Public Works - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 31 Letter - regarding the purchase of heavy equipment from NJPA Cooperative Contract - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 32 Letter - regarding bids received by Purchasing for Flatbed Equipment Trailer – Leisure Services Department – to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 33 Legal Notice - advertisement for bids for Grounds Maintenance - Leisure Services.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 34 Legal Notice - advertisement for RFP for On-Line Benefits Provider.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

- 35 Request For Proposals - advertising for Repairs and/or Upgrades to the Sportsplex Marquee Sign.

Approved on the Routine Agenda

Public Agenda

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

There being no one to speak before Council, the Public Agenda concluded.

Council Comments

Memorial Adjournment

- Ms. Ramona Allen
- Mr. Douglas L. Thomas
- Ms. Susie Woods
- Firefighter Judson Renner
- Mrs. Minnie Lee Hollimon
- Mr. Terence W. Grosvenor
- Mr. W.D. Skinner
- Mrs. Sandra Bordeaux

Executive Session

Upon the Advice of General Counsel, Motion to Enter Executive Session at 2:15 P.M., 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, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

The Council entered executive session at 2:15 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Kenneth Casey, Ella Holmes-Hines, Rusty Walker, R.Lee Flowers, Cara Pucheu; Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO Dr. John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Murdock, Director of Urban Development Greg Pietrangelo, Director of Public

Works Wayne Miller, Director of Engineering, Kris Riemann, Clerk of Council Ronda Cole, Deputy Clerk of Council Cheryl Germany. The Council entered executive session for discussion regarding vacation of a plat for development purposes, and for discussion regarding an ongoing worker's compensation case.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 2:43 P.M., Moved by Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers.

Vote: Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

General Counsel Hugh Keating stated no official action was taken in Executive Session.

Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following action was taken:

Motion authorizing the City Attorney's office to take whatever steps may be required to agree to the vacation of the plat of Madison Place Townhomes which is the subject of that certain lawsuit pending in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, Cause No. 16-2454(3), subject to agreement by Gulfport Hotel Ventures, LLC, to relocate public drainage lines at its sole expense and via means and method satisfactory to the City's Engineering and Public Works Departments (order vacating all but the public drainage easement may be agreed to and entered at the parties' earliest convenience, order vacating the public drainage easement to be agreed to and entered once the new drainage line is installed and approved by the City and public drainage no longer flowing thru the present public drainage easement and the easement for the new drainage line is provided to the City and incorporated into a final agreed order). Moved by R.Lee Flowers, Seconded by Ella Holmes-Hines.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

Motion authorizing Mayor to execute assignment related to Longerbach Worker's Compensation claim, as previously approved. Moved by Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by R.Lee Flowers.

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

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 Ms. Ramona Allen, Mr. Douglas L. Thomas, Ms. Susie Woods, Firefighter Judson Renner, Mrs. Minnie Lee Hollimon, Mr. Terence W. Grosvenor, Mr. W.D. Skinner and Mrs. Sandra Bordeaux until 1:30 P.M. , February 21, 2017 for a regularly scheduled council meeting, Moved by Ella Holmes-Hines, Seconded by Kenneth Casey

Vote: Motion Carried By Unanimous Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ricky Dombrowski, Myles Sharp

City Clerk

Mayor