



City of Galveston

FLEET FACILITIES STAFF REPORT

January 12, 2018

Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Consider for the approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Galveston establishing certain special events as serving public purposes, authorizing the City Manager to execute the standard form agreement from the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closer of state right of ways for each event along with all other necessary documents.

I. Background

- A. The Texas Department of Transportation is now requiring local governments to approve a resolution allowing major road closers on any TX-DOT roadways for special events.
- B. The city will have to enter into an agreement contract with TX-DOT after the approval of the resolution.
- C. The agreement will include the contract and attached exhibits which would be comprised of traffic plans and other materials as requested.

II. Current Situation

The City Council will have to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Galveston establishing certain special events as serving public purposes, authorizing the City Manager to execute the standard form agreement from the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closer of state right of ways for each event along with all other necessary documents.

III. Alternatives in order of priority

A. Approve;

- 1. Cost - None
- 2. Timing - As soon as possible.
- 3. Departmental Improvements - Will allow the special events to proceed.

B. Do not approve;

- 1. Cost - None
- 2. Timing - N/A
- 3. Departmental Improvements - The special events will have to be re-routed, or will not occur.





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IV. Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A; approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Galveston establishing certain special events as serving public purposes, authorizing the City Manager to execute the standard form agreement from the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closer of state right of ways for each event along with all other necessary documents.

V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by	David Smith Executive Director
Funding Source	N/A
Cost	N/A
Savings Estimation	N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith
Executive Director



RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AS SERVING PUBLIC PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE STANDARD FORM AGREEMENT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“TxDOT”) FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EACH EVENT ALONG WITH ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS UPON FINAL APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, throughout each year, various special events are held in the City of Galveston in which the need arises for temporary closure of right-of-way including those owned and operated by the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) is the state entity that gives authorization for any temporary closure of a state right-of-way (“temporary closure”); and

WHEREAS, TxDOT amended its procedures for obtaining approval for these temporary closures whereby the local governmental body must approve a resolution establishing the corresponding event as serving a public purpose prior to submission of an application for the temporary closure; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT further requires that the municipality, rather than the event promoter, enter into an agreement for the temporary closure; and

WHEREAS, the following special events are scheduled in the City of Galveston for calendar 2017 and require temporary closure of state right-of-way:

- 1) Mardi Gras Galveston 2018 – February 2, 2018 through February 13, 2018;
- 2) University of Texas Medical Branch School of Health Professions Causeway FunD Run/Walk – March 3, 2018; and
- 3) Galveston County Daily News Press Run – September 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there will be additional City-approved special events held during the year 2018 that will require closures of TxDOT roadways for which an agreement for temporary closure must be submitted to TxDOT; and

WHEREAS, these special events promote the City of Galveston by drawing crowds of all ages for concerts, carnivals, food, parades, children’s events, health initiatives, and other exhibits and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, deems it in the public interest to establish all City-approved special events for the calendar year 2018 as serving public purposes and to authorize the City Manager to execute the required TxDOT standard form

agreement for temporary closure of state right-of-way along with all other necessary documents for each event upon final approval by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Galveston hereby establishes the following special events to be held in the City of Galveston as serving public purposes:

1. Mardi Gras Galveston 2018 – February 2, 2018 through February 13, 2018.
2. University of Texas Medical Branch School of Health Professions Causeway FunD Run/Walk – March 3, 2018.
3. Galveston County Daily News Press Run – September 8, 2018.

SECTION 3. The City Council further establishes all other City-approved special events in the calendar year 2017 that require closure of TxDOT roadways as serving public purposes.

SECTION 4. The Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute the required TxDOT standard form agreement for temporary closure of state right-of-way for each special event along with all other necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONNA M. FAIRWEATHER
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular Meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2018, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this _____ day of January, 2018.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston