

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - JANUARY 24, 2019**

1/24/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Craig Brown, Council Member Amy Bly, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Jackie Cole.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3.A. Clarification Of Consent And Regular City Council Agenda Items - This Is An Opportunity For City Council To Ask Questions Of Staff On Consent And Regular Agenda Items.

Items 8A, 8C, 10E, 10F, 10H, 11A, and 12C were clarified by staff.

- 3.B. Final Review Of The Letter To The US Army Corps Of Engineers Dated January 24, 2019 Relating The City's Comments To The Coastal Texas Protection And Feasibility Study And The Tentatively Selected Plan (Legal - 15 Minutes)

The City Council reviewed and made further edits to the draft letter to the Corps of Engineers. This item is on today's regular agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.C. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended," Chapter 20.5-17 "Mardi Gras" Article Ix- "Entertainment Areas" To Ensure Reasonable Access For Residents As Well As Employers And Their Employees Living And/Or Working Within The Entertainment Area, And Otherwise Providing For A Reasonable Admission Fee To The Entertainment Area; Repealing All Other Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal - 10 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky presented the proposed ordinance to Council. The proposed change addresses an issue that was raised with access for employers, employees, and residents of the Downtown Strand District. The exclusive concessionaire shall provide at no cost a pass to each resident, as well as a reasonable number of guests of the resident, living within the entertainment district, to allow access to the residence without the payment of the entry fee to the entertainment area. The exclusive concessionaire shall provide at no cost a pass to each employer and employee to allow them access to their place of employment without the payment of the entry fee to the entertainment district. Application for employees shall be made by their employer and shall be supported by reliable employment records with personal data redacted. The residents and employers must make application to the concessionaire at least seven days prior to the first day the entertainment district is physically created.

- 3.D. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended", Chapter 8, "Beaches And Waterways"; To Allow For Regulations Related To Maintaining A Clean Beach And Promoting Environmentally Conscious Conduct By Beach Users; Providing For A Penalty; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date (D. Henry - 15 Minutes)

Coastal Resources Manager Dustin Henry presented the draft ordinance to Council. Discussion was held regarding working with local short term rental agencies and other groups on an educational program for the policy.

- 3.E. Amendments To Dune Protection And Beach Access Plan (Chapter 29 Of Municipal Code). Planning Case Number 19PA-004

Coastal Resources Manager Dustin Henry presented the proposed amendments to Council. The proposed ordinance includes the new beach user fees should the voters decide to approve those fees in the May 2019 Election.

- 3.F. Receive And Discuss An Update On The Lone Star Rally Contract (D. Smith - 15 Minutes)

David Smith provided an update on the Lone Star Rally Contract. The update includes an option to extend the current contract for an additional two-year period. The City Council may hold a special workshop in March to discuss all special events. Staff will hold off on extending the contract until after the special workshop.

- 3.G. Discussion Of Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Grant Fund Projects (B. Cook - 20 Minutes)

Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook advised a public hearing was held on Hurricane Harvey funds indicating the city is going to use funds for road rehabilitation. After looking at budget constraints and criteria, staff is recommending Heards Lane between Saladia and 61st, and 59th Street from Stewart Road to Heards Lane. City Manager Brian Maxwell advised this is an \$800,000 grant and will be an asphalt project. Discussion was held regarding a timeline for the project, as well as a master plan for the area that will address flooding that occurs on a regular basis. Mr. Maxwell advised it will more than likely be Fall of 2019 before the project begins. An item will be placed on the February 28th agenda for the Council's consideration.

- 3.H. Discussion Of Formalizing A Process For Council Workshop Items Prior To Vote (Collins/Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

CM Collins expressed concerns about the number of times things have appeared on a workshop agenda and then on that day's regular agenda for a vote. The most recent item was the valet parking ordinance. The Council would like to workshop items prior to considering major items on the regular agenda.

- 3.I. Discussion Of The Costs For Public Information Requests (Cole/Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Deferred.

- 3.J. Discussion Of A Policy For Sponsoring Events/Tables (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough is looking for a policy to be developed for sponsoring events. Some general thoughts are - should the city sponsor events and purchase tables at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, the Martin Luther King event, the NAACP banquet, etc.? If so, what criteria should be used? He does not think the city should buy a table at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, but the Chamber's Legislative Luncheon where State Legislators are present does serve a public purpose and would be an appropriate expense. If Council wants to formalize a policy, does any Council Member want to work with staff to develop a policy, or should the City Attorney draft a policy and bring back to Council? Council would like to see a list of sponsorships and would possibly like to include this discussion during the budget process. Mayor Yarbrough will work with the City Attorney and City Manager to come up with a draft policy and bring back to Council.

- 3.K. Discussion Of A Remembrance/Recognition Plan (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough brought this item forward to see if Council would like to develop a remembrance/recognition. If so, would any Council Member like to work with staff to develop the policy? The purpose of the plan would be to formalize a way to recognize individuals while they are still living instead of in memorial. MPT Brown recommended that the City Secretary research this item to see how other cities recognize individuals. City Manager Brian Maxwell suggested a remembrance park in the location of the City Hall Annex once it is demolished. Mayor Yarbrough advised Council to send their ideas to staff and this item will be brought back at a later date.

- 3.L. Discussion Of The Census 2020 Committee (Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Discussion was held regarding the creation of a Census Committee. The purpose of the ad hoc committee would be to encourage Galvestonians to participate in the 2020 census. Dustin Henry will be the staff liaison for the Census Committee. He will be providing Council with some information related to the committee's purpose. Tim Tietjens provided additional

information about census procedures. A resolution creating the Census 2020 Committee will be placed on the February 28th agenda for the Council's consideration.

3.M. Discussion Of The Council's Deadline To Submit Agenda Items (Cole/Collins - 10 Minutes)

CM Collins provided the current timeline for submitting agenda items. Currently, staff's deadline for submitting items is Wednesday at Noon the week prior to the Council meeting, and Council's deadline is Thursday at 3:00 p.m. the week prior to the Council meeting. The final agenda is published and sent out on Thursday immediately after the Council deadline. The unintended consequence with changing Council's deadline from Friday to Thursday is that Council no longer sees a draft agenda. Moving forward, staff will send out a draft agenda on Thursday at 3:00 p.m., and will send out the final agenda on Friday at Noon. This will allow Council to review the draft agenda prior to the final being published. Dr. Cole would like to see a list of general topics that will be coming up prior to the draft agenda be sent out, possibly on Monday. Mayor Yarbrough advised staff could send out the tentative list of workshop items on Monday or Tuesday the week prior to the meeting. He also advised if Council has something meaningful to workshop, they should get with staff prior to placing the item on the agenda so they have time to put it together.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 12:10 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

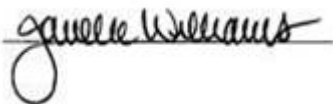
- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

4.A.1. Comcast Franchise Fee Dispute

4.A.2. No. D-1-GN-002497 Texas General Land Office V. CDM Smith And The City Of Galveston, In The 201st District Court Of Travis County Texas And No. 13-CV-0844; CDM Smith Inc. V. City Of Galveston, In The 56th Judicial District Court Of Galveston County Texas

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved: March 28, 2019