

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.  
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

**Notice is hereby given in accordance with Order of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Galveston will conduct its Special Meeting by telephone/video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Corona Virus/COVID-19. There will be no public access to the location described above.**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may submit a public comment using the web link below. All comments submitted prior to the meeting will be provided to the City Council.

<https://forms.galvestontx.gov/Forms/PublicComment>

A. Agenda Items

B. Non-Agenda Items

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Canvassing The Returns Of The General Election Held On November 3, 2020; Officially Declaring The Results Of The Election; Declaring The Regularity And Legality Of The Election; Directing The City Secretary To Prepare The Election Register And To Preserve The Election Records; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

Documents:

[CANVASS ORDINANCE -NOVEMBER 3 2020- GENERAL ELECTION.DOCX](#)

- 4.B. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Ordering A Runoff Election To Be Held In The City Of Galveston On December 15, 2020, For The Purpose Of Electing A Mayor And City Councilmember To Districts Two (2), Three (3), And Five (5); Providing For The Means And Method Of Carrying Out Said Election; Designating Hours For Voting; Providing Bilingual Election Requirements; Designating Polling Places; Providing For Early Voting; Providing For Notice Of The Runoff Election; Providing For A Severability Clause; Providing An Open Meetings Clause; Providing A Savings Clause; Declaring Findings Of Fact; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Documents:

[RUNOFF ELECTION ORDINANCE - NOVEMBER 3, 2020.DOC](#)

- 4.C. Recognition Of Service By Outgoing Council Members

- 4.D. Administer The Oath Of Office To Elected City Council Members

1. District 1 City Council Member
2. District 4 City Council Member
3. District 6 City Council Member

- 4.E. Notification Of Intent To Appeal The Arbitration Award In The Grievance Filed By Clint Stevens Related To The Galveston Ferry Detail And Upheld By The District Court. (Legal)

Documents:

[CITY ATTY MEMO.PDF](#)

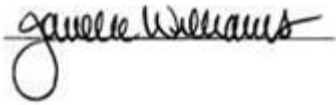
- 4.F. Consider For Approval Acceptance Of A Grant Award From The US Department Of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program For Financial Assistance In Purchasing An All Hazard Response Boat For Fire And Rescue Operations In The Amount Of \$196,254.00. Authorizing The City Manager To Sign All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval Of The City Attorney. (C. Olsen)

Documents:

[PORT SECURITY GRANT - BOAT.PDF](#)

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on November 13, 2020 at 12:15 P.M.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; OFFICIALLY DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION; DECLARING THE REGULARITY AND LEGALITY OF THE ELECTION; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PREPARE THE ELECTION REGISTER AND TO PRESERVE THE ELECTION RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, the City of Galveston (the “City”) held a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large and six Council Members to the Galveston City Council, each for terms ending in May, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, at such election, the following names of candidates for Mayor and City Council were submitted to the voters:

Mayor            Roger Quiroga  
                      Raymond Guzman Jr.  
                      James Casey  
                      Craig Brown  
                      Bill Keese

District 1        Tarris L. Woods  
                      E.R. Johnson  
                      Doug Godinich

District 2        Norman Buckaloo  
                      J. David Robertson  
                      William Schuster  
                      Pam Bass

District 3        Frank Thomas Maceo  
                      Wayne D. Holt  
                      David Collins

District 4        Bill Quiroga  
                      Jason Hardcastle

District 5        Robert Patrick Daigle  
                      Beau Rawlins  
                      John Paul Listowski

District 6        Marie Robb  
                      Jackie Cole

And,

**WHEREAS**, the names of the candidates were submitted to the voters, and the General Election (the “Election”) was held and conducted and the returns thereof were made, all as required by *The City Charter* and the laws of the State of Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding, and returns thereof, and it is now necessary to declare the official results of the canvass; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, convened on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, to canvass the returns of the Election, a time in conformity with Section 67.003 of the Texas Election Code and with Article III, Section 3 of *The City Charter* of the City of Galveston, Texas.

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

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

**SECTION 2.** The City Council having convened on this the 17th day of November, 2020, to canvass the returns of the General Election held on Saturday, November 3, 2020, and after canvassing the returns of said election, officially finds and determines that said election was duly ordered; proper notice of said election was duly given; proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election; said election was duly held; the City has complied with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the Texas Election Code; and due returns of the results of said election have been made and delivered, all in accordance with applicable law and the Ordinances calling the election.

**SECTION 3.** (a) Upon a canvass of the returns of the election to elect a Mayor and six Council Members to the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, it is hereby officially declared that the following persons are all of the candidates for Mayor and City Council and that each received the following number of votes listed beside the candidates’ names, respectively:

	Candidate	<u>Number of Votes / Percentage of Total Votes</u>	
<u>Mayor</u>	(5 Candidates)		
	Roger Quiroga	8,538	43.89 %
	Craig Brown	7,434	38.22 %
	Raymond Guzman Jr.	1,436	7.38 %
	Bill Keese	1,229	6.32 %
	James Casey	816	4.19 %

<u>District 1</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	E.R. Johnson	1,004	50.73 %
	Tarris L. Woods	674	34.06 %
	Doug Godinich	301	15.21 %
<u>District 2</u>	( 4 Candidates)		
	William Schuster	981	37.15%
	Pam Bass	667	25.26 %
	J. David Robertson	577	21.85 %
	Norman Buckaloo	416	15.75 %
<u>District 3</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	Frank Thomas Maceo	1, 503	49.62 %
	David Collins	1,198	39.55 %
	Wayne D. Holt	328	10.83 %
<u>District 4</u>	(2 Candidates)		
	Bill Quiroga	1,585	60.59 %
	Jason Hardcastle	1,031	39.41 %
<u>District 5</u>	(3 Candidates)		
	John Paul Listowski	1,348	37.64 %
	Beau Rawlins	1,348	37.64 %
	Robert Patrick Daigle	885	24.71 %
<u>District 6</u>	(2 Candidates)		
	Marie Robb	2,359	53.17 %
	Jackie Cole	2,078	46.83 %

(b) The following persons received a majority of the votes cast in their respective races and are therefore declared elected for a term ending May, 2022, commencing on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, or as otherwise provided by law, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

District 1	<u>E. R. Johnson</u>
District 4	<u>Bill Quiroga</u>
District 6	<u>Marie Robb</u>

**SECTION 4.** The City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, upon completion of this canvass, delivers this tabulation, lists, and other records used in this canvass to the City Secretary, the general custodian of the election records, for entry into the election register as required by the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 5.** The City Secretary is hereby directed to record in the election register the precinct totals of all of the election returns, which shall be incorporated into this Ordinance by reference, in accordance with State law.

**SECTION 6.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, because the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 7.** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 8.** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of *The City Charter* this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of *The Charter of the City of Galveston, Texas*.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DONALD S. GLYWASKY  
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 an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at a Special Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, 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 November, 2020.

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Secretary for the City Council  
of the City of Galveston

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ON DECEMBER 15, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO DISTRICTS TWO (2), THREE (3), AND FIVE (5); PROVIDING FOR THE MEANS AND METHOD OF CARRYING OUT SAID ELECTION; DESIGNATING HOURS FOR VOTING; PROVIDING BILINGUAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE RUNOFF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, the City of Galveston (the “City”) held a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large and City Council member to the Galveston City Council Districts two (2), three (3) and five (5), each for terms ending May, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City Charter, Article III, § 2, “Election of Mayor and Councilmembers” requires a candidate to receive “fifty (50) percent of the votes plus one (1) vote” (hereinafter a “Majority Vote”) to be declared elected to office; and,

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-\_\_\_ canvassing the returns of the Election, and no candidate received a Majority Vote to qualify for office in the following races:

Mayor;  
Councilmember for District 2;  
Councilmember for District 3;  
Councilmember for District 5; and,

**WHEREAS**, Texas Election Code Section 2.021 requires a runoff election to be held when no candidate for a particular office receives the vote necessary to be elected in an election requiring a Majority Vote; and,

**WHEREAS**, Article XVI, § 17 of the Texas Constitution requires all incumbent Councilmembers to continue to perform the duties of their offices until their successors are duly qualified; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the public interest to call and order a runoff election for the above offices.

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

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

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to the provisions of Article III of The City Charter and Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code, a runoff election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Galveston, Texas, on Tuesday, December 15, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Councilmember to Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) (hereinafter the "Runoff Election").

**SECTION 3.** That the Runoff Election hereby called and ordered shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and in accordance with the requirements of The City Charter, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas regulating the holding of municipal runoff elections. The election called and ordered shall also be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Election Services Agreement by and between the City and Galveston County (approved by City Council on January 23, 2020).

**SECTION 4.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.023 of the Texas Election Code, the following persons received the highest and second highest number of votes in the November 3, 2020 General Election and are hereby designated as the only eligible candidates in the December 15, 2020 Runoff Election:

<u>Mayor</u>	Roger Quiroga Craig Brown
<u>District 2</u>	William Schuster Pam Bass
<u>District 3</u>	Frank Thomas Maceo David Collins
<u>District 5</u>	Beau Rawlins John Paul Listowski

**SECTION 5.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.027 of the Texas Election Code, the Mayor shall certify in writing for placement on the Runoff Election ballot the names of the runoff candidates and shall deliver the certification to the City Secretary for preparation of the official ballot. The ballots used in such Runoff Election shall conform to all requirements of the laws of the State of Texas governing the same.

**SECTION 6.** In accordance with Chapter 43 and other applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, this election shall be conducted utilizing countywide polling places as designated by the County of Galveston. The City Council hereby designates the locations listed below as countywide polling places to be utilized for this election.



- 1) Galveston County Courthouse  
722 Moody (21st Street), Second Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550
- 2) GISD Administration Building  
3904 Avenue T  
Galveston, Texas 77550
- 3) Seaside Baptist Church  
16534 Termini-San Luis Pass Rd.  
Jamaica Beach, TX 77554
- 4) Dickinson Community Ctr.  
2714 Highway 3  
Dickinson, TX 77539
- 5) League City Rec. Room  
450 West Walker  
League City, TX 77573
- 6) UTMB – Rebecca Sealy Building  
404 – 8th Street  
(1st Floor Classroom)  
Galveston, Texas 77550
- 7) Dickinson City Hall  
4403 Highway 3  
Dickinson, Texas 77539
- 8) Public Works  
1701 W. League City Pkwy  
League, Texas 77573
- 9) Blue Building  
144 Park Avenue, Suite 200  
League, Texas 77573
- 10) The Watershed Church  
1751 East League City Pkwy  
League City, Texas 77573

**SECTION 7.** All qualified voters of the City of Galveston shall be entitled to vote for Mayor and all qualified voters in Districts Two, Three and Five shall be entitled to vote for respective Council Members of Districts Two, Three and Five, at the Runoff Election hereby called and ordered. The Runoff Election shall be conducted in accordance with the

laws of the State of Texas between the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. on December 15, 2020.

**SECTION 8.** (a) In compliance with Section 271.006 of the Texas Election Code, Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk is appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Other deputy early voting clerks shall be appointed as needed to process early voting mail and to conduct early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance is available at the following countywide locations, and such other early voting polling places as designated by the Early Voting Clerk.

- 1) Galveston County Justice Center – Main Early Voting Polling Place  
600 – 59th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Galveston, Texas 77551
- 2) Galveston County Courthouse  
722 Moody (21st Street), Second Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550
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(b) Qualified electors voting early who are unable to vote in person shall vote by mail as prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas. The Early Voting Clerk's address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to: Dwight D. Sullivan, Early Voting Clerk, County of Galveston, P. O. Box 17253, Galveston, Texas 77553-7253; or may be delivered to Dwight D. Sullivan, Early Voting Clerk, County of Galveston, 600 – 59th Street, 2nd Floor, Galveston, Texas 77551. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is December 11, 2020 (received, not postmarked). The deadline for a Federal Post Card Application is December 11, 2020.

(c). Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on November 30, 2020, and end on December 11, 2020, and shall be conducted during the following hours:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Hours of operation</i>
Monday	November 30, 2020	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 1, 2020	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 2, 2020	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 3, 2020	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	December 4, 2020	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 5, 2020	Closed
Sunday	December 6, 2020	Closed
Monday	December 7, 2020	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 8, 2020	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 9, 2020	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 10, 2020	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday	December 11, 2020	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**SECTION 9.** (a) Notice of said election shall be given (1) by filing a copy of this election Ordinance with the City Secretary; and (2) by publication as required by State law. The notice shall be in accordance with State law.

(b) The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an “Order of Election” and “Notice of Runoff Election.” Council directs the City Secretary to post the “Order of Election” and publish and post the “Notice of Runoff Election,” in both English and Spanish in accordance with State law.

**SECTION 10.** Officers of the election shall immediately at the close of the election return to the City Council the results of the election. The City Council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election as provided in the agreement between the City and the County, and as permitted by law.

**SECTION 11.** The provisions of 42 U.S.C.A., 1973aa-1a, 28 C.F.R. Part 55, and section 272.001 et seq. of the Texas Election Code, regarding members of a single-language minority, shall be observed with respect to printing and disseminating voting notices, forms, balloting materials, instructions, assistance or other materials or information relating to the electoral process, including ballots, and all such election materials shall be printed, processed and provided in the Spanish language as well as the English language, and each Election precinct shall have access to a Judge, Alternate Judge, or Clerk who is fluent in the Spanish language and who shall be instructed and required to provide assistance to any voter desiring same.

**SECTION 12.** The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint all necessary election officers and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election and to comply with Federal, State, and local law in the conduct thereof.

**SECTION 13.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, because the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 14.** It is hereby officially found and determined that notice of the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, and that such meeting has been open to the public at all times when this ordinance was discussed and acted on.

**SECTION 15.** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 16.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 and 13 of Article II of The City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

**SECTION 17.** This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of The Charter of the City of Galveston.

**SECTION 18.** The election hereby called and ordered shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, The Charter of the City of Galveston, Texas, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas regulating the holding of local elections.

**SECTION 19.** The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all valid election expenses in accordance with the current Election Services Contract with the County of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM :

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DONNA M. FAIRWEATHER  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, City Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the

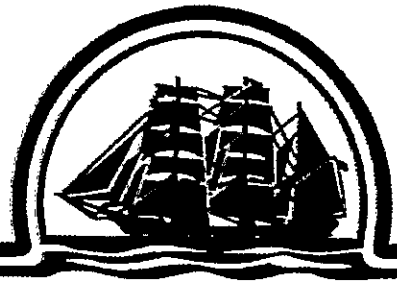
City Council of the City of Galveston at its Special Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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City Secretary for the City Council  
of the City of Galveston

# City of Galveston



## City Attorney's Office

P.O. Box 779 / Galveston, Texas 77553-0779 / (409) 797-3530 / Fax (409) 797-3531

November 5, 2020

Hon. Members of Council  
City Hall  
Galveston, Texas

RE: Notification of intent to appeal the arbitration award in the grievance filed by Clint Stevens related to the Galveston Ferry Detail and upheld by the District Court.

Greetings:

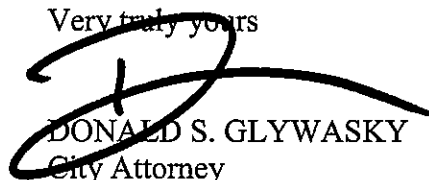
This is to advise of this offices intent to file an appeal to the Court of Appeals related to the arbitration award of Clint Stevens grievance against the City of Galveston.

Clint Stevens had previously received work assignments to the Galveston Ferry detail. The former chief, Rick Boyle, had only Sergeants and below working the ferry detail to ensure the program remained under budget. When Clint Stevens was promoted to Lieutenant, Chief Boyle removed him from the detail. Steven filed a grievance which went to arbitration.

Because of a variety of jurisdictional issues, this office filed an action with the District Court to vacate the entire arbitration. That effort was denied, and the Court has issued its order that Stevens be paid \$48,972.47 plus attorney fees of \$25,000. In the event of an unsuccessful appeal, an additional \$25,000 in attorney fees will be awarded.

It is our position that the matter was not properly grievable since the assignment of work is purely within the discretion of the Chief and this is a management right which must be protected. So unless directed otherwise, we will appeal the judgement of the District Court and seek a resolution either by agreement or by appeal. Please contact me with any questions

Very truly yours

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Glywasky', written over the typed name.

DONALD S. GLYWASKY  
City Attorney



# Galveston Fire Department

## STAFF REPORT

November 12, 2020

To: Brian Maxwell, City Manager  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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Subject: Consider for Approval acceptance of a grant award from the US Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program for financial assistance in purchasing an all hazard response boat for fire and rescue operations in the amount of \$196,254.00. Authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents upon final approval of the City Attorney.

### **I. Background**

- A. In Galveston there is a need for an all hazards boat capable of marine firefighting, hazardous materials monitoring, and water rescue. Presently all Galveston firefighters are trained in water rescue, with 16 Texas Commissioned marine firefighters.
- B. A grant application was submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security by the Galveston Fire Department Emergency Management Office for assistance in funding an all hazards response boat.

### **II. Current Situation**

- A. On September 1, 2020, the US Department of Homeland Security informed the City of Galveston that the submitted application is being recommended for \$147,190.00 in federal funding for the grant.
- B. City Council accepted the pending Homeland Security grant EMW-2020-PU-00166 and authorized the City Manager to sign all necessary documents related to the grant.
- C. The Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program will award the City \$147,190.00. The City of Galveston will provide a \$49,064.00 local match for the grant to purchase the all hazards response boat.
- D. Upon acceptance of the grant, the City will advertise with specifications related to an all hazards response boat to protect the waters around Galveston Island.
- E. The Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program will be utilized in radiological air monitoring, firefighting and water rescue which will enhance the current response capabilities during marine emergencies.





# Galveston Fire Department

## STAFF REPORT

### III. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. Approve the acceptance of the grant from the US Department of Home Land Security in the amount of \$196,254.00 (\$147,190 federal share) and (\$49,064.00 local match) which would provide continued service to the residents of Galveston Island.
- B. Do not approve the grant and forfeit the money which would reduce the fire and rescue operations of the Galveston Fire Department.

### IV. Recommendation

- A. Accept the pending Grant from the US Home Land Security grant for \$196,254 for assistance in purchasing the all hazards response boat and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents upon final approval of the City Attorney.

### V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by Charles Olsen Sr  
GFD Fire Chief

Funding Source \$147, 190.00 US Homeland Security: \$49,064.00 Special Revenue  
Account

