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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
SPECIAL MEETING - MAY 15, 2019

5/15/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.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. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Yarbrough - Item 6D.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

- 5.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Canvassing The Returns Of The Proposition A Election (Election) Held On May 4, 2019; 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 An Effective Date. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 19-030 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Bly, second by CM Hardcastle, to approve the ordinance canvassing the election. Unanimously approved.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.A. Consider For Approval A Resolution By The City Of Galveston, Texas Suspending The May 21, 2019 Effective Date Of The Statement Of Intent Of Texas Gas Service Company To Increase Rates Within Incorporated Areas Of Its Service Territory To Permit The City Time To Study The Request And To Establish Reasonable Rates; Authorizing Participation With Other Texas Municipalities In The Gulf Coast Service Area; Hiring Legal And Consulting Services To Negotiate With The Company And Direct Any Necessary Litigation And Appeals; Finding That The City's Reasonable Rate Case Expenses Shall Be Reimbursed By The Company; Finding That The Meeting At Which This Resolution Is Passed Is Open To The Public As Required By Law; Requiring Notice Of This Resolution To The Company And Legal Counsel. (Legal)

Motion was made by CM Collins, second by MPT Brown, to approve Resolution No. 19-020. Unanimously approved.

- 6.B. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Galveston And The County Of Galveston For The Provision Of Local Cash Resources, Bridge Alignment And Ownership Of A New Pelican Island Bridge; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement And All Other Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney; Providing For Findings Of Fact And For An Effective Date (Yarbrough)

Motion was made by MPT Brown, second by CM Bly, to approve Resolution No. 19-021 with an expiration date of December 31, 2019. Unanimously approved.

- 6.C. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving An Interlocal Agreement With The Texas Department Of Transportation ("TxDOT") Whereby The City Of

Galveston Will Provide Galveston Police Officers For Law Enforcement And Traffic Control Operations On Ferry Road And At The Galveston Ferry Landing; Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Interlocal Agreement; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Texas Department Of Transportation; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (V. Hale)

Motion was made by CM Bly, second by CM Collins, to approve Resolution No. 19-022. Unanimously approved.

- 6.D. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Authorizing The City Of Galveston To Purchase Properties Contaminated By The Old Municipal Incinerator For The Purposes Of Remediation Or Demolition; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Mayor Yarbrough declared a conflict on Item 6B. He left the room and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Motion was made by MPT Brown, second by CM Hardcastle, to approve Resolution No. 19-023. The motion passed 6-0; Mayor Yarbrough abstained from voting.

7. WORKSHOP ITEMS (ROOM 204)

- 7.A. Discussion Of Amending Term Length And Appointment Dates For Boards, Commissions, And Committees Serving The City Of Galveston (M. Jadidi - 20 Minutes)
Assistant City Attorney Mehran Jadidi provided information on proposed amendments to the length and appointment dates for boards, commissions, and committees serving the City of Galveston. Discussion was held regarding (2) changing the appointment dates within City Council authority to begin October 1, (2) changing all board appointment terms within City Council authority to three years, (3) making the change effective October 1, 2019, and (4) staggering terms. This item will be placed on the May 23rd workshop agenda for further discussion.
- 7.B. Discussion Of A Review Process For Special Events (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
Discussion was held regarding the method for Council's review of the City's Special Events. David Smith provided Council with a copy of the 2019 Special Events Calendar. CM Collins volunteered to assist staff in coordination of the process.
- 7.C. Receive And Discuss An Update From The Trolley Ad Hoc Committee (D. Smith - 30 Minutes)
Mayor Yarbrough advised the Trolley Ad Hoc Committee was created by City Council motion and was never formalized with a Resolution. Committee Chair Kyle Albright provided Council with a report from the committee. Rick Beverlin will provide Council with ridership numbers for the rubber tire trolleys. Discussion was held regarding the committee's remaining functions including digital ticketing and GPS tracking. Staff will draft a Resolution for the Council's consideration at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: