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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - JULY 22, 2021

7/22/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Bill Quiroga, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.

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 (20 Minutes)

Items 10B, 10C, 10D, 11B, 11J, 11K, 11L, 11M, 11N, and 11Q were clarified by Staff.

- 3.B. Discussion Of The FY2022 Budget And Capital Improvement Plan (M. Loftin - 1 Hour)

Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin presented the FY 2022 Budget and CIP Overview, including: FY 2022 Budget and CIP schedule; Mayor assumptions affecting budgeted revenues; Preliminary property tax protest results; Estimated property tax revenues (pending tax rate determination by Tax Assessor Collector); Impact of recommended payment on the Library; Sales tax - great potential but highly risky; Inflation driven by pre and post pandemic demand; General Fund revenue summary; General Fund - major expenditure assumptions; General Fund spending; Water and Sewer overview; Water and Sewer Funds; Water and Sewer customers subsidizing new home buyers; Proposed fees to be workshopped; Sanitation fee increases; Sanitation's immediate need; Other funds; Water and Sewer CIP overview; Streets and Drainage overview; General Obligation Debt; and Water and Sewer Debt.

- 3.C. Discussion Of A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Rosenberg Library (M. Loftin - 15 Minutes)

Mayor Brown provided Council with the following update on the MOU with the Library: Any change to financial commitments to the Library would require a Charter change; the Mayor and City Manager met with Library executives to discuss alternatives until we get to a Charter change to discuss an equitable arrangement for both entities; and the Library Board will be meeting to discuss and weigh in on the MOU. Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided information on the MOU that would provide for payments by the Library to the City to address an inequitable distribution of property tax revenue caused by the combined effect of City Charter requirements and State property tax laws approved in 2019.

- 3.D. Discussion Of Economic Development And Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority, Galveston Housing Finance Corporation And Galveston Property Finance Authority Structure And Process (M. Hay - 40 Minutes)

Economic Development Coordinator Michele Hay presented Council with the Economic Development - Redevelopment Ecosystem recommendations, including: board structure - the same seven members for all three boards; members should include one member with a

financial background and one member with a construction background; officers; would include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary; formalizing roles for each entity; and the RDA structure, mission, and purpose. This item will come back to Council for additional discussion and consideration.

- 3.E. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, Chapter 8, "Beaches And Waterways", To Update Beach Access And Parking On Regulated Beach Areas; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date (Legal - 10 Minutes)

This item is on this afternoon's meeting for Council's consideration. City Manager Brian Maxwell introduced the new Coastal Resources Manager Brandon Hill to Council.

- 3.F. Discussion Of Cultural Arts Commission's Policy On Art In Public Places (Listowski/Brown - 15 Min)

CM Listowski placed this item on today's agenda but will be recommending deferral for further review.

- 3.G. Discussion Of A Draft Ordinance Prohibiting The Release Of Balloons (Schuster/Brown - 10 Minutes)

CM Schuster placed this item on today's agenda at the request of a constituent with the idea of limiting the intentional release of balloons on the Island that contribute to litter, harm to marine life, and interference with aircraft. The Council will consider action on this item at the next regular meeting.

- 3.H. Council Updates And Discussion Items (15 Minutes)

1. Coastal Resources Manager - Brown
2. Golf Cart Definitions - Robb/Brown

- 3.I. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Brown - 10 Minutes)

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 3:11 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters" To Deliberate The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Or Duties Of A Public Officer Or Employee.

1. City Manager Brian Maxwell
2. City Attorney Donald Glywasky
3. City Auditor Glenn Bulgherini
4. City Secretary Janelle Williams

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: