



City of Galveston

FLEET, MASS TRANSIT & SPECIAL EVENTS STAFF REPORT

Date January 13, 2022

To: City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members

From: David Smith, Executive Director
Fleet, Mass Transit and Special Events

Project location: N/A

Project: Resolution - TXDOT / Special Events

Request: 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 closures of state right of ways for each event along with all other necessary documents.

Prior Council Action

Resolution is brought before the city council at the beginning of each calendar year.

Background

- A. The Texas Department of Transportation is now requiring local governments to approve a resolution allowing major road closures 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.

Fiscal Impact Report

Tourism is part of the economic engine for the city of Galveston. Special Events play an important role in bringing visitors to the island, and in addition, return visits.





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Alternatives

A. City Council approves.

1. Cost - None
2. Timing - N/A
3. Divisional Improvements - Will allow special events utilizing TXDOT roadways to proceed.

B. City Council does not approve.

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

Staff Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A and 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 closures of state right of ways for each event along with all other necessary documents.

Attachments



RESOLUTION NO. 22-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 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 typically scheduled in the City of Galveston and would require temporary closure of the state right-of-way:

- 1) Martin Luther King (MLK) Parade;
- 2) Mardi Gras Galveston;
- 3) University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Causeway FunD Run;
- 4) Ironman 70.3 Triathlon;
- 5) Toughest 10K;
- 6) Galveston County Daily News Press Run;
- 7) Bike Around the Bay; and
- 8) Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession; and,

WHEREAS, there may be additional City-approved special events held during the 2022 calendar year 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 as determined to occur for the calendar year 2022 as serving public purposes and to authorize the City Manager to execute the required TxDOT standard form agreement for the 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 which may be determined to be held in the City of Galveston, as serving public purposes and would require temporary closure of the state right-of-way:

- 1) Martin Luther King (MLK) Parade;
- 2) Mardi Gras Galveston;
- 3) University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Causeway FunD Run;
- 4) Ironman 70.3 Triathlon;
- 5) Toughest 10K;
- 6) Galveston County Daily News Press Run;
- 7) Bike Around the Bay; and
- 8) Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession;

SECTION 3. The City Council further establishes all other City-approved special events in the calendar year 2022 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 27th day of January, 2022, 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, 2022.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston