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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - JANUARY 23, 2020

1/23/2020 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Craig Brown, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, and Council Member John Listowski. Council Member Amy Bly arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Absent: Council Member Dr. 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. (30 Minutes)

Items 8A, 8B, 10A, 10E.5, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11E, 11H, 11M, 11N, 11R, 11T, and 11I were clarified by staff.

- 3.B. Receive And Discuss A Presentation From The Galveston County Health District On The HEAL And ITT Community Challenge (Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Galveston County Health District representative Ami Cochran provided information on the HEAL and ITT Community Challenge. The District's goal is to have Galveston County the healthiest county in Texas. She asked the Council for their support in the District's initiatives in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

- 3.C. Receive And Discuss A Presentation From The Galveston Police Department On A New Crime Reporting System (V. Hale - 15 Minutes)

Police Chief Vernon Hale provided Council with information on the Police Department's new crime reporting system.

- 3.D. Beach Maintenance Permits/Beach Ad Hoc Committee Report And Update (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough provided background information on the beach permit review process. Coastal Resources Manager Dustin Henry reported that staff has reviewed the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. Staff found that most of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations are reflected in existing requirements of the City's Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan and Erosion Response Plan or other municipal codes, and can therefore be incorporated into staff reports to the Planning Commission as conditions of approval of applications. Other recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee that staff has found to fall outside the purpose/intent of the Dune Protection Act and Open Beaches Act, and are not currently addressed in the City's Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan or Erosion Response Plan. These recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee may require additional review by staff and discussion with Council. An agenda item related to Beach Access will be placed on the February workshop agenda for discussion.

- 3.E. Receive And Discuss An Update On Pelican Island Bridge (Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

Mayor Yarbrough provided an update on Pelican Island Bridge. He was hoping to have a report from Commissioner Clark but has not received it as of this date. He will email a copy of the report to Council and the media as soon as he receives it. The agreement approved by Council last year has expired, so a new agreement will be coming to Council for a

commitment from the City on funding.

3.F. Receive And Discuss An Update On Sandpiper Cove (Hardcastle/Yarbrough - 15 Minutes)

City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that staff has been in contact with HUD Director Christine Newhouse. HUD was planning on inspecting the property this month but have pulled off of that because sale of the property in eminent. HUD knows the potential buyer and have advised the city should expect a major upgrade from the new buyer. They expect a buy/sale agreement inked by February 1st. If the sale falls through, HUD will resume their plans to perform an inspection of the property. HUD will continue to have bi-weekly calls with the current owners and responding to complaints until the property closes. Staff will provide an update at the February workshop.

3.G. Receive Briefing Related To The Status Of The Civilian Review Board (Legal - 5 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky provided information on amendments to the Civilian Review Board ordinance. Police Chief Vernon Hale reported that the Civilian Review Board and the Police Union are meeting to discuss issues related to the ordinance.

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

CM Collins reported that the Park Board's new Chief Tourism Director Michael Woody has been working with a Florida based company called Sunward to create a wristband program. The cruise lines would sell the wristbands onboard the ship for discount and promotional items after debarkation, will offer early debarkation, and post cruise deals. This allows promotion of Galveston on the cruise ships for the first time. The second phase will be to create some post-cruise experiences in Galveston for passengers. He reported that a proposed amendment to the leave no trace ordinance will be coming to Council for action in February. The amendment would allow for the placement of items on the beach after 7:00 a.m. He reported that the Park Board is not getting the \$2 million from the GLO for the Stewart Beach Drainage Project but there is a contingency in the CIP to move forward. He also reported that demolition of the Seawolf Park Pavilion has been approved by FEMA and will be going out for bids in February.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: