

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
WORKSHOP - JANUARY 27, 2022**

1/27/2022 - 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 Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.**

**Absent: Council Member Bill Quiroga.**

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 8A, 8B, 8C, 11A, 11C, 11D, 11Z, 11CC, and 12A were clarified by Staff.**

- 3.B. Discussion Of Pocket Park Three (3) Improvements With Council Direction To Staff On Potential Future Paid Parking And Associated Amenities. (B. Hill/Brown - 15 Minutes)

**Brandon Hill discussed with the City Council proposed amenities for Pocket Park Three (3). Staff's vision includes three parking lots (ADA, free parking, and paid parking), and beach access. Staff encouraged Council Members to get in touch with them regarding input on the park.**

- 3.C. Discussion Of The Draft Pelican Island Bridge MOU (Brown/Staff-45 Min)

**Mayor Brown provided background information on the Pelican Island Bridge Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Participants of the MOU include Galveston County, City of Galveston, Navigation District, Texas A&M, Port of Galveston, and Port of Houston. The Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) is a contract between the local sponsor, which is Galveston County, and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). TxDOT would like to finalize both documents within 2022. Construction would start 2023/2024 and would be finalized 2025/2026. Projected cost of construction is \$85 million. The City of Galveston's participation is \$5 million IDC funding with possibly an additional \$1 million. After completion, the City of Galveston would be owner of the bridge.**

- 3.D. Discussion Of Stewart Beach Park And Resolution For Joint Committee (Brown/Collins - 30 Min)

**Mayor Brown reported that today's regular agenda includes an item for Council to possibly consider a resolution to form a joint committee. He provided an overview of the committee's charge contained in the resolution. CM Robb commented that she would like to serve on the committee.**

- 3.E. Discussion Concerning Requesting A Park Board Presentation To Council On Plans For Drainage Changes At Stewart Beach Park. (Quiroga/Robb - 15 Min)

**Deferred.**

- 3.F. Discussion Of The Use Of Buccaneer And Rotary Fields By West Isle Little League (Quiroga/Robb - 10 Min)

**CM Robb and Director of Parks and Recreation Barbara Sanderson reported on a meeting held between city staff and all the parties to discuss a plan for use of Buccaneer and Rotary Fields. CM Robb reported that it was never the city's intention to demolish the fields that are located on the West End. An item will be placed on the next agenda to report on the finalized plans.**

- 3.G. Discussion Of City Codes As They Apply To Grease Traps (Quiroga/Robb - 10 Min)

**Deferred.**

- 3.H. Discussion Of The USS Texas' Move To Galveston As Its Home Port (Quiroga/Robb - 20 Min)

**CM Listowski reported that the Foundation that represents the USS Texas has a path to get the ship to Galveston through the Wharves Board.**

- 3.I. Council Updates

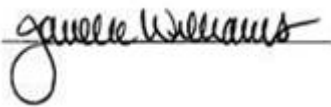
**1. Update of the Community's Plan to support an Exhibit and Museum Commemorating Juneteenth (Lewis/Brown - 10 min) - CM Lewis provided a report on a collaboration between the City and Galveston Historical Foundation on plans to set up a Juneteenth exhibit at Ashton Villa.**

**2. Update on TxDOT Broadway Construction (Staff/Brown - 10 min) - City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that this is a TxDOT project. All of Broadway, including the approaches, will be paved. The overall process was to lower Broadway in order to allow for some sheet flow. TxDOT has ensured the City Manager that all lanes on Broadway will be open for Mardi Gras, all six lanes on I-45 will be open all the way to the Beltway, the City will be able to use the message boards during Mardi Gras, and Broadway should be completed by Spring.**

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

**The workshop was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.**



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 24, 2022