

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
WORKSHOP - JANUARY 28, 2021**

1/28/2021 - 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 (via videoconference): Mayor Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member E. R. Johnson, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member William, 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. (30 Minutes)

**Items 6A, 6B, 8A, 9B, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9O, 9U, and 10A were clarified by Staff.**

3.B. Discussion Of The City Marshal Program And Code Enforcement (Robb/Brown – 30 Minutes)

**City Marshal Butch Stroud provided an overview of the City Marshal's Office responsibilities. Those responsibilities include City Hall Building Security, Municipal Court Bailiff and Municipal Warrant Service, Parking Enforcement, Code Enforcement, Ground Transportation Enforcement, Wrecker Enforcement, Hotel/Motel/Bed & Breakfast Annual Inspections, Assist Coastal Resource Officer with Beach Front Enforcement, Assisting Development Services with Field Inspections and Enforcement, Assisting Building Department with Field Inspections and Enforcement, Assisting GIS Department with verifying address and businesses to update their map overlays, Inspect and Evaluate dilapidated structures for possible Abatement, Alarm Permits, Golf Cart Permits, Residential Parking Permits, Chauffeurs Permits, work with all city departments to make the quality of life better for all citizens and visitors within the city, and other projects as directed by the City Manager's office. Marshal Stroud addressed Council's concerns regarding City Marshals blocking one lane of traffic during parking enforcement on the Seawall which is already being corrected. Council commended the City Marshals Office for doing a great job in the community.**

3.C. Discussion Of The Short Term Rental Platform Contract (Glywasky/Loftin – 30 Minutes)

**City Council received a presentation from Short Term Rental Task Force members from Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin, City Attorney Don Glywasky, City Auditor Glenn Bulgherini, Director of Policy and Governmental Relations Sally Bakko, and Park Board representatives Bryson Frazier and Kay Terry. Discussion was held regarding pros and cons of using voluntary collections agreements (VCAs) and internet platforms, the increase in short term rentals, local HOT vs State HOT, recent revenue trends, and the path forward and steps underway.**

3.D. Receive And Discuss A Recycling Report From City Staff (S. Van Slyke – 30 Minutes)

**Recycling Coordinator Scott Van Slyke provided an overview of the City's Recycling Program. Topics of discussion included the value of recycling, recycling trends, materials accepted at the recycling center, how the center processes commodities, improvements currently being made at the center, final disposition of commodities, funding for the recycling center, cost of operations, paper, plastic, and cardboard revenue, and the new recycling center location. Staff recommendations include charging the Recycling Committee with helping the center to become more viable and to assist with closing the funding gap, charging the Recycling Committee to provide cost saving measure alternatives outside of the reduction that staff has already put into place (operating with reduced staff and removal of rental equipment, and services by Republic), and charging the Recycling Committee to changing the drop off hours at the center. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of curbside recycling for the**

entire city, and the current and proposed budget for recycling. Staff will bring back an action item at a future meeting to amend the Recycling Committee's charge and the duration of the ad hoc committee.

3.E. Discussion Of Mardi Gras (B. Maxwell – 20 Minutes)

**Mayor Brown declared a conflict and did not participate in the discussion of Mardi Gras.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that staff has been working on specifics of the Mardi Gras contract. Any direction given at today's workshop will come back at the next meeting for Council approval. Executive Director David Smith provided information on the current process of selecting a vendor and negotiations for the new Mardi Gras contract. This item will be placed on the March agenda for the Council's consideration.**

3.F. Council Operations (Brown – 20 Minutes)

- a. Discussion of in-person meetings
- b. Procedure for reserving conference rooms for Council Member/Constituent meetings

**Mayor Brown reported that we are experiencing an increase of infections in the community at this time and some schools may be going back to remote learning. Discussion was held regarding reviewing this topic each month to monitor when in-person meetings would be appropriate.**

**City Secretary Janelle Williams provided the procedure for reserving conference rooms for Council Member/Constituent meetings.**

3.G. City Updates (Quiroga/Brown – 15 Minutes)

- a. Discussion of commercial city lights
- b. Discussion of the 49th Street Project

**CM Quiroga thanked City Manager Brian Maxwell for assisting with setting up a meeting with CenterPoint.**

3.H. Discussion Of The Removal Of Appointees To Board And Commissions Pursuant To City Code Chapter 2, Art. II, Section 2-52 "Standards Of Conduct" And Section 2-61 "Removal Of Board, Commission Or Committee Member" (Robb/Quiroga - 15 Minutes)  
**Deferred.**

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

**MPT Collins reported that he will be bringing an item to City Council next month for approval of an expenditure of about \$85,000 to update the pavilion facility at Dellanera Park as a capital project.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The City Council convened into Executive Session at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 1:04 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

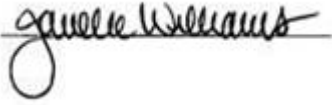
4.A.1. Briefing On Proposed Litigation Related To The Properties At 407 12th Street, 2225 Victory, And

1418 30th Street

4.A.2. Cause No. 4:19-CV-00458, City Of Alvin Et Al Vs. Comcast, In The United States District Court For  
The Southern District Of Texas Houston Division

5. ADJOURNMENT

**The workshop was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 25, 2021