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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 23, 2023

2/23/2023 - 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 Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Mike Bouvier, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.

Absent: Council Member Sharon Lewis.

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 (40 Min)

Items 10A, 10B, 10C, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11E, 11F, 11G, 11H, 11L, 11M, 11N, 11R, 11W, and 12A were clarified by Staff.

- 3.B. Discussion Of The Structure And Mission Of The Redevelopment Authority/Galveston Housing Finance Corporation And Authority (Brown - 30 Min)

Mayor Brown introduced the item and provided possible changes of separating the groups, and having staff serve as members of the RDA to handle administrative duties. Discussion was held regarding the mission of each board and whether the boards should be separated, and providing Council direction to the boards. The board will be seeking Council approval of an ordinance on purchasing property for future development.

- 3.C. Discussion Of Cruise Parking Ordinance (Brown - 20 Min)

Discussion was held during Workshop Item 3.A. The final draft of the ordinance includes an exemption for hotel parking, and includes a daily long term parking fee of \$1.15 per car. This item is on today's regular agenda for Council's consideration.

- 3.D. Discuss Negotiations With The Gulf Coast Water Authority Relating To The Municipal Customer Contract, Interim Water Supply Contract, Advanced Funding Agreement, And A Letter Of Intent Regarding The Maintenance And Operation Of The City's Water Wells (B. Cook - 15 Min)

Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook provided a summary of items related to the Gulf Coast Water Authority, with the most pressing item being the Advanced Funding Agreement. The AFA will be on the March agenda for Council's consideration.

- 3.E. Discussion Of Hotel Occupancy Tax As It Relates To City Ordinances 22-073 And 22-074 (Bouvier/Brown - 30 Min)

CM Bouvier placed this item on the agenda to discuss issues with the recently adopted Ordinances. He suggested adding a mechanism to the ordinance that provides funding for the Park Board past the 120 days.

3.F. Discussion Of The Repeal Of Ordinances 22-073 And 22-074 (Bouvier/Brown - 20 Min)

Deferred.

3.G. Discussion Of Homelessness Research And Recommendations (Brown/Robb - 20 Min)

1. Update on homeless population and update from the task force on outcome of the recent Point in Time (PIT) Count - **Marsha Wilson Rappaport, President of the Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition, discussed with City Council results of the recent PIT Count of approximately 237 homeless individuals on the Island, performing a local survey to gather additional information not included in the PIT Count, issues of entities on the Island releasing individuals onto the street without providing transportation to their point of origin, working on a plan to get individuals back to their point of origin, current incidents involving homeless individuals at local businesses, and enhanced enforcement of ordinances to address activities that are detrimental to residents and businesses. The City Manager will visit with Police Chief Balli and Legal on amending related city ordinances.**

3.H. Council Updates (Brown/Robb - 10 Min)

1. Hotel Occupancy Tax Contract between City/Park Board - **City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that the HOT contract is specific to funding and the interlocal is specific to services.**
2. Interlocal Contract between City/Park Board - **City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that City and Park Board staff won't take on the interlocal until the contract is in place.**

3.I. Clarification of Senate Bill 434 as it applies to the City of Galveston's 2023 State Legislative Agenda for the 88th Legislature

Director of Policy and Governmental Relations Sally Bakko and City Attorney Don Glywasky provided clarification on Senate Bill 434. Individual Council Members may seek additional information on the bill and may bring back the City's adopted 2023 Legislative Agenda for possible amendment.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: