

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

2/25/2021 - 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 (via videoconference): Mayor Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member E. R. Johnson, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Bill 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 (20 Minutes)
Items 8A, 8C, 9A, 9E, 9I, 9M, and 10A were clarified by Staff.

3.B. Presentation Of The Finalist Selections For A City Flag (Brown - 20 Minutes)
Cultural Arts Commission member Pat Jakobi presented Council with the top three finalist selections for a City Flag. Finalists Dawson Finklea and Jerome McLemore presented a brief synopsis of their flag designs. The Council recommended having the public vote on the top ten flags, and asked Ms. Jakobi to take this item back to the commission to coordinate the public vote. This item will come back to Council for final approval at a future meeting.

3.C. 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 - 20 Minutes)
CM Robb placed this item on the agenda and expressed disappointment with the previous Council when there was a discussion of a member of the Wharves Board who harassed a woman of high standing in our community and it was basically dismissed. She advised it opens so many questions about what does come down to grounds for dismissal if a harassing a person, and especially from someone who has a history of harassing both persons and organizations, is not grounds for removal. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided information on the removal of board members under the the Code of Ethics, City Code, City Charter, and State law. CM Robb added that there was clearly a breach and nothing was done in that particular case, and asked if that item could be placed back on the agenda. City Attorney Glywasky reported that the Council already acted in the previous matter involving a Wharves Board member and it is not subject for reconsideration. CM Robb requested the minutes reflect that she finds it so disappointing, and as a woman she is so insulted as are so many women on this island, that we would let a harassment case go purely dismissed. City Attorney Glywasky reported that staff is revising the Code of Ethics in Chapter 2 of the City Code and will be coming to Council at a future meeting.

3.D. Discussion Of The Process For Park Board And Planning Commission Appointments (Brown - 15 Minutes)

Discussion was held regarding the process for Park Board and Planning Commission appointments. Mayor Brown will coordinate the process discussed by Council with the City Secretary.

3.E. Discussion Of Scheduling A Special Meeting To Receive A Presentation From Vision Galveston (Brown - 10 Minutes)

Discussion was held regarding scheduling a Special meeting to receive a presentation from Vision Galveston. An additional item will be placed on the Special Meeting agenda to discuss a method for dealing with excessive water bills caused by the Winter Storm. The City

Secretary will coordinate a date for the Special Meeting with Council Members.

- 3.F. Discussion Of Continued State Of Emergency In The City Of Galveston Related To The Covid Pandemic And Related Emergency Orders (Legal - 15 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky provided information on continuing the State of Emergency and Emergency Orders related to the COVID pandemic. The City Council discussed whether a local State of Emergency is needed at this point, or whether individual ordinances for mask requirements and PHI at the Airport would suffice. This item is on today's regular meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

- 3.G. Council Operations (Brown – 10 Minutes)

1. In-person meetings

City Manager Brian Maxwell reported that we are challenged a little bit with spacing in Council chambers, but we could put Council members in Chambers and Staff could Zoom into the meetings. He advised that a bigger concern is the public and keeping everyone distanced. Discussion was held regarding whether we could hold all meetings in Room 204 with proper social distancing, the benefits of in-person interactions between Council members, the possibility of having hybrid meetings, and whether we should have members of the public attend in person or continue live call-ins for the public.

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

MPT Collins reported that the Parks faired pretty well during the freeze, except for some broken pipes at Dellanera Park which will be addressed during their remodel.

- 3.I. Discussion Related To Procedures Involved In Redistricting City Council Precincts Following Receipt Of Census Data From The US Census Bureau (D. Glywasky - 30 Minutes)

City Attorney Don Glywasky provided background information regarding redistricting services provided by the Bickerstaff Law Firm. Attorney Bob Heath reported that the census data is going to be provided late this year which will affect the City's timeline for redistricting. The data typically comes out in December but didn't happen this year due to the pandemic hitting at the same time the census is done. The data is scheduled to be released on April 1st, and the census block level data used to draw districts that was supposed to come out by March 31st is now delayed to September 30th. So, we will be several months delayed in being able to redistrict. The timeline is key to the census release of September 30, 2021. Once the census block data comes out the City's redistricting process will begin. An item will be coming to Council at the next meeting to consider hiring the Bickerstaff Law Firm.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 12:18 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

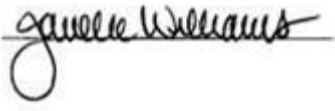
- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary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

4.A.1. No. 19-CV-2139 Allen Flores Et Al V. City Of Galveston; 212th Judicial Court

4.A.2. Texas Railway Exchange V. City Of Galveston, In County Court Of Galveston County (Condemnation Action)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: