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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 25, 2021

2/25/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.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. INVOCATION
The invocation was given by CM Johnson.
4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Mayor Brown declared a conflict on Item 10A. CM Robb declared a conflict on Workshop Item 4.A.2.
5. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICER BOARDS, AND CITY MANAGER
 - 5.A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, The City Council May Report On Any Of The Following Items:
 1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude, and condolences - **Mayor Brown presented a letter from Col. Fossum at Texas A&M University thanking Police Chief Hale and his officers on their efforts to coordinate and search for a missing cadet.**

CM Robb thanked volunteers from District 6 as well as Firefighters and Public Works employees for their efforts during the Winter Storm.

Mayor Brown expressed condolences to the family of Marilyn Schwartz who passed away this morning.
 2. Information regarding holiday schedules
 3. Recognition of individuals
 - a. City of Galveston Bird City USA Designation - **presented to Julie Ann Brown of Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council by Mayor Brown.**
 - b. Recertification of City Secretary Janelle Williams as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk - **presented by Mayor Brown.**
 4. Reminders regarding City Council events
 5. Reminders regarding community events
 6. Health and safety announcement
 - 5.B. City Manager's Report
 - 5.B.1. The Investment Reports For Quarters Ended September 30 And December 31, 2020 (M. Loftin)
Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided an overview of the Investment Reports.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Claims: 21-006 - Tim Cordero; 21-007 - Cindy Paige; 21-008 - Venetta King; 21-009 - Santana Sanchez; and 21-010 - Shaina N. Abrams.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda items - Tim Lowry, John Lightfoot, Milt and Jan Brock, Esther McKenna, Harold Babin, Boyd Carr, David Barnes, Jerry Mohn, Melissa Washington, Terrie Farmer, and Tracy Park - winter storm (Item 8A).

Non-Agenda Items - April Gardiner - coyote issue on the West End and street lighting.

8. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

- 8.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Declaring A State Of Disaster And Emergency In The City Of Galveston Related To The Winter Storm Of 2021; Confirming And Ratifying The Declaration Of The Local State Of Emergency Signed By The Mayor, Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject, Providing For A Penalty And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 21-004 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Robb, second by CM Johnson, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

- 8.B. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Extending The State Of Emergency And Disaster Related To The Covid-19 Virus Until April 30, 2021, Extending Certain Emergency Orders Ratified By City Council Relating To The Operation Of Electronic Amusement Machines, The Suspension Of Building Code And Flood Plain Regulations For Placement Of A Covid 19 Temporary Screening Facility At Scholes Airport; Requiring Commercial Entities Providing Goods Or Services Directly To The Public To Develop A Health And Safety Policy Mandating The Wearing Of Masks In Their Facility, Requiring The Wearing Of Face Masks In Public And Restricting Mass Gatherings; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject, Providing For A Penalty And Providing For An Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 21-006 was read by caption. Motion was made by CM Johnson, second by MPT Collins, to approve the ordinance extending the state of emergency and disaster, and removing orders except those related to the mask order and the restriction of mass gatherings. The Legal Department will bring back at the next meeting an ordinance to address the mask wearing that will include removing the fine from the business and putting it onto the individual if the business has a plan in place. The motion carried 5-2; CM Quiroga and CM Listowski opposed the motion.

- 8.C. Consider An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020 Operating Budget By Transferring \$1,526,606 From General Fund Balance To Create A One-Time Line Item Budget To Properly Record Hurricane Ike CDBG Housing Program Administration Expenses; Said Expenses Were Incurred From FY 2010 Through FY 2013 And Were Not Reimbursed By The General Land Office Using Grant Administration Funds; And Reimbursement Of Which Is Now Considered Tenuous And Contingent On A Number Of Events Of Uncertain Outcome. (M. Loftin)

Ordinance No. 21-005 was read by caption. Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Schuster, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

The following items shall be considered for action as a whole, unless one or more Council Members objects. The City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney.

Items 9I and 9M were pulled from the Consent Items. Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by CM Johnson, to approve Consent Items 9A through 9N, except Items 9I and 9M. Unanimously approved.

- 9.A. Consider For Approval Authorizing The Park Board To Make Approximately \$89,390 In Capital Improvements To Dellanera Park Pavilion. (Collins/Brown)
- 9.B. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving The Annual Aerial Spraying For Mosquito Control; Directing The City Secretary To Forward A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Galveston County Mosquito Control District; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.
- 9.C. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston Supporting The Bid For The 2024 Texas Recreation And Park Society, (Traps) Institute And Expo Submitted By The City Of Galveston's Parks And Recreation Department; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (B. Sanderson)
- 9.D. Consider Approval Of A Contract With Triad Marine And Industrial Supply, Inc. For An All Hazard Response And Rescue Boat With Firefighting Capabilities (RFP 21-02) In The Amount Of \$208,422.00. Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (C. Olsen)
- 9.E. Consider Approval Of The Award Of RFP 20-20 Financial Advisory Services To Huntington Capital Markets For A Three-Year Contract, With Two Optional One-Year Renewals: At A Cost Of \$40,000 Per Year With Additions For Each Bond Sale Conducted That Depend On The Size Of The Sale; And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contracts Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (M. Loftin)
- 9.F. Consider For Approval Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents For The Federal Transit Administrations Annual 5307 And 5340 Grant Applications That Will Provide Funding For Island Transit During The Current Fiscal Year. (D. Smith)
- 9.G. Consider For Approval Of The Three-Year Auto Parts Contracts To The Responding Bidders That Conformed To The Specifications In Bid #21-002; Car Parts, IEH Auto Parts, Republic Parts And Interamerican Motors, And Authorize The City Manager To Execute The Contract Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 9.H. Consider For Approval Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents For The Texas Department Of Transportation's 5310 Grant Application Supporting The ADA Complementary Paratransit Service During The Current, And Following Fiscal Year. (D. Smith)
- 9.I. Consider For Approval The Purchase Of Eleven (11) Netmotion Mobility Software Licenses From Mobile Wireless LLC Utilizing DIR TSO 3810, 11 Laptops, Routers And Docking Stations From And Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. Utilizing The Texas DIR Contract (DIR-TSO-4025) And Seven (7) Licenses From CentralSquare (Formally Known As Sungard Public Sector, Inc) For A Total Cost Of \$108,311.09. This Purchase Will Supply Laptop Computers, Printers, Mounting Hardware, And Licenses To Upfit Eleven Marked Marshals Units With State-Of-The-Art Equipment To Allow The Deputy Marshal's To Perform Their Duties Reducing Face To Face Contact, And Enhance Their Ability To Work Independently In The Field. (B. Stroud)
- Motion was made by MPT Collins, second by CM Listowski, to approve Item 9I. The motion carried 6-1; CM Quiroga voted against the motion.**
- 9.J. Consider For Approval The Purchase Of A Replacement Audio/Visual System For The Police Department's Interview Rooms Through WatchGuard, Utilizing The DIR-TSO-4163 Contract In The Amount Of \$16,110. This System Will Replace An Aged Outdated Solution Which Only Supports Video Through The Creation Of A DVD. The New Solution Will Store The Data On The Network In A Database For Easy Storage And Retrieval. (H. Dean)

9.K. Consider For Approval To Authorize The City Manager Or His Designee To Execute A Certification Of Consistency With The City's Consolidated Plan (HUD Form-50077-SL) For The Galveston Housing Authority Program Year 2021 Annual Plan. (A. Law)

9.L. Consider For Approval Minutes Of The December 29, 2020 Regular Meeting, The January 7, 2021 Orientation Session, And The January 28, 2021 Workshop And Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)

9.M. Consider Prequalifying Jacobs Engineering To Compile A Detailed Scope And Negotiated Fee For Developing The City's Strategic Drainage Plan; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (B. Cook)

Motion was made by CM Robb, second by Mayor Brown, to defer Item 9M to a future meeting. Unanimously approved.

9.N. Receive And File The Following Documents:

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.A. Consideration Of Authorization To Expend Additional Funds Of \$25,000 For The Firm Of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech For The Defense Of The Case Of Allen Flores At Al V. City Of Galveston Before The Court Of Appeals. (Legal)

Mayor Brown declared a conflict and did not participate in the discussion or vote on Item 10A.

Motion was made by CM Robb, second by CM Listowski, authorizing to expend additional funds of \$25,000. The motion carried 6-0.

10.B. Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Extending The Term Of The Recycling Ad Hoc Committee; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown, second by MPT Collins, to approve Resolution No. 21-005. Unanimously approved.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: