

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 3, 2020**

4/3/2020 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
**With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL  
**Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Craig Brown, Council Member Amy Bly, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Dr. Jackie Cole.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Agenda Items - a total of 164 comments were received. 161 comments are related to COVID-19 with the following breakdown; 117 comments are in favor of opening the beaches; six comments are in favor of keeping the beaches closed; 12 comments are in favor of opening the golf courses; two comments are in favor of keeping short term rentals closed; two comments are in favor of reopening short term rentals closed; one comment is a request for an exemption to the order of closing charter boat operations; 21 general comments related to COVID-19.**

**Non-Agenda Items - three comments were received related to the need for more street lights on Seawall and Broadway, issues with raising FM 3005, and dump trucks speeding down 53rd Street.**

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.A. An Ordinance Extending The Provisions Of City Ordinance 20-023

Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Extending The Provisions Of City Ordinance 20-023 Declaring A State Of Disaster And Emergency In The City Of Galveston Related To The Emergence Of The Corona Virus/COVID 19 And The Emergency Orders As Detailed In That Ordinance; Ratifying The Amendment To The Declaration Of A State Of Disaster And Emergency In The City Of Galveston; Confirming The Orders Issued By The Mayor Subsequent To The Passage Of Ordinance 20-023 Related To Closing The Public Beaches In The City Of Galveston; Closing Beach Access Points West Of The Western Terminus Of The Galveston Seawall; Amending The Mandated Closure Of Short Term Rental Facilities And Closing Bed And Breakfast Facilities And Hotels Operating In The City; Requiring Minimum Stays For Recreational Vehicles At RV Parks In The City And Prohibiting Parking Of RVs In City Parks And Commercial Parking Lots; And Granting City Staff Authority To Suspend Building And Flood Plain Regulations At Galveston Scholes Field; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject, Providing For A Penalty And Providing For An Effective Date.

**Ordinance No. 20-028 was read by caption. Motion was made by MPT Brown, second by CM Collins, to approve the ordinance, extending the provisions of City Ordinance No. 20-023 until April 30, 2020. All orders will be placed on each City Council agenda for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unanimously approved.**

- 4.A.1. Declaration Of A Local State Of Disaster Related To The Emergence Of Corona Virus/COVID-19; And Amended Declaration Of A Local State Of Disaster And Emergency Related To The Emergence Of Corona Virus/COVID-19
- 4.A.2. Order Closing Entertainment Venues Operating On Galveston Island Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

- 4.A.3. Order Closing Restaurants And Bars In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.4. Order Prohibiting Consumption Of Food Within One Hundred Feet Of A Take Out Food Establishments In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.5. Order Closing Guided Tours Operating On Galveston Island Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.6. Order Suspending Licenses To Use For The Placement Of Tables, Benches And Chairs In The Public Right Of Way In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.7. Order Prohibiting Operation Of Electronic Amusement Games Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.8. Order Mandating Closure Of Commercial Fishing Pier And Charter Boat Operations In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.9. Order Mandating That Citizens Stay In Place In Their Residence, Making Exceptions For Those Engaged In Essential Activities, Business Or Governmental Operations In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.10. Order Mandating Closure Of Short Term Rental Facilities In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.11. Order Closing Public Beaches In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.12. Order Prohibiting Vehicular Traffic On Certain Beaches And Closing Certain Beach Access Points Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.13. Order Closing Public Beach Access Points West Of The Western Terminus Of The Seawall In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.14. Amended Order Mandating Closure Of Short-Term Rental Facilities In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston
- 4.A.15. Order Closing Bed And Breakfast Facilities And Hotels Operating In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.16. Order Requiring A Minimum Period Of Stay For Recreational Vehicles In Rv Parks Operating Within The City Of Galveston And Prohibiting The Parking Of Recreational Vehicles In Any Public Park Or Commercial Parking Lot In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston
- 4.A.17. Order Granting City Staff Authority To Suspend The Application Of Building Code And Flood Plain Regulations At The Galveston Scholes Field So As To Allow The Temporary Construction And Placement Of Temporary COVID 19 Screening Facilities By PHI Aviation LLC For The Screening Of Its Employees, Passengers And Customers Using The Airport Leasehold Facilities Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.A. Update On Corona Virus/COVID-19

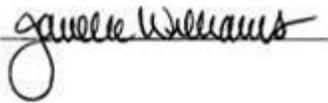
**City Manager Brian Maxwell provided an update on COVID-19. He reported that we are starting to bring people back from working at home; the new Public Works facility is opening**

under a temporary certificate of occupancy so we can spread people out; we are splitting up crews, staggering shifts, and limiting the number of people in close contact with each other as much as possible; we continue to have meetings with the Health Authority and Dr. Raimer; UTMB has developed an antibody test that may be available next week; UTMB is the recipient of some rapid testing machines and have made some great progress on pharmaceuticals for the virus; we are standing up some of the mill and overlay crews and all capital construction projects are moving forward. He thanked Dr. Keiser and the Health District as well as Dr. Raimer and UTMB for being great partners during this pandemic.

Mayor Yarbrough reported that he and the City Manager are on daily calls with Dr. Keiser and Dr. Raimer which are very beneficial. They are also on periodic calls with the Port of Galveston as it relates to cruise ship activity. The ships don't have any passengers on board but they do have crews on them. There are six ships that are coming through the Port of Galveston with 6,000 total crew members. One fear is that a large number of the crews could test positive. This could destroy the ability of to service our local folks with access to healthcare and healthcare providers. They are meeting three times a week with the Port. They are meeting with local partners UTMB, Texas A&M, County Health District, Texas Division of Emergency Management, GEDP, Park Board, and the Port of Galveston to share information, updates, changes and strategies. They have daily conference calls with the County all other cities in the County, and a statewide call every afternoon to get an update on what state actions are being taken. He wants the public to know they are reaching out and getting information from every source they can, and will continue to do that for however long it takes. He commended the Council and the management team for their efforts during this pandemic. Additional meetings will be held on April t, April t, and April rd at 1:15 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 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: April 30, 2020