

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 9, 2020**

4/9/2020 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Present (via videoconference): 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 36 comments were received, all related to COVID-19, with the following breakdown: 19 comments are in favor of opening the beaches; 3 comments are in favor of keeping the beaches closed; 1 comment is against closing state parks, city parks, and beaches; 1 comment is in regards to why Jamaica Beach is still open; 1 comment is in favor of opening the golf courses; 1 comment is related to rephrasing the short term rental ordinance; 2 comments are related to non full-time beach house owners continuing to travel to Galveston on the weekends; 1 comment is related to hotel closures and utility bill assistance for hoteliers; 1 comment is a question about bringing non-essential city employees back to work; 1 comment is in favor of a causeway checkpoint; 1 comment is in favor or keeping all emergency orders in place until at least April 30; 2 comments are related to infected people not following quarantine requirements and going into public places; and 2 comments are related to COVID-19 closures and the effect on the local economy.**

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.A. Update On Corona Virus/COVID-19 (B. Maxwell)

**City Manager Brian Maxwell provided the following update: TML has provided information on golf course closures; drive-thru testing is set up in Texas City and may start in Galveston next week at the Justice Center and/or Fire Station #5; we should have a good idea of how long restrictions will last by the end of the month; Island Transit received a \$4 million grant with zero local match; and the city is being allocated \$700,000 CDBG small business money. Staff will provide Council with a list of city restrictions above and beyond the state and county.**

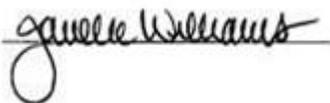
5. ACTION ITEMS

5.A. Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Adopting The Texas Governor's Definition Of Essential Services Set Out In His Executive Order Ga 14 Issued On March 31, 2022; Modifying Certain Emergency Orders Ratified By City Council In Ordinance 20-28; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject, Providing For A Penalty And Providing For An Effective Date.

**Ordinance No. 20-029 was read by caption. Motion was made by MPT Brown, second by Dr. Cole, to approve the ordinance. Unanimously approved.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.**



Janelle Williams, City Secretary  
Date Approved: April 30, 2020