

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
WORKSHOP - JUNE 25, 2020**

6/25/2020 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Present (via video conference): 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. 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. (30 Minutes)

**Items 6A, 8A, 8B, 8D.2, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9H, 9I, and 9K were clarified by Staff.**

3.B. Report Of Chief Hale Related To His Efforts To Build Social Equity Between The Community And GPD (Brown/Cole - 30 Minutes)

**Police Chief Vernon Hale provided an overview of his efforts to build social equity between the community and GPD. He reported on the following: 14 protests on the Island have been extremely peaceful, the PD has been monitoring the protests and has had conversations with the organizers; the Texas Police Chief's Association meeting will be here in August and they may hold a town hall meeting; the Galveston County Chiefs met in Dickinson at a Town Hall to answer questions from the public with several hundred citizens in attendance; his meeting with the NAACP via Zoom and got some input and provided some as well; his meetings with other groups including PACE and Cops in Clergy; the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing was incorporated into the PD's promotional exams last September, so every officer testing to be a supervisor or lieutenant had to read and was tested on those policies through the civil service exam; the 8 Can't Wait campaign is the leading narrative on policy changes that the community wants immediately; the PD has partnered with a group called Lexipol who drafts policies in line with federal, state, and local level with a level of customization that can be done; Lexipol is looking at those eight policy issues that could be adopted by the GPD; accountability information on complaints and actions taken on sustained complaints; improvements in education levels within the PD; training on de-escalation, use of force, racial profiling, procedural justice, implicit bias, active bystander, and other training that can be provided; and a timeline for getting the entire department trained on these policies. Moving forward, Lexipol will craft the policies, the City's Legal Department will review, the PD will put the policies in place, and get them out to the community for their input.**

3.C. Discussion Of Beach And Seawall Crowds (Hardcastle/Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)

**CM Hardcastle expressed concerns about beach and Seawall crowds and suggested that Staff come up with some ideas to consider in case this problem persists. City Manager Brian Maxwell reported on current traffic plans that can be used if needed, and the Police Department's current safety plan to help manage the crowds.**

3.D. Discussion Of Chapter 19 "Licenses, Permits, And Business Regulations", Article III "Peddlers And Temporary Concessions" Of "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended" (Hardcastle/Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)

**CM Hardcastle presented some concerns with the City's food truck model in comparison to other cities with successful food truck locations, and requested that the City review and reassess our model. In other cities, food truck parks are set up as a food court and this model could possibly work here in Galveston. In Galveston food trucks seems to be located in parking lots of other businesses such as convenience stores and gas stations. Planning**

**Director Tim Tietjens provided background information, issues with current regulations, and some cities where food truck parks have been successful. The Council discussed options for designating specific areas for food truck parks such as Stewart Beach, Fort Crockett, or some place out West. This item will be referred to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations.**

- 3.E. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending Chapter 33, "Taxation" Of "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended" By Amending The Procedures For Allocating Net Disbursible Funds To Eligible Groups By Allowing For Re-Allocation In The Event Of Significant Reductions To Hotel Occpancy Tax; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject And Providing For An Effective Date (Collins/Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)  
**CM Collins reported that the Arts & Historic Preservation Advisory Board met to review the proposed ordinance and approved it as written. This item is on today's regular agenda for the Council's consideration.**

- 3.F. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, As Amended, Chapter 37, "Wreckers, Tow And Storage Facility", By Amending Chapter 37 To Amend Regulations, Standards, And Definitions; And To Make Clarifications; And Rename, Renumber And Rearrange The Chapter As Applicable; Providing For Penalties And Fees As Applicable; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date (B. Stroud/D. Fairweather - 20 Minutes)  
**Deputy City Manager Dan Buckley reported that the ordinance has been fully vetted with the wrecker industry and reached common ground on the proposed amendments. The ordinance includes updates in fees that have not been adjusted in ten years. This item will be brought back in July for the Council's consideration.**

- 3.G. Discussion Of The City's Legislative Agenda For The 87th Legislative Session (D. Glywasky - 20 Minutes)

**City Attorney Don Glywasky placed this item on today's agenda to get the discussion going for the next legislative session. He reported that he will be serving on TML's legislative task force until a legislative coordinator is chosen for the City. He will be working on writing a proposed bill to curtail flash mob type events advertised on social media that are unpermitted events. Discussion was held regarding a timeline for the City's legislative agenda, and coordinated efforts between the City, Park Board, and Wharves Board.**

**Mayor Yarbrough joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.**

- 3.H. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Yarbrough - 10 Minutes)  
**CM Collins reported on the following: the contractor will begin demolition of the Seawolf Park Pavilion on August 1st and it should be down by October 1st; the Park Board is working with an engineering firm on the Seawall Breakwater Project; the Park Board set the penny at \$1.5 million; Mario Rabago is going back to manage parks for the Park Board; and the Cavalla Historical Foundation issue will be brought back for an update at the next meeting.**

#### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The City Council took a short recess at 11:38 a.m., convened into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 12:40 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

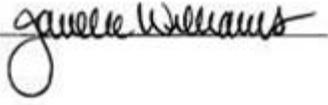
- 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary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

- 4.A.1. Report On Litigation Seeking Injunctive Relief Related To The Unpermitted Conduct Of An Unpermitted Mass Gathering On The Galveston Seawall Known As Slab Beach Party

4.A.2. Report On Case No. 20-0134 In Re City Of Galveston Before The Texas Supreme Court

5. ADJOURNMENT

**The workshop was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.**

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Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 23, 2020