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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON**  
**WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

9/17/2020 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:01 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, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, and 7G were clarified by Staff.**

3.B. Discussion Of The Land Development Regulations (Hardcastle/Brown - 30 Minutes)  
**CM Hardcastle suggested a review of certain zoning designations that were adopted in 2015. Particularly, a blanket R-1 that was placed on most undeveloped property on the West End, and water areas designated R-1 including the Gulf of Mexico, Galveston Bay, and the Port. Director of Development Services Tim Tietjens provided some suggestions on moving forward to address these issues. Discussion was held regarding the specific items that are in need of review and possible revision. The process of looking at water zoning all over the Island will be sent to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation as soon as possible. Staff will bring back to City Council recommendations for R-1 properties on the West End, as well as a list of properties with non-conforming uses in other areas of the Island for Council's evaluation, and then would be sent to Planning Commission for their review.**

3.C. Discussion Of HOT Collections From Short Term Rental Contracts (M. Loftin - 15 Minutes)  
**Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided information on independent short term rental revenue. Also provided was the City of Galveston HOT collected versus State HOT collections in Galveston. The State has voluntary collection agreements in place with some short term rental platforms which has increased their annual HOT collections. Additional HOT revenue could be brought into the City should we enter into some similar agreements with these platforms. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided information on potential issues with these type of agreements. Two issues include the City Auditor's ability to audit individual short term rentals, and clear language in the contracts identifying who is ultimately responsible for payment of the taxes. Dr. Brown reported that AirBnB just passed restrictions on rentals limiting the number of people in a house to 16. Staff will be looking to the Park Board and the City Auditor for assistance in gathering information and making recommendations, and will bring back to Council in November.**

3.D. Discussion Of A Policy On Painting Crosswalks (Listowski/Brown - 15 Minutes)

**CM Listowski advised this was brought to his attention by a constituent in his District and is really a broader issue than just crosswalks. It was brought to his attention that the City does not have a good policy on what is allowed and who allows it, for drawings, public displays or artwork on public property. The crosswalk in front of City Hall is just one example but there are others around town as well. The purpose of this discussion is to see if Council should come up with a policy or revise a City ordinance that would address this issue. Discussion was held regarding development of a process and how it should be regulated, possibly sending it to the Cultural Arts Commission for vetting. Dr. Brown will ask the Cultural Arts Commission to look at this at their next meeting and will make recommendations to Council.**

3.E. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Brown - 10 Minutes)  
**CM Collins reported that the Park Board may be coming to City Council with a request to waive payments due to the City under the Park Board Interlocal Agreement. An item has been placed on the September 24, 2020 agenda for the Council's consideration.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The City Council convened into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 11:45 a.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. Discussion Of Impending Condemnation Action Of Texas International Terminal Seeking City Right Of Way In Proximity To The Galveston Transfer Station By Marc Hill.

5. ADJOURNMENT

**The workshop was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.**

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved:

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