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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

9/19/2019 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the workshop was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor James Yarbrough, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Craig Brown, Council Member Amy Bly, Council Member David Collins, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Dr. Jackie Cole.

Absent: Council Member Jason Hardcastle.

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 11A, 11H, 11I, 11J, 12A, 12B, and 12C were clarified by Staff.

3.B. Interview Applicants For City Boards, Commissions, And Committees:
Joy Cowan was interviewed for a position on the Wharves Board.

3.C. Discussion Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas Amending Chapter 34, "Traffic" By Amending Article XI, "Valet Parking" To Clarify And Provide Modifications To Better Comply With Regulations Related To Valet Parking In The City Of Galveston; Making; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman - 15 Minutes)
Assistant City Attorney Donna Fairweather and Assistant Director of Development Services Catherine Gorman presented proposed amendments to the Valet Parking Ordinance to Council. Discussion was held regarding temporary permits, revocation, and appeals. This item is on today's regular meeting agenda for the Council's consideration.

3.D. Discussion Of The Closure Of TIRZ 12 And TIRZ 14 (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
Assistant City Manager Mike Loftin provided background information on the TIRZ zones. The proposal to close TIRZ 12 and 14 is to the financial benefit of both the City and the County. Taxable property value expected to become part of tax rolls as prior year value in tax year 2020 and will not become part of the growth counted against the new 3.5 percent limit. The County would gain \$200,000 annually, and the City gains more flexibility in future use of property tax revenues. The net present value from closing both TIRZ's is (1) the County gains \$3.2 million, and (2) the City loses \$5.7 million for current funding arrangement plus responsibility for payment of TIRZ 14 debt but restores flexibility of \$13 million in property tax revenue, three fourths of which goes back into the General Fund. Discussion was held regarding impacts to the Airport as a result of the closure of TIRZ 14. The October City Council agenda will include a Resolution directing the RDA to start the process to close the TIRZ's, and the December agenda will include an Ordinance for the City Council to close the TIRZ's.

3.E. Discussion Of Structural Changes To The Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority And/Or Its Board Of Directors (Yarbrough - 30 Minutes)
Mayor Yarbrough outlined the following proposals related to structural changes to the RDA: (1) to do nothing and keep the RDA as is; (2) to consolidate the RDA, Galveston Housing Finance Corporation, and Galveston Property Finance Corporation; and (3) to consolidate the RDA with the IDC. Discussion was held regarding proposal #2 being the best option for the City,

whether the RDA is needed, interfacing with the CDC, and defining the mission for the boards moving forward. The City Attorney will bring back information on duties of the RDA, Galveston Housing Finance Corporation, and Galveston Property Finance Corporation. The City Council will have further discussion on this item at a future workshop.

- 3.F. Discuss A Diversity And Inclusion Plan To Increase Female Representation Throughout The City Of Galveston Workforce Focusing On Recruitment And Retention Of Females In The Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, And Municipal Utilities. (K. Etienne - 15 Minutes)

Human Resources Director Kent Etienne provided information on a diversity and inclusion initiative. The initiative includes increasing female representation in targeted areas, partnering with Public Safety agencies to appeal to a diverse applicant pool, launching diverse digital marketing strategy, increasing awareness and training of unconscious bias, monitoring applicant tracking system and candidate selection to ensure success of the program, and adjusting as necessary. The HR Director will monitor the program at least quarterly and will report to the City Council annually.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved:

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