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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 28, 2021

10/28/2021 - Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem David Collins, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member William Schuster, Council Member Bill Quiroga, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Marie Robb.

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 (20 Minutes)

Items 10B, 11A, 11J, 11L, 11Q, 11R, 11Z, 11FF, 11MM, 11PP, 11QQ, 11SS, and 11TT.4 were clarified by Staff.

- 3.B. Receive Initial Assessment Regarding Whether Redistricting Is Required Considering The New 2020 Census Data (D. Glywasky - 30 Min)

Bob Heath of the Bickerstaff Law Firm provided an initial assessment and advised Council that redistricting will be required considering the new 2020 Census Data. The next redistricting meetings include November 10th workshop (drawing session), December 1st public hearing, December 2nd workshop, and December 9th approval by City Council.

- 3.C. Discussion Of Joining The State Opioid Settlement (D. Glywasky - 15 Min)

Stephanie Eberhardt from the Office of the Attorney General provided an overview of the State Opioid Settlement.

- 3.D. Discussion With Centerpoint On Electrical Infrastructure (C. Brown/Paul Lock - 30 Min)

CenterPoint Energy representatives Paul Lock, Carlton Porter, and Jason Fabre provided Council with information related to the electrical infrastructure on the Island. They reported on changes as a result of the recent weather events, including: weatherization of power plants, pole program group, proactive work in areas needing attention, work orders to be completed on Pelican Island, transmission groups from the west and north replaced from wood to concrete, anti-galloping devices on wires for ice events, installation of bird diverters on main lines, winter readiness of transformers, and storm and flood readiness.

- 3.E. Presentation Of Draft Of The Airport Master Plan (M. Shahan - 30 Min)

Eric Bifer and Shandra Burks of Coffman Associates Airport Consultants presented Council with the Draft Final Airport Master Plan and Business Plan for Scholes International Airport. This item will come back to Council in December or January for approval.

- 3.F. Status Update Of The Pelican Island Bridge Project (Brown - 20 Min)

Deferred.

- 3.G. Status Update Of The Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority, Galveston Housing Finance Corporation, And Galveston Property Finance Authority (B. West - 20 Min)

Assistant City Attorney Beverly West provided Council with an update and next steps for the RDA/GHFC/GPFA. This item will come back to Council in November for approval.

- 3.H. Presentation Of The Final Report Of The Recycling Ad Hoc Committee (W. Schuster/J. Steinhaus - 15 Min)

Deferred.

- 3.I. Council Discussions:

- a. Short Term Rental Annual Registration Fee/Fire Code Occupancy Limits (Robb/Brown - 15 min)

CM Robb reminded the public of the upcoming December 31st deadline for annual registration of short term rentals. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided information on the maximum amount of fines that can be assessed which are from \$500 up to \$2,000 per day for failure to register.

- 3.J. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Brown - 10 Minutes)

MPT Collins report that a joint meeting of City Council and the Park Board will be held on January 6, 2022 related to giving the Park Board direction on replacement of the Stewart Beach Pavilion.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council convened into Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 1:11 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. The City Council May Go Into Executive Session Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.071 To Receive Advice From Legal Counsel Regarding The City's Redistricting Obligations.

4.A.2. Mediated Settlement Agreement In Cause No. 19-CV-2191, Sharon Davis, And As Assignee Of The City Of Galveston V. Quality Works Construction, Inc. And Insurors Indemnity Company, 56th Judicial District Court, Galveston County And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Any Documents Necessary To Effectuate The Settlement And Release.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: