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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON**  
**WORKSHOP - NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

11/14/2019 - 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: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Brown, Council Member David Collins, Council Member Jason Hardcastle, Council Member John Listowski, and Council Member Dr. Jackie Cole. Council Member Amy Bly arrived at 9:10 a.m. Mayor James Yarbrough arrived at 9:40 a.m.**

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 8B, 8C, 11A, 11C, 11D, 11L, 11R, and 12A were clarified by staff.**

- 3.B. Receive And Discuss A Presentation From The Gulf Coast Water Authority (Brown/Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)

**Gulf Coast Water Authority General Manager Brandon Wade provided information on the role of the Authority, including how the authority was created, their mission, counties served by the authority, and their water sources and water delivery system. Mr. Wade also provided the authority's near-term, mid-term, long-term goals, master planning and strategic planning, and the authority's water conservation plan.**

- 3.C. Receive And Discuss An Update From The Coastal Workgroup On The Coastal Barrier Proposal (Collins/Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)

**Deferred.**

- 3.D. Discuss Cultural Arts Commission Topics (Brown/Yarbrough - 20 Minutes)

**Discussion was held regarding dedicating 1% of capital improvement projects to public art. A copy of Denver's Public Art Policy was provided to Council. CM Collins reported that the City, the Art League, and the Park Board are working on the development of an Arts Master Plan. Decisions on public art will remain at the City through the Cultural Arts Commission. CM Cole commented that she is in favor of public art but the Council's goal in making the city a more livable community should be across the board and should include planting trees. Discussion was held regarding the concept of creating an official city flag. Dr. Brown introduced student and Vexillologist Dawson Finkley who has been working on some sketches for a city flag. The Cultural Arts Commission will work with Dawson to come up with some recommendations and will come back to Council at a later date.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The City Council convened into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 11:58 a.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

- 4.A. Pursuant To Tex. Gov't Code 551.087, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, To Discuss Or Deliberate Regarding Commercial Or Financial Information That The Government Has Received From A Business Prospect That The Government Body Seeks To Have Locate, Stay Or Expand In The City Of Galveston And With Which The Governmental Body Is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations; R Deliberate The Offer Of A Financial Or Other Incentive To A Business Prospect Described Above; And Tex. Gov't Code 551.071, Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Or Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflict With This Chapter, Regarding The

Following:

4.A.1. Proposal Related To Development At The Port Of Galveston In Association With Royal Caribbean Lines.

4.B. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" To Discuss The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property:

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Cont'd)

5.A. Discussion Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Galveston Wharves Board And The City Related To Payments To The City Associated With Increased Cruise Passenger Usage In The Future (Brown/Yarbrough)

**Discussion was held regarding an MOU to compensate the city on an ongoing basis for increased expenses and items that will come as a result of increased passengers contemplated by the building of Cruise Terminal 3 by Royal Caribbean. City Manager Brian Maxwell recommended that the MOU include a floor that could grow based on passenger counts. He feels the city owes it to the citizens of Galveston to not tie this to a fixed fee. City Attorney Don Glywasky and Wharves Board Attorney Tony Brown will work on details of the MOU and will bring it back to Council.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: