



# City of Gulfport, Mississippi

Gulfport City Hall  
2309 15th Street  
Gulfport, MS 39501

## Minutes - Final

### City Council - Special Meeting

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Wednesday, January 15, 2014

4:30 PM

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#### **4:30 p.m. Special Called Meeting Council Chambers**

The Mayor and Members of the Council met at City Hall at 4:30 P.M., on the date of January 15, 2014, same being an adjourned meeting from a regular council meeting held on January 7, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. Present: Mayor Hewes, Members of the Council: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu. Absent: Councilmembers Casey and Sharp

**Present 5 -**

Councilmember Dombrowski; Councilmember Holmes-Hines; Councilmember Walker; Councilmember Flowers and Councilmember Pucheu

**Absent 2 -**

Councilmember Casey and Councilmember Sharp

#### **Policy Issues**

The President called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Flowers to declare a special called meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Casey and Sharp**

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To consider granting waiver of conflict and consent for general counsel relative to certain issues involved in the litigation with the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to close the meeting to determine the need for executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Casey and Sharp**

The Council entered closed session at 4:48 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, Special Counsel Harry Hewes (out at 3:22 P.M.), Clerk of Council Ronda Cole and Deputy Clerk of Council Ashley Miller. The Council discussed the need to enter executive session to discuss litigation strategy involving the suit with the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to come out of closed session and enter executive session at 4:50 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu  
Nays: None  
Absent: Casey and Sharp

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, duly seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to come out of executive session at 5:10 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu  
Nays: None  
Absent: Casey and Sharp

No official action was taken during executive session.

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Upon reconvening in an open meeting, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Walker to waive the conflict of interest to allow Attorney Hugh Keating to act as an impartial arbitrator between the City and the Secretary of State according to the Arbitration Agreement presented that shall be non-binding on the City and concerns a single disputed issue relative to settlement negotiations in the litigation between Gulfport and the Secretary of State, and further ordering that a condition of this approval is that that no opinions, recommendations, or other matters related to this arbitration shall be presented or admitted to evidence before any Court. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu  
Nays: None  
Absent: Casey and Sharp

## Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, duly seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to adjourn until January 21, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. for a regular council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Flowers and Pucheu  
Nays: None  
Absent: Casey and Sharp

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City Clerk

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Mayor