



# City of Gulfport, Mississippi

## Minutes - Final City Council

2309 15th Street  
Gulfport, MS 39501

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Tuesday, January 7, 2014

1:30 PM

Gulfport City Hall  
Council Chambers

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**1:30 p.m.**

### **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order**

The Mayor and Members of the City Council met at City Hall at 1:30 P.M., on the above date, same being an adjourned meeting from a special council meeting held on December 27, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, Members of the Council: Casey, Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines (out at 3:40 P.M.), Walker, Sharp, Flowers (in at 1:39 P.M.) and Pucheu and General Counsel Hugh Keating.

### **Agenda Order**

### **Confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order**

The President called for confirmation or adjustment of the agenda order.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Flowers to add Policy Item #3-A, street closure request from Krewe of Gemini for the day and night Mardi Gras parades and accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Casey, Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, Walker, Sharp, Flowers and Pucheu

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **Presentation Agenda**

#### **• Mayor's Report**

The President called for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Hewes stated that they were six months into the new Administration and the leadership and teamwork between the Administration and City Council was welcomed and appreciated.

Rotate Black Casino Project had been approved by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. The City of Gulfport was excited and hopeful about the additional sales tax revenue and jobs a new casino would bring.

Senator Thad Cochran had a meeting in the chambers the previous weekend regarding the Biggert Waters Act and the financial impact the increased insurance rates would have on the rebuilding effort on the coast.

**MS Gulf Coast Softball Classic scheduled from February 28 - March 1 at the Sportsplex would consist of a dozen NCAA fast-pitch softball teams and over 40 high school teams.**

**Mardi Gras Mayhem scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. The first annual event was being sponsored by Leisure Services Department. There would be a "tent" decorating contest, bike parade and other Mardi Gras fun festivities at Jones Park.**

**The Gulf Coast Legislative Reception was scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th in Jackson, MS at the Tramark. The Mayor stated that this would be the perfect opportunity to spend one-on-one time with the state legislators.**

**This concluded the Mayor's Report.**

## Policy Issues

### Minutes / Requests

- 1 Approval of minutes - for December 17, 2013.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Casey, to approve the minutes for December 17, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu
- 2 Approval of previous minutes - for September 14, 21 & November 16, 2010.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, to table the minutes for September 14, 21 & November 16, 2010 until the next regular council meeting, for specific questions to be addressed by Legal. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu
- 3 Letter - requesting permission for street closure and parade route for the annual Orange Grove Mardi Gras parade to be held on February 15, 2014.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Flowers, to approve the street closure and parade route for the annual Orange Grove Mardi Gras parade to be held on February 15, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu
- 3-A Letter - requesting permission for street closure and parade route for the annual Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras day and night parades to be held on March 1st and 4th, 2014.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, to approve the street closure and for the annual Krewe of Gemini day and night Mardi Gras parade to be held on March 1st & 4th, 2014, contingent upon the route map being provided to the council clerk. The motion carried by**

the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

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Letter - requesting permission to Reapply for Grants Currently Funding Various Drug Enforcement, Domestic Violence Investigation and Traffic Safety Programs Implemented by the Police Department.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Pucheu, to authorize the Police Department to re-apply to grants currently funding various drug enforcement, domestic violence investigation and traffic safety programs. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

### **Code Enforcement / Planning**

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Code Enforcement Hearing - on resolution to declare that certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and to authorize advertisement for bids for lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to open the Code Enforcement Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**There being no one present to object, a motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Sharp, to close the hearing and approve the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

### **Resolutions**

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Resolution - approving Service Agreement for employee benefit broker services for the City of Gulfport

**A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

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Resolution - approving Sales and Service Agreement with Five Points ICT, Inc., for the provision of on-line Wellness Portal Services and authorize the Mayor to execute same.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Sharp, that this Resolution be tabled until the next meeting and a copy of the power point presentation outlining the program be included. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

- 8 Resolution - awarding non-exclusive contract for Professional Title Search/Abstract Services to Karen L. Boone and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Resolution be Adopted, contingent upon the errors being corrected and the NTE (not-to-exceed) be reflected to show \$10,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

### **Docket of Claims**

- 9 Docket of Claims - to be approved through January 8, 2014.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Docket of Claims be Approved, in the amount of \$1,860,774.55. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

### **Routine Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey to approve the Routine Agenda, with the exception of Item #7. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

- 1 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for radar packages for the Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 2 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for guns for the Police Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 3 Resolution - awarding bids for lot clean-ups and/or demolitions.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 4 Resolution - awarding bid and contract for Gulfport Trenchless Pipe Inspection, Cleaning and Repair Unit Price Project.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 5 Resolution - awarding bid for Term Contract Group Z - portable restrooms - approving Agreement between City of Gulfport and Delta Sanitation and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 6 Resolution - awarding bid for Term Contract Group U - Electronic Equipment - approving Agreement between City of Gulfport and Barney's of Gulfport and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.**

- 7 Resolution - awarding bid for Term Contract Group K - pumps for lift stations - approving Agreement between City of Gulfport and Bay Motor Winding, Inc., and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**\*Note: At this time Councilmember Pucheu recused herself and removed herself from the chambers during the discussion and vote on this item.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp and Flowers

**Recused:** 1 - Pucheu

- 8 Resolution - awarding bid for Term Contract Group C - sundry road materials - approving Agreement between City of Gulfport and Landshapers and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**Approved on the Routine Agenda.****Public Agenda**

- **Citizen Forum - Thirty minutes shall be allowed for public input with a three-minute time limit on each speaker.**

The President called for comments during the Public Agenda.

The following individual addressed the Council.

Mr. S.P. Mellen, resident of 2309 34th Avenue.

This concluded the Citizen Forum.

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**Council Comments**

**Memorial Adjournment**

- Mr. Glen Barnes
- Mrs. Ester Holmes
- Ms. Eleanor Phulps

**Executive Session**

Upon advice of the City Attorney, a motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to close the meeting to determine the need for executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Council entered closed session at 2:47 P.M. In attendance: Members of the Council: Casey, Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines (out at 3:40 P.M.), Walker, Sharp, Flowers and Pucheu, Mayor Billy Hewes, CAO John Kelly, General Counsel Hugh Keating, Engineering Director Kris Riemann (out at 3:23 P.M.), Special Counsel Gary White (out at 3:34 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 an update on the lawsuit involving Dedeaux Utilities and settlement authority involving a litigation matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines to come out of closed session and enter executive session at 2:48 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to come out of executive session at 3:57 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No official action was taken during executive session.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to authorize the Mayor to execute an "Authority to Cancel" concerning a judgment enrolled against Carl L. Chase, Jr., DBA All State Motors in favor of the City of Gulfport with regard to a lot clean up and which is dated February 3, 2010 and further identified as File No. 162895. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

## Setting of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Casey to adjourn in memory of Mr. Glen Barnes, Mrs. Ester Holmes and Ms. Eleanor Phulps until January 21, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. for a regular council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Casey, Dombrowski, Walker, Sharp, Flowers and Pucheu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Holmes-Hines

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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**