



City of Gulfport, Mississippi

2309 15th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

1:30 PM

Gulfport City Hall
Council Chambers

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 regular council meeting held on December 3, 2013 at 1:30 P.M. Present: Mayor Billy Hewes, Members of the Council: Casey, Dombrowski, Holmes-Hines, 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 Pucheu to delete Policy Item #11 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's holiday season.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to honor former Mississippi Governor Bill Allain and former South African President Nelson Mandela. Flags on city buildings would be flown at half-staff.

Friday, December 20th the city would hold an "ugly sweater" contest. City employees were encouraged to show off their creative and tacky Christmas sweater as part of casual Friday.

Chief Papania called upon employees from the Police Department to recognize employees within the Police Department who had earned their 20-year pin.

Christmas in the Harbor was scheduled for Saturday, December 21 in Jones Park and the harbor. The free event was scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. with a boat parade, children's activities, Santa and a toy giveaway.

City offices would be closed on Christmas eve and Christmas Day and on New Year's Day.

Gulfport had realized a Sales Tax Revenue increase from the same time last year.

"One Coast" bumper stickers were available. The Mayor encouraged everyone to support the "one coast" vision along the gulf coast.

This concluded the Mayor's Report.

Policy Issues

Minutes

- 1 Approval of minutes - for December 3, 2013.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, to approve the minutes for January 3, 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 August 4, 10, 17 & 24, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Casey, to approve the previous minutes for August 4, 10, 17 & 24, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Casey; Dombrowski; Walker; Flowers and Pucheu

Nay: 2 - Holmes-Hines and Sharp

Planning / Code Enforcement

- 3 Code Enforcement Hearing - on resolution to declare that certain properties are in such a state of uncleanness 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 Flowers, 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 Casey, 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

- 4 Certificate of Resubdivision of tax parcel 1008J-03-001.001, containing approximately 50.55 acres into two parcels - located south of and adjacent to Lorraine Road, west of Biloxi River, north of I-10 and east of Oakleigh Blvd - Case #1311PC090 - Ward 6.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Pucheu, that this Certificate of Re-subdivision be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5 Certificate of Resubdivision and Replat of tax parcels 0808L-03-001.000 and 0808L-03-022.000, containing 10.95 acres into three Lots - located south of Orange Grove Road, north of Dedeaux Road, west of and adjacent to Hwy 49 and east of Old Hwy 49 - Case #1311PC091 - Ward 7.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Certificate of Re-subdivision be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6 Certificate of Resubdivision - reconfiguration of two tax parcels 0811H-04-041.000 and 0811H-04-059.000 containing approximately 10,921 and 20,296 square feet, located north of and adjacent to US Highway 90, south of and adjacent to 2nd Street, east of Thornton Avenue and west of Hill Place- Case #1311PC095 - Ward 2.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Certificate of Re-subdivision be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Requests

- 7 Letter - requesting permission for street closure for the annual coast wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade to be held on January 20, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Casey, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, to approve the street closure request for the annual coast wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade to be held on January 20, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 8 Request - for approval of funding for the Flexible Spending Account for 2014 to be reimbursed through employee contributions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, to approve the funding for the Flexible Spending Account for 2014, in the amount of \$78,520.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 9 Recommendation - approving Contract Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services related to Seaway Road Widening - West End Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, seconded by Councilmember Flowers, to approve the recommendation for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services with Smith Seckman Reid, Inc., related to Seaway Road Widening - West End Project, contingent upon approval of MDOT and the approval of a MOU with Harrison County and Harrison County Development Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 10 Approval - of 2014 calendar for the City of Gulfport.

A motion was made by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Casey, to approve the 2014 calendar for the City of Gulfport. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Ordinance / Resolutions

- 11 Ordinance - Amending Sections 11-64(a) and 11-66(a) of the Code of Ordinances relating to water and sewer rates and fees.

Deleted

- 12 Resolution - by the Gulfport City Council amending the policy for entering into Municipal Service Contracts.

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

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

- 13 Resolution - approving Professional Services Agreement with Mississippi Engineering Group for water resources, transportation, and economic development infrastructure.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flowers, seconded by Councilmember Sharp, that this Resolution be Approved with the amended amount not-to-exceed \$30,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 14 Resolution - approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority for dedication and maintenance of a portion of John Hill Boulevard.

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

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

- 15 Resolution - granting a "Free Port Warehouse" personal property tax exemption from municipal personal property taxes to GCP Laboratories, Inc., on inventory stored for final destination outside of the State of Mississippi.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Casey, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, that this Resolution be Approved for a period of (5) years. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu
- 16 Resolution - requesting a certified audit from those governmental or quasi-governmental entities to whom the city of Gulfport provides funding and/or over which the city has oversight.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Pucheu, seconded by Councilmember Flowers, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu
- 17 Resolution - approving Amendment #1 to Memorandum of Agreement between City of Gulfport and United States Marine, Inc., Project R103-202-01-KED - Seaway Road Improvements - KCDBG.
- 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
- 18 Resolution - approving Amendment #1 to Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Gulfport and the Dock Bar and Grill, Project R103-202-01-KED - Seaway Road Improvements - KCDBG.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Sharp, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 6 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp and Pucheu
- Nay:** 1 - Flowers
- 19 Resolution - approving submittal of close out documents for Seaway Road Improvements - East End Project (R103-202-01-KED) to Mississippi Development Authority.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Sharp, seconded by Councilmember Flowers, to approve the submittal of close out documents for Seaway Road Improvements - End Project to Mississippi Development Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Casey; Dombrowski; Holmes-Hines; Walker; Sharp; Flowers and Pucheu

Budget Amendments / Docket of Claims

- 20 Budget Amendment # 12 - to budget program income for the Coastal Narcotics Enforcement Team in the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 21 Budget Amendment # 13 - to budget a refund check for engines purchased from the Federal Shared funds in the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 22 Budget Amendment # 14 - to budget County/Local shared revenue received in the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 23 Budget Amendment # 15 - to budget additional funds for HIDTA grant G-13-GC-0003A received by the Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 24 Budget Amendment # 16 - to establish budget in the Debt Service Fund to pay for consulting services relating to the cancellation of the Special Community Disaster Loans.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 25 Budget Amendment # 17 - to rollover prior year budgets for two remaining Police Department grants.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 26 Budget Amendment # 18 - to increase the contribution amount to Coast Transit Authority in order to prevent cancellation of routes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, that this Budget Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 27 Budget Amendment # 19 - to increase the contribution amount for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Casey, to authorize the increase in the contribution amount for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade event to \$10,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 28 Docket of Claims - to be approved through December 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Flowers, to approve the Docket of Claims, with the addition of two invoices: Clay's Print Shop, in the amount of \$10,978.00 and U. S. Postal Service, in the amount of \$45,000.00. 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 as presented. 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 Topcon GPS Equipment - Engineering (City Surveyor) Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 2 Letter - regarding bid awarded by Purchasing for laser leveling and sod top dressing - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

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

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 4 Letter - from the Records Manager requesting approval of the Public Records request for the month of November 2013 - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 5 Letter of Recommendation - regarding bid received for Entry Way Sign in Jones Park - Leisure Services Department - to be made a part of the minutes.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 6 Recommendation to Award Term Contract Group N - Chemicals for Water Purification and Sewage Treatment.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 7 Monthly check register from Associated Adjusters for the month of November, 2013.

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

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

Approved on the Routine Agenda.

- 9 Year to date budget report for the month ending November 30, 2013.

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.

No citizens came forward to address the Council.

This concluded the Citizen Forum.

Council Comments

A motion was made by Councilmember Walker, duly 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 Walker, duly seconded by Councilmember Pucheu to select the proposal submitted by the firm of Culumber, Harvey & Associates, P.A. for auditing services for the City of Gulfport for fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

Memorial Adjournment

- **Mr. Joseph Thomas Plummer, Sr.**
- **Ms. Eula Mae Barnes**
- **Ms. Lillie Mae Carson**
- **Mr. Ronald Harden**

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 Pucheu to adjourn in memory of Mr. Joseph Thomas Plummer, Sr., Ms. Eula Mae Barnes, Ms. Lillie Mae Carson and Mr. Ronald Harden until January 7, 201 at 1:30 P.M. for a regular council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

City Clerk

Mayor