



City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting Notice
Tuesday, July 19, 2016

City Hall – 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Invocation given by Vice Mayor Michael Fridovich

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Presentations:

Dan Hester, Meow Now.

Certificates of Completion – Advanced Institute for Elected Municipal Officials –
Councilmembers Christine Brown and Yolanda Roman.

1. Public Comment.
2. City Manager Report.
3. City Attorney Report.
4. City Clerk Report.

5. Consent:

Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016.

6. Ordinances: None

7. Resolutions:

2016-49, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, providing for a proposed millage rate for Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 at a rate not to exceed 4.039 mills; providing for public hearing dates; and providing for an effective date.

8. Proposed Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Overview.

9. Council Comments/Informational Reports.

10. Adjournment.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purposes may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The law does not require the City Clerk to transcribe verbatim minutes; therefore, the applicant must make the necessary arrangements with a private reporter or private reporting firm and bear the resulting expense. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (727) 893-1000 or fax a written request to (727) 893-1005. This meeting is open to the public. Posted: July 15, 2016.

City of Gulfport Florida

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 2401 - 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Michael Fridovich, Vice Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Fridovich followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were Councilmembers Christine Brown, Daniel Liedtke and Yolanda Roman; Vice Mayor Michael Fridovich, City Manager James O'Reilly; City Attorney Andrew Salzman and Deputy City Clerk Kathy Tatay-Cook. Mayor Samuel Henderson asked to be excused.

Presentation:

Vice Mayor Fridovich presented a Proclamation to Glen Blickenstaff, Winn Dixie Store Manager, South Pasadena, in recognition of his support of the Senior Center Food Pantry.

1. Public Comment.

Margarete Tober, 59th Street, provided information regarding Gulfport Neighbors partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful and an upcoming beach clean-up.

Jim Williams, Vice President for Fund Development of Goodwill Suncoast, thanked the City Staff for the assistance provided during their recent 5K dash.

April Thanos, 5850 27th Avenue S., spoke about repairs to her alley and councilmembers adhering to the five minute speaking rule.

Richard Fried, 1822 1/2 56th Street S., said he would like to be recognized in the minutes of the last council meeting for his public comment and asked councilmembers to return documents received from him regarding assault-style weapons, establish set office hours and consider changing the City's banking institution.

2. City Manager Report. City Manager O'Reilly reported:

- There are Florida Statutes governing depositories for public funds;
- A request has been received from Pastor Williams for a letter from the City in support of his Cross and Anvil Organizations request for BP funds from Pinellas County for Lincoln Cemetery and the county's B.P. funds were discussed by Councilmember Liedtke and Attorney Salzman. Councilmember Roman provided information regarding why the AME Church is moving forward with seeking alternative sources of funding for Lincoln Cemetery and advised she will be writing a letter of support. Discussion ensued and there was no consensus to submitting such letter without first reviewing the organizations budget submittal to Pinellas County for the project; individual letters may be submitted;

- The Beach Boulevard Project has started and the goal is to be substantially completed within ninety days; the palm trees will not be removed from in front of the volleyball courts;
- There will be parking issues related to GeckoFest and he requested council approval to allow parallel parking on the east side of 58th Street between Shore Boulevard and 28th Avenue. Councilmember Liedtke suggested this parking may be needed August 13 and 14, to which City Manager O'Reilly said this could be measured, but out of respect to the residents this will be the only two times this would occur. Vice Mayor Fridovich asked if council was in agreement; no objections were heard. City Manager O'Reilly noted that staff will be providing a press release;
- The Clam Bayou dock replacement will begin next week; and
- The city was notified that it did receive a funding recommendation by the State to the Federal Government for the skateboard park. Discussion ensued regarding the location for the skateboard park, with City Manager O'Reilly clarifying the proposal location submitted for funding was the basketball court. Councilmember Roman advised she will support the location she proposed, during an April council meeting, of the abandoned playground area behind the Recreation Center.

3. **City Attorney Report.** No Report.

4. **City Clerk Report.** No Report.

5. **Consent:**

Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2016 and June 21, 2016.

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

6. **Ordinances:** None.

7. **Resolutions:**

- a. 2016-46, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to sell GEMS Van #8 at the Gov Deals Auction; and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Clerk Tatay-Cook read Resolution No. 2016-46 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Vice Mayor Fridovich opened the public discussion. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Vice Mayor Fridovich closed the public discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Roman, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve Resolution No. 2016-46.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER LIEDTKE	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER ROMAN	YES

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN	YES
VICE MAYOR FRIDOVICH	YES

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2016-47, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida authorizing the city manager to purchase an air conditioning unit for the casino; providing for budget adjustments and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Clerk Tatay-Cook read Resolution No. 2016-47 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Vice Mayor Fridovich opened the public discussion.

Stan Kreuter was recognized and asked if the City did not realize the unit was becoming inoperable and City Manager O'Reilly confirmed that this was so.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Vice Mayor Fridovich closed the public discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Liedtke to approve Resolution No. 2016-47.

Councilmember Liedtke asked if there was federal funding available for the repair since the Casino is on the National Register of Historic Places to which City Manager O'Reilly advised there was not.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER LIEDTKE	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER ROMAN	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER BROWN	YES
	VICE MAYOR FRIDOVICH	YES

MOTION CARRIED

- c. 2016-48, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Gator Paving and Grading for alley maintenance and grading; and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Clerk Tatay-Cook read Resolution No. 2016-48 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly and Public Works Director Don Sopak explained the Resolution and a map was shown which depicted the alleys. Public Works Director Sopak spoke on the process that will be used to improve the alleys; advising the project will start in July and that there is an additional \$47,000 in the proposed coming year's budget to hopefully complete the project.

Vice Mayor Fridovich opened the public discussion.

An unidentified speaker came forward and said she would like to have the grass in her alley remain.

An unidentified speaker came forward and asked about the hazards of digging in the alleyways due to utilities.

Public Works Director Sopak explained the depth of the vegetation in the alleys and said it will be adjusted according to maintenance needs, the City uses Sunshine One Locate and city crews will be working with the contractor to make sure there is no damage to utilities in the alleys.

An unidentified speaker came forward and asked who was responsible for maintaining overgrowth along the sides of the alleys and Public Works Director Sopak advised the alleyway is 10 foot wide and is mostly the area that is driven on; anything adjacent to that is private property.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Vice Mayor Fridovich closed the public discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Roman to approve Resolution No. 2016-48.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER LIEDTKE	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER ROMAN	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER BROWN	YES
	VICE MAYOR FRIDOVICH	YES

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council Comments/Informational Reports.

Councilmember Roman spoke on the Senior Center Food Pantry Campaign, thanked those who supported the city in the St. Pete Pride Parade, advised the Florida League of Cities Spirit Award submitted for the MLK Day of Service was not chosen; mentioned the upcoming Rain Garden Lunch and Learn, spoke about the need to repair artwork in Clymer Park and about resources available to help protect the elderly.

Councilmember Brown reported on the July 4th event and the great clean-up afterwards by City Staff.

Vice Mayor Fridovich said he felt Crime Watch started with knowing your neighbor, announced an upcoming Senior Center BBQ and read a memorial from the Gulfport Merchant’s Association on the passing of the wife of the Association’s president.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, second by Councilmember Brown to adjourn.

Date Approved: _____

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk



CITY OF GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

FROM: Cheryl Hannafin, Finance Director

DATE: July 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 7
RESOLUTION NO: 2016-49

SUBJECT: Adoption of Proposed Millage

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council adopt the rate of 4.039 mills as a tentative millage rate for FY 2016/2017.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office provides the City with a Certification of Taxable Value to be used for computing ad valorem revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. The Property Appraiser requires all taxing authorities to submit to their office no later than August 4, 2016 the proposed millage rate, rolled-back rate and the date, time and meeting place of the first public budget hearing for the coming fiscal year. This information is included on the "TRIM" notice that is mailed to all property owners in the City. The tentative rate cannot be increased without first-class mailing to each taxpayer at the expense of the City, not less than 10 days and not more than 15 days before the final public hearing.

ANALYSIS:

The rolled-back rate is the millage rate that will provide the same property tax revenue as approved for the prior year. As the tax base increases, the rolled back rate is less than the prior year's millage rate. The calculated roll-back rate for tax year 2016/2017 is 3.7674 mills, therefore, the City technically would not have a tax increase as long as the adopted millage rate does not exceed above stated rolled back rate. However, the City's current millage rate for this fiscal year is 4.039 per thousand dollars of net taxable value. In order to maintain the current millage rate the City must advertise a notice of tax increase. The millage rate submitted to the property appraiser is the maximum rate that may be charged for the upcoming fiscal year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Total taxable property valuations for tax year 2016/2017 increased in Gulfport by \$58,116,147 when compared to prior year final valuations. This is a 7.77% increase over 2015/2016 valuations.

Additionally, by a simple majority vote Council could establish as the tentative millage rate a rate up to 5.0349 mills. The table below illustrates the millage rate options and revenues for FY 2016/2017 with a simple majority vote of Council:

Proposed FY 2016/17 Millage Rate	Total Property Tax Revenue	TRIM Votes Required
3.7674	\$3,036,938	3/5 simple majority
4.0390	\$3,255,877	3/5 simple majority
5.0349	\$4,058,682	3/5 simple majority

To adopt a millage rate higher than 5.0349 mills state legislation requires two thirds vote on the City Council. The maximum millage rate that can be adopted with a two thirds vote is 5.5384 mills.

The adoption of 4.0390 mills is 7.21% increase over the rolled-back rate of 3.7674 mills.

MOTION:

Adopt a tentative or proposed millage rate of 4.039 mills for fiscal year 2016/2017 and set public hearing dates on the budget for September 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm and September 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm to be held in Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 4.039 MILLS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING DATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council not to exceed the maximum rate of 4.039 mills for ad valorem tax revenue for the coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, City Council has set the public hearings for the proposed 2016/2017 City of Gulfport Millage Rate and Budget, to be held in City Hall, City Council Chambers, for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The proposed millage rate for ad valorem taxes for the City of Gulfport, Florida for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 shall not exceed 4.039 mills.

Section 2. The Public Hearings on the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Millage Rate and Budget are hereby established as Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, City Council Chambers.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2016 by the Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk