



City of Gulfport Florida

City Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

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

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Invocation given by Councilmember Yolanda Roman

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

1. Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Millage Rate and Budget Ordinances:
 - a. 2016-06, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida, providing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and providing for an effective date.
 - b. 2016-07, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida, adopting the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and providing for an effective date.
2. Public Comment.
3. City Manager Report.
4. City Attorney Report.
5. City Clerk Report.
6. Consent:

Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2016, August 16, 2016 and September 6, 2016.
7. Council Comments/Informational Reports.
8. 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) 893-1012 or fax a written request to (727) 893-1008. Posted: September 16, 2016



**CITY OF GULFPORT
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

FROM: Cheryl Hannafin, Finance Director

DATE: September 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 1-a

ORDINANCE NO: 2016-06

SUBJECT: Second Reading (2nd) Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-06
Establishment of the Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2016-06 establishing the millage rate of 4.039 for Fiscal Year 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017 is proposed to be set at 4.039 mills. This represents a 7.21% increase above the rolled-back rate of 3.7674 mills. The rolled-back rate is the millage rate that will generate the same amount of property tax revenue as approved for the prior tax year.

ANALYSIS:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed millage rate will generate approximately \$3,093,083 in ad valorem revenue to the City in Fiscal Year 2017.

MOTION:

Move to adopt/deny Ordinance No. 2016-06 establishing the millage rate of 4.039 for the City of Gulfport for Fiscal Year 2017, on second (2nd) and final reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida, has conducted Public Hearings on the final millage rate for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of adopting the final millage rate of 4.039.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That a levy of 4.039 operating mills be placed upon the total assessed valuation of real and personal property lying within the City of Gulfport, Florida, and said monies raised by the 4.039 mills shall be used for the general operation of the City of Gulfport for the aforementioned fiscal period. The adoption of 4.039 mills is a 7.21% increase over the rolled-back rate of 3.7674 mills.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Pinellas County, Florida, together with a request that the aforementioned levy be made by his/her Office on behalf of the City of Gulfport for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2016, by the Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

PUBLISHED : TRIM Notice
FIRST READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING : September 6, 2016
PUBLISHED : September 16, 2016
SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING : September 20, 2016

I, Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law this 20th day of September, 2016.

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk



**CITY OF GULFPORT
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

FROM: James E. O'Reilly, City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 1-b

ORDINANCE NO: 2016-07

SUBJECT: Second Reading: Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2016-07 establishing and adopting the City of Gulfport's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, on second (2nd) reading.

BACKGROUND:

City Council discussed the Fiscal Year 2017 budget on April 19th, May 17th, June 7th, July 19th and held a budget workshop on August 11th at which time staff presented the City Council support materials, background information and related costs. During these meetings the City Manager and staff solicited and received comment as it relates to the development of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 budget. As required by the City Charter the City Manager presented his proposed Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 budget on July 15th, 2016.

The City Manager's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget must also fulfill the requirements of Florida Statute 166.241 that stipulates that the amount available from taxation and other sources, including amounts carried over from prior fiscal years, must equal the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves. The budget for Fiscal Year 2017 was prepared using revenue and expenditure estimates that are available at this time. Surpluses and shortfalls are cumulative in the sense that any individual year's surplus or deficit flows into the next year's fund balance, thus carrying a current year's balance forward.

The General Fund balanced budget of \$11,460,000 continues to provide the residents of the City of Gulfport the traditional level of day-to-day services they have become accustomed to.

ANALYSIS:

The Fiscal Year Operating Budget of the City of Gulfport balances the public service needs of the community with the fiscal resources of the City. It is intended to achieve the objectives established by the Council for the next fiscal year.

The City has made a commitment to fiscal responsibility, and in doing so, is required to adopt a balanced operating budget as the cornerstone of this commitment. The City has set forth via Resolution that the City will maintain an Unreserved General Fund Balance at a level not less than twenty-five (25) percent of previous fiscal year's General Fund expenditures. To the extent that unreserved General Fund balance exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of previous fiscal year's General Fund expenditures at the Fiscal Year end, the City may draw upon the fund balance as approved by City Council.

The City of Gulfport's annual budget is structured to support the services required to maintain a full service city of more than 12,000 residents. The City of Gulfport's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 provides for a staff of 123 full-time and 60 part-time employees, of which 52.5 are public safety related. The employees provide services which include police, fire, community development, code enforcement, water & sewer utilities, sanitation, street maintenance, library, marina, cultural facilities, events, and parks & recreation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

As required, included within the accompanying ordinance is a summary of the budget for Fiscal Year 2017 including details of revenues, expenditures and fund balances.

MOTION:

Move to adopt/deny Ordinance No. 2016-07 establishing the City of Gulfport budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, on second (2nd) and final reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gulfport has conducted Public Hearings on the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of adopting the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City Council has reviewed and considered the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Section 2. The City Council has determined that "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance will be estimated revenues and expenditures presented by fund for the forthcoming Fiscal Year.

Section 3. Purchase orders and contracts that remain open at the end of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 shall become supplemental appropriations in the respective departmental accounts for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2016 by the Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

PUBLISHED : TRIM NOTICE
FIRST READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING : SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
PUBLISHED : SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
SECOND READING
AND PUBLIC HEARING : SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

I, Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport Florida do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law this 20th day of September, 2016.

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

2017 CITY OF GULFPORT FUND ANALYSIS

General Fund

Opening Balance 10/1/15		\$ 4,330,304
BP Money		
Paving	(400,000)	
Shore Blvd	(150,000)	
Remaining BP Oil Settlement	(681,233)	(1,231,233)
Budgeted appropriated surplus		(120,562)
Marina Construction Payment		200,000
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		3,178,509

Funding Sources:

Estimated Revenues	9,694,068	
Transfers from Other Funds		
<i>Marina Construction</i>	300,000	
<i>Marina PILOT</i>	-	
<i>Sanitation PILOT</i>	-	
<i>Utilities PILOT</i>	-	
<i>Enterprise Funds 15% Overhead</i>	1,465,932	
Appropriated Surplus - Marina Construction	(300,000)	
Appropriated Surplus - Estimated deficit	300,000	
Total – All Funding Sources		11,460,000

Appropriations:

Police Services	3,435,213	
Fire & EMS Services	1,497,254	
Council and Clerk	338,723	
Legal	90,125	
City Manager	295,436	
Administrative Services	690,133	
Library & Technology	832,681	
Community Development	596,142	
Recreation Services	1,585,465	
Public Works	2,028,828	
Transfers	70,000	
Total Appropriations		11,460,000

Ending Fund Balance before Appropriated Surplus		3,178,509
Less: Appropriated Surplus		(300,000)
Add: Marina Construction Payment		300,000
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		\$ 3,178,509

Capital Projects Fund

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ 49,204
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Funding Sources:

Penny for Pinellas	1,430,796	
Appropriated Surplus	49,204	
Total – All Funding Sources		1,480,000
Appropriations:		
Capital Projects	852,000	
Transfer to Utilities	328,000	
Transfer to Marina	300,000	
Total Appropriations		1,480,000

Ending Fund Balance before Appropriated Surplus		\$ 49,204
Less Appropriated Surplus		(49,204)
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		\$ -

2017 CITY OF GULFPORT FUND ANALYSIS

Waterfront Redevelopment Fund

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ 451,997
Funding Sources:		
Estimated Revenues	254,683	
Appropriated Surplus	450,317	
Total – All Funding Sources		<u>705,000</u>
Appropriations:		
Shore Blvd Project Phase II	300,000	
Shore Blvd. Drainage Survey (Essex Plan)	100,000	
Operating Expenses	80,000	
Beach Re-nourishment (Match)	162,500	
Skate Park	62,500	
Total Appropriations		<u>705,000</u>
Ending Fund Balance before Appropriated Surplus		\$ 451,997
Less Appropriated Surplus		(450,317)
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 1,680</u>

49th Street Corridor Fund

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ 4,084
Funding Sources:		
Estimated Revenues		
Transfers from Other Funds		
<i>General Fund</i>	70,000	
Total – All Funding Sources		<u>70,000</u>
Appropriations:		
Expenditures	66,535	
Reserves	3,465	
Total Appropriations		<u>70,000</u>
Ending Fund Balance Before Transfer to Reserves		<u>4,084</u>
Add: Transfer to Reserves		3,465
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 7,549</u>

2017 CITY OF GULFPORT FUND ANALYSIS

Marina Fund

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ -
Funding Sources:		
Estimated Revenues	1,848,000	
Appropriated Surplus	-	
Transfers from Other Funds		
<i>Capital Projects</i>	300,000	
Total – All Funding Sources		<u>2,148,000</u>
Appropriations:		
People	232,184	
Operational	953,616	
Capital - Building	70,000	
Depreciation	230,000	
Transfers to Other Funds		
<i>General Fund 15% Overhead</i>	277,200	
<i>PILOT Transfer</i>	-	
<i>Marina Construction Payment</i>	300,000	
<i>Transfer to reserves</i>	85,000	
Total Appropriations		<u>2,148,000</u>
 Ending Fund Balance Before Transfer to Reserves		 <u>-</u>
Add: Transfer to Reserves		85,000
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 85,000</u>

2017 CITY OF GULFPORT FUND ANALYSIS

Sanitation Fund

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ 248,733
Funding Sources:		
Estimated Revenues	2,225,000	
Grants	8,000	
Total – All Funding Sources	<u>2,233,000</u>	
Appropriations:		
People	888,585	
Operational	669,681	
Depreciation	170,000	
Principal Debt	119,784	
Transfers to Other Funds		
<i>General Fund 15% Overhead</i>	334,950	
Transfer to reserves	50,000	
Total Appropriations	<u>2,233,000</u>	
Ending Fund Balance Before Transfer to Reserves		<u>248,733</u>
Add: Transfer to Reserves		50,000
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 298,733</u>

2017 CITY OF GULFPORT FUND ANALYSIS

Utilities Fund (Water, Sewer & Storm water)

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance 10/01/16		\$ 131,084
Funding Sources:		
Estimated Revenues	5,691,880	
Transfer from Capital Projects	328,000	
State Revolving Loan	700,000	
Total – All Funding Sources	<u>6,719,880</u>	
Appropriations:		
People	632,598	
Operational	3,349,392	
Depreciation	580,000	
SRL - Capital Projects	700,000	
Capital Project - 31st Ave Waterline Restoration	550,000	
Capital Equipment	5,500	
Transfers to Other Funds		
<i>General Fund 15% Overhead</i>	853,782	
<i>PILOT Transfer</i>	-	
Transfer to reserves	48,608	
Total Appropriations	<u>6,719,880</u>	
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 131,084</u>
Add: Transfer to Reserves		48,608
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 9/30/17		<u>\$ 179,692</u>

City of Gulfport Florida
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2016

A Workshop Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 2401 - 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All council members were present.

1. Public Comment.

Betty Pierson, 2760 Upton Street S., spoke about repairing and adding tennis courts in the City.

Chuck Broich, 2666 45th Street S., asked about how a potential housing crash might affect the budget if property values decline with Mayor Henderson advising this would affect the budget.

Scott Linde and Barbara Banno, on behalf of the Gulfport Merchants Association, provided images of bus shelters; inquired about TIFF funding regarding art projects relating to bus shelters, and spoke about trolley stops with a gecko theme; the welcome center and asked that the City's welcome flags be updated and suggested Gulfport kiosks be implemented that would provide a schedule of events happening in the City.

Margarete Tober was recognized by Mayor Henderson and provided the City's history regarding the sewer system repairs/updates; loans and financing and provided suggestions for amenities in the Northeast corridor; code enforcement and the sculpture garden completion.

2. Discussion Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.

City Manager O'Reilly thanked City Staff for their assistance on the budget and provided information regarding any potential property value decline and said the City is cognizant of long term effects of proposed expenditures on the City Budget. City Manager O'Reilly provided and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

Councilmember Liedtke asked if the City could fund at least one new PSTA bus stop for Ward I next to Town Shores and City Manager O'Reilly said he will follow up on this request at a future meeting. Councilmember Liedtke said he would like to see an informational screen display inside the Casino window which would provide a schedule of City events and City Manager O'Reilly advised he will add this to the list.

Councilmember Roman said she believes the City has made extensive progress on the water/sewer repairs; spoke on the 60th and Gulfport Boulevard pocket park; recommended having a community forum regarding the senior center remodel; provided information regarding grants by the Florida Coastal Management Program as relating to Clam Bayou; equipment to use during rain events such as a pump truck; the possibility of implementing a lateral pipe grant program for residents; solar energy as a long term objective and contributing to the Gulfport Pirates Football Program. Recycling in the City; See-Click-Fix Program and street pavers/bricks

being utilized for re-paving were discussed by City Manager O'Reilly and Council Member Roman.

Councilmember Brown said she is in favor of repairing the Chase Park tennis courts; a proposed linear park behind Boca Ciega Yacht Club; improving sheet flow at the terminal end of streets; she is in favor of the mooring field and oyster fields; re-designing the park in Clam Bayou into a flat ground and asked for the costs of an additional sanitation and street crew and questioned the need for extra code enforcement and planning staff.

Vice Mayor Fridovich said he would like to look into the cost of a part-time code enforcement officer; he is in favor of the mooring fields; he is appreciative of the Casino becoming profitable and this was discussed by City Manager O'Reilly; as well as an overview of accomplishments made by current City Staff. Vice Mayor Fridovich said he is in favor of oyster beds and solar panels and commended City staff on the progress of the Marina and this was explained by City Manager O'Reilly. He stated he is in favor of the bus stop shelter and would like to see businesses paint murals on their buildings.

City Manager O'Reilly discussed the options and costs of hiring additional City staff.

Mayor Henderson thanked City staff for their efforts with the budget; he asked for council consensus to reapply for the grant for the bike trail; and there was no objection by council. City Manager O'Reilly asked for permission to budget for a re-design/relocation plan of the skate park. There was an objection from Council Member Liedtke to the skate park proposal. A proposed location for the skate park as well as costs were discussed and there was a consensus to review the costs for a re-design for the skate park. Mayor Henderson suggested that the City add a streets department in the upcoming years; asked if funds could be allocated to the Merchant's Association for projects and this was discussed by City Manager O'Reilly. Mayor Henderson said he is in favor of tennis court renovations in Chase Park; he would like dual recycling trash bins and bike racks to be included in the final phase of the Shore Boulevard Improvements Project and said he is in favor of a redesign at Osgood Point and the Peninsula Park in the future with possible camping amenities.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Fridovich, City Manager O'Reilly advised that Scout Hall is being utilized.

Mayor Henderson continued by saying he appreciated Ms. Tober's comments on Ward IV parks; and was in favor of Tomlinson Park improvements.

Councilmember Liedtke asked for a report regarding the foreclosure registry.

3. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fridovich, second by Councilmember Brown to adjourn.

Date Approved: _____

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

City of Gulfport Florida

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 2401 - 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Daniel Liedtke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were Councilmembers Christine Brown, Daniel Liedtke and Yolanda Roman; Vice Mayor Michael Fridovich; Mayor Samuel Henderson, City Manager James O'Reilly; City Attorney Andrew Salzman and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

Presentations:

Mayor Henderson presented a Proclamation to Friends of Strays in recognition of International Homeless Animals' Day.

Mayor Henderson presented the Spirit of Gulfport Award to West Dupes.

1. Public Comment.

April Thanos, 5850 27th Avenue S., advised she had spoken at the County Commission Meeting about money for landscaping along Gulfport Boulevard, and commented on the new parking signs.

Cindy Davis, 2590 45th Street S., asked about the status on the offer of a donation of high tech police vests.

Richard Fried, 1822 ½ 56th Street S., spoke on council's unwillingness to make a difference and their being held silent by Home Rule; advising he would take the remainder of his three (3) minutes of speaking time in silence.

Mayor Henderson recognized Margarete Tober who spoke on the Gulfport Neighbors upcoming Welcome to Gulfport event.

Tim Spencer, 5857 26th Avenue S., asked for a status on the city's app., suggested the city have additional EV (electric vehicle) chargers, brought forth concerns of items for trash pick-up not being within the city's guidelines, and expressed his opinion that council does listen.

Mayor Henderson recognized Stan Kreuter who spoke on issues with city signage and questioned the opening, closing and parking times in city parks.

2. City Manager Report.

City Manager O'Reilly, in response to items brought forth during Public Comment, advised:

- council did extend the parking time in Veterans Park to accommodate restaurants and staff parking and all parks are posted with opening and closing times; which information is also available on the city's website;
- signs were installed on 59th Street to address the parking issue and subsequently they were removed by vandals; the city is investigating this and the signs will be replaced;
- there has been preliminary discussions regarding landscaping along Gulfport Boulevard, but there are right-of-way issues and plant materials can only be placed on public property;
- Police Chief Vincent has had conversations with the benefactors who have offered to provide protective vests to police officers and this will be discussed with the Union;
- Mr. Mather will present the city's app. for council's review after the budget is completed and two See-Click-Fix-It requests have been received and sent to the appropriate staff;
- the EV charger at the Casino was a joint partnership with Duke Energy; if council would like to look into providing additional chargers in the future, that will be a capital purchase and staff can look into pricing; and
- in reference to trash collection, he advised it is an issue with volume and the city is trying to pick up as much as it can and keep up with it.

City Manager O'Reilly reported:

- upon the request of Councilmember Liedtke, he provided council with a copy of the city's foreclosure registry. Councilmember Roman referenced the website which realtors and banks use that was updated to include Gulfport and reflects an additional six cities adding ordinances since the city's; and
- the marina store will be closing tomorrow for the second phase of the renovations and in response to a question by council, advised gas will still be available and possibly bait.

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

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

5. **Consent:**

- a. Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2016.
- b. Resolution No. 2016-57: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing members to serve on an Auditor Selection Committee; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, second by Councilmember Roman to approve the Consent Agenda.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

6. **Ordinances:**

- a. 2016-04, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida amending Article IV of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Water Service; providing for amendment of Subsections (1) and (2) of

Subsection (c) and Subsection (d) of Section 11-48, Water Service Rates-Established, Responsibility for Payment; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Ordinance No. 2016-4 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the ordinance, pointing out the time laps between readings is due to notice being provided to everyone on their bill, during the billing cycles.

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Roman, seconded by Councilmember Brown to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-04.

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

MOTION CARRIED

b. 2016-05, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida amending Article III of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Sewage Disposal; providing for amendment of Subsection (1) of Section 11-37, pertaining to Sewer Rates; providing for amendment of Subsection (b) of Section 11-39, pertaining to Billing, Collection and Standby Charges; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Ordinance No. 2016-05 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the ordinance.

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Kreuter who suggested the infrastructure/sewer lines need to be fixed to stop stormwater inflow prior to a rate increase.

Mayor Henderson recognized Ms. Tober who spoke on the city not collecting, in the past, enough money in the sewer enterprise fund to maintain the sewers.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

City Manager O'Reilly spoke on prior councils' who desired to provide an affordable level of community support and at times subsidized the water bills rather than provide for a rate increase. He advised the contract with the City of St. Petersburg requires the city not charge anything

lower than their retail rate to the city's customers. City Manager O'Reilly pointed out when the system is fixed, there will still be issues with laterals on private property.

Councilmember Brown said she appreciated the addition of the sixth tier.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fridovich, seconded by Councilmember Liedtke to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-05.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Resolutions:

- a. 2016-58, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to enter into a Service and User Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff for Law Enforcement Support Services during Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-58 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly recognized Police Chief Vincent who came forward and provided an overview of the contract.

Mayor Henderson opened the public discussion.

Tim Spencer, 59th and 26th, asked how the agreement worked for the city assisting the Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Office assisting the city.

Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Fried who requested the city strike male and female from this document and future documents until the English language has a gender neutral term. Mr. Fried advised he would take the remainder of his speaking time in silence. City Manager O'Reilly clarified with Mr. Fried that he was addressing Agenda Item #7-b.

Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Kreuter who inquired into costs associated with the agreement.

Cindy Davis, 2790 45th Street S., spoke on her participation in the Police Academy which made clear what the county does for the city and encouraged people to look into the program.

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

City Manager O'Reilly read a provision in the agreement that neither party shall charge for services provided by its respective employees outside the agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Brown seconded by Councilmember Roman to approve Resolution No. 2016-58.

In response to Councilmember Roman on the male/female issue, City Attorney Salzman and City Manager O'Reilly clarified the reference is not in this or the next resolution, but in the agenda memorandum for Item, 7-b.

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

MOTION CARRIED

b. 2016-59, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to use Contraband Forfeiture Trust Funds for charitable donations; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-59 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution; mentioning the reference point in the agenda memorandum of concern.

In response to Mayor Henderson, City Manager O'Reilly confirmed the reference to male and female is not part of the resolution, just the agenda memorandum.

Councilmember Brown said if it did not say male and female, it would be assumed it was all boys and she believed the wording is appropriate.

Councilmember Roman commented that there is a little bit to what was heard and what can be taken away from this discussion, is the fact that we can be more inclusive moving forward.

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

Mayor Henderson thanked Chief Vincent for the diligence he uses in sharing these funds and mentioned representatives from the Gulfport Pirates were in attendance.

Councilmember Roman invited the community to attend the games and support the Gulfport Pirates.

Councilmember Liedtke mentioned the Beach Bums has chosen the Gulfport Pirates as their charity for their September 10, beach volleyball tournament.

Motion by Councilmember Roman, seconded by Vice Mayor Fridovich to approve Resolution No. 2016-59.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER LIEDTKE	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER ROMAN	YES

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN	YES
VICE MAYOR FRIDOVICH	YES
MAYOR HENDERSON	YES

MOTION CARRIED

- c. 2016-60, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, approving special events for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; authorizing various city services and accommodations in accordance with Section 17-30 of the Code of Ordinances regarding special events; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-60 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution and clarified the city received, in reimbursements for public safety costs, \$2,397.00.

Mayor Henderson opened the public discussion.

Mayor Henderson recognized Ms. Tober who on behalf of the Gulfport Neighbors thanked the council/city for its support. Ms. Tober spoke on and suggested additional "Junk in the Trunk" events and advised she would like to invite the Gulfport Pirates to have a table at the upcoming Mayors' Clean-up; to which Mayor Henderson had no objection.

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

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Liedtke to approve Resolution No. 2016-60.

Councilmember Roman displayed an analysis she prepared to help her understand how the \$100,000 in non-city event costs, 1/3 of which the city contributes towards in-kind services for public safety, city staff and other costs. Councilmember Roman thought for future planning the city needs to look at cost sharing or ways to contain some of the costs, and to also consider the amount of time and quality of life of city staff working the events.

In response to a question by Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Liedtke, City Manager O'Reilly defined non-city events and spoke to the city's level of event advertising.

Councilmember Brown advised the Historical Society would like to remove their 5K and Halloween Tour from the list of events.

Councilmember Fridovich discussed his concerns on the cost of July 4th fireworks with City Manager O'Reilly and requested the Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce consider a contribution to the event. Councilmember Fridovich also suggested if an organization wanted to add an event, they would have to take away an event, to which City Manager O'Reilly explained if an event is not on the proposed list, an organization would have to come back to council for approval.

City Manager O'Reilly advised the only events added for the coming year are volleyball and the Jazz Fest, and in response to questions advised the use of the volleyball courts are a paid rental.

Mayor Henderson suggested that with the level of business the city is receiving it may be time to do one art walk a month, that consideration be given to combining events instead of having something going on each weekend and to let some events go if they are not getting the turn-out.

City Manager O'Reilly discussed, as council has done before, having a round table discussion with the representative of SO49, the Merchants and the Chamber to which Vice Mayor Fridovich requested at the meeting following the budget process, that having a roundtable be discussed.

City Manager O'Reilly and Councilmember Brown brought forth a possible scheduling conflict with a women's beach volley team and Councilmember Liedtke felt this could be handled easily with city staff; mentioning the capacity shown last weekend of 16 courts on the beach with no issues.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- d. 2016-61, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to renew the city's insurance coverage with Public Risk Management of Florida (PRM) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-61 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution, pointing out the cost increase of 18.1% in Workers' Compensation, and upon his request, City Attorney Salzman explained the recent Supreme Court Rulings on time period of benefits and how attorney fees are paid.

In response to a question by Councilmember Liedtke, Cheryl Hannafin, Finance Director, advised the city is in the PRM pool and did not shop the Workers' Compensation, this could be done in the upcoming year with council authorization.

Finance Director Hannafin provided a brief overview of the four insurance renewals on the agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, seconded by Vice Mayor Fridovich to approve Resolution No. 2016-61.

Mayor Henderson opened the public discussion.

Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Kreuter who clarified with the City Manager and City Attorney that Public Risk Management is an insurance pool for government agencies.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

- e. 2016-62, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida authorizing the city manager to renew the city's employee health insurance coverage with Public Risk Management of Florida (PRM), using Florida Blue, for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-62 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution.

Mayor Henderson opened the public discussion.

Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Kreuter and City Manager O'Reilly answered his questions on the selection of Florida Blue as the provider.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Fridovich, seconded by Councilmember Roman to approve Resolution No. 2016-62.

Councilmember Liedtke questioned and discussed with City Manager O'Reilly and City Attorney Salzman the city's ability to go to bid for insurance coverage next year. City Manager O'Reilly advised the health insurance aspect of the coverage's was competitive and recommended staying with this type of health insurance, but agreed the other aspects of the coverage's could be bid.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- f. 2016-63, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida authorizing the city manager to provide the city's insurance coverage for employee life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance from Lincoln Financial Group for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-63 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution.

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

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve Resolution No. 2016-63.

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

MOTION CARRIED

g. 2016-64, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida authorizing the city manager to provide the city's long-term disability insurance coverage from Lincoln Financial Group for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2016-64 by title only.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Fridovich, seconded by Councilmember Roman to approve Resolution No. 2016-64.

In response to a question by Councilmember Liedtke, City Manager O'Reilly verified there are employees on LTD and short-term disability is available for purchase and in response to Councilmember Roman he advised this coverage is for all employees.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council Comments/Informational Reports.

Councilmember Liedtke recommended Art Padula for the Spirit of Gulfport Award; there were no objections.

Councilmember Roman reported on the upcoming Amendment 4 vote; a tax exemption for solar power, the proposed Board of County Commissioner project list for BP monies which includes the city's mooring field project and Lincoln Cemetery, an adult pre-arrest diversion program being launched in October, Mary Yeargan, Southwest Florida DEP, will be providing an update on the status of the Clam Bayou Bethnic Study, she has received an invitation from Tampa Bay Watch for herself, the City Manager and a staff member to meet with them on their oyster bed program, the Senior Center Food Pantry is in need of foods, she will be attending the Florida

League of Cities Conference, she mentioned the restoration of the Morris the cat statue at the Casino and Mary Yeargan will be providing her information on lateral grants.

Councilmember Brown reported brick road repairs have been made to 31st Avenue, she thanked the Marina Operations Director for reaching out to a resident, and mentioned the Clam Bayou docks look great, as well as the beach parking lot.

Councilmember Fridovich reported he will be attending the Florida League of Cities Conference.

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Councilmember Brown spoke on the loss of Gulfport Fire Lieutenant Pete Huffman.

Mayor Henderson advised he liked the idea of additional car charging stations, at some point; suggesting the city look into a solar power option and in response to a question by Councilmember Liedtke on how long the current station's electric will be free, City Manager O'Reilly advised he would need to review the city's agreement with Duke Energy, he asked council's permission to look into the cost for bollard lighting along the walkway in Veterans Park, no objects were heard, and Councilmember Brown mentioned this was brought up during the informational workshop on Veterans Park, he thanked the Board of County Commission for holding their meeting tonight on Tax Incremental Financing in the city, discussed a possible conflict with three members attending the National League of Cities Conference, asking if there was any objection to combining the November 15 meeting into the first meeting of November or December; Councilmember Roman advised she could make herself available, no other objections were heard, and he said a lot of people are concerned about the proposed building going in on 29th and Beach Boulevard and he assured those concerned that there has been no concessions made to change the city's current building code; the only thing that has been asked for thus far is a parking variance which is not uncommon as a majority of the businesses down town had to ask for those as part of their site plan approval.

9. Adjournment.

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

Date Approved: _____

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 2401 - 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Yolanda Roman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Presentation:

Mayor Henderson presented the Spirit of Gulfport Award to Arthur Padula, Jr.

1. Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Millage Rate and Budget Ordinances:

- a. 2016-06, First Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida, providing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Clerk Tatay-Cook read Ordinance 2016-06 and said the second reading of the Ordinance will be held on September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the Ordinance.

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

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2016-07, First Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida, adopting the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017; and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Clerk Tatay-Cook read Ordinance 2016-07 and said the second reading of the Ordinance will be held on September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing.

Chuck Broich, 2666 45th Street S., spoke on the proposal to apply for a bike trail grant and requested the City of St. Petersburg councilmember for the abutting area be kept informed and the that cost of the grant be publicized.

Margarete Tober, 59th Street, commended council for their work on the budget, encouraged the completion of the street sign project, and spoke on areas of the city needing basic clean-up including dilapidated properties/businesses within Ward IV.

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

Motion by Councilmember Liedtke, seconded by Vice Mayor Fridovich to approve Ordinance No. 2016-07.

Councilmember Roman advised the information presented during the Budget Workshop of August 11th is available online.

Councilmember Brown advised she felt the cleaning of spillways on terminal end streets and the street sign project were issues she would like included in the budget. In response to Mayor Henderson, City Manager O'Reilly advised the city will have to address each of the street ends independently as the city faces an issue of what invasive exotic plant materials can be removed and he will speak with Don Sopak regarding a process to start addressing signs.

Vice Mayor Fridovich thanked the Finance Director and City Manager for their work on the budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Public Comment.

Julie Latimer, St. Petersburg, spoke about the Gulfport Women's Volleyball group that plays on the beach each Sunday.

Lee Stapella, 3025 York Street S., commended the Public Works Department in their removal of debris during the storm event.

Stan Kreuter spoke about flooding issues on 22nd Avenue.

Karen Love, 5848 23rd Avenue S., provided information regarding the Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes; thanking the council for their support, thanked City Staff for their clean-up efforts after the storm, believed the Mayor's Gabber articles are informative; suggesting the information provided be expanded upon and spoke in support of the three (3) minute time limit for speaking at meetings.

Tim Spencer, 5857 26th Avenue S., clarified his comments at the last meeting regarding sanitation pick-up and spoke on proposed legislation which will make Kratom tea a controlled substance; asking for the City's position regarding this issue.

Richard Fried, 1822 1/2 56th Street, said he is proud to pay his taxes, spoke about what he believed his taxes support and spoke about presidential candidates.

Karen Gates, 4920 27th Avenue S., reiterated what Julie had said about the women's volleyball group and asked that the reservation process be followed.

Andrew Overmyer with Wind Water and Energy, 593 Corey, spoke in support of a residential PACE program.

Ed Stephens, 2649 45th Street, spoke in favor of a residential PACE Program; mentioning ways it would help him as a homeowner.

Margarete Tober, 59th Street said she was appreciative of the communication during the recent storm event and provided information on an upcoming beach cleanup and Mayors' 49th Street clean-up.

Kristen Harris, 5126 31st Avenue S., spoke of her moving to the city to play Sunday volleyball, which is an important institution, and asked that this be kept in mind when talking about reserving courts and the priority that it is given.

3. **City Manager Report.** No Report

4. **City Attorney Report.** No Report

5. **City Clerk Report.** No Report.

6. **Council Comments/Informational Reports.**

Councilmember Roman commended City Staff for their efforts and communication during the recent storm event, spoke on information that is available on the sewer repairs and priorities, addressed the sewer discharges; advising she will advocate for the City procuring a pumper truck, spoke to Amendment 4 passing, said she will work with Representation Rouson if he is elected as Gulfport's Senator, spoke on a recent Crime Watch program presentation on Elderly Consumer Protection, mentioned the upcoming Keep Pinellas Beautiful cleanup in Clam Bayou and provided information on her monthly newsletter.

Councilmember Brown reported on the amount of trash in Clam Bayou that was brought in by the storm, addressed concerns regarding brick streets, thanked a neighbor for cleaning her storm drain, addressed issues taking place during the storm; thanking people for understanding and staying current with news, thanked City Staff for their hard work; asking that they be provided

water proof boots and requested council lay the last bricks in the beach parking lot as part of the grand opening. Councilmember Brown thanked the community for reaching out to her regarding the passing of her mother.

Vice Mayor Fridovich commented that it is usual to have flooding in a beach town during a heavy rain.

Councilmember Liedtke reported on the upcoming Tampa Bay Beach Bums volleyball tournament to raise money for the Gulfport Pirates; asking City Manager O'Reilly if David Mather could look into setting up an online court and pavilion reservation system, the Beach Bums have approximately six Sundays reserved for 2017 and said he would like to meet with the Gulfport Women's Volleyball Group to coordinate schedules so that they always have a place to play on Sunday. In response to questions, City Manager O'Reilly advised the City is only involved in a commercial PACE Program; none of which have been written and explained why the city did not do a residential PACE Program. Mayor Henderson suggested having a presentation on the PACE Program and there was no objection by council. Councilmember Liedtke said he read that the City of St. Petersburg is still dumping and asked if they had met all protocols to which City Manager O'Reilly said they are dumping into Tampa Bay, but city protocols were met and advised the City has reported itself on Friday as it reached the point of discharge.

Mayor Henderson thanked City Staff for their work during the storm event and thanked the City on behalf of the business community for Gecko Fest going forward.

7. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fridovich, second by Councilmember Brown to adjourn.

Date Approved: _____

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk