



City of Gulfport Florida

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 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: Councilmember Daniel Liedtke, Michael Fridovich and Christine Brown; Vice Mayor Paul Ray; Mayor Samuel Henderson; City Manager James O'Reilly; City Attorney Andrew Salzman and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

Presentations

Mayor Henderson, Police Chief Vincent and Officer Mills, presented graduation certificate to the participants in the Citizens Police Academy.

1. Public Comment

Mayor Henderson recognized Margarete Tober who explained why the Mobi-Mat Project is of importance to her and asked the city look into what equipment is available for the less abled in parks and at the beach.

Mary Hanrahan, 4624 27th Avenue S., asked for an update on the website.

2. City Manager Report.

City Manager O'Reilly reported:

- He has provided council with a status report on legislative bills;

- Dave Mather, Director of Library and Information Technology, provided an update on the website remediation, templates that have been created and the implementation of Granicus Peak which will ensure that agendas, memorandums and minutes will be crated, going forward, in compliance with ADA requirements. Mayor Henderson recommended moving forward with the Granicus Peak and using templates in the meantime to get the agendas posted and until the city is comfortable with our compliance, that everything that is not state required be pulled. City Manager O'Reilly advised that Staff will be focusing on City Council meetings in terms of video closed captioning and spoke on how the public is made aware of meetings/hearings, other than through the city's website, for the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Board.

In response to questions from council, Director Mather addressed documents that are legally necessary on the website, hearing impaired tools, the process to remediate past videos and potential issues with the City App. and Facebook.

- The Trolley to Rays games has been reinstated for July 1 and September 23.

3. City Attorney Report – No Report

4. City Clerk Report – No Report

5. Consent:

- a. Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 and the March 28, 2019 Attorney Client Executive Session.
- b. Resolution No. 2019-15: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to renew the contract for Special Master Services with James D. Thaler, Jr., Attorney at Law; and providing for an effective date.
- c. Resolution No. 2019-16: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Board of Adjustment; providing for terms of appointment; and providing for an effective date.
- d. Resolution No. 2019-17: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency; providing for terms of appointment; and providing for an effective date.
- e. Resolution No. 2019-18: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing resident members to the General Employees' Pension Board and the Police Pension Board; providing for terms of appointment; and providing for an effective date.
- f. Resolution No. 2019-19: A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to purchase a Theater LED Lighting System for the Catherine Hickman Theater from Parlights, Inc.; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read the Consent Agenda; advising of the names of those being appointed.

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

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

6. Ordinances – None.

7. Resolutions

- a. 2019-20, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, approving the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency to approve Application #C19-01; a Conditional Use and Site Plan to allow a Day Care Center at 5004 Tangerine Avenue South, Gulfport, Florida; providing for conditions; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2019-20 by title only.
City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Mayor Henderson opened public discussion.

Mayor Henderson recognized Ms. Tober who spoke in support of the day care center.

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

Motion by Councilmember Fridovich, seconded by Councilmember Liedtke to approve Resolution No. 2019-20.

Roll Call:	Councilmember Liedtke	Yes
	Councilmember Brown	Yes
	Vice Mayor Ray	Yes
	Councilmember Fridovich	Yes
	Mayor Henderson	Yes

Motion Carried

- b. 2019-21, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to award the bid for the Marina Boat Lifts and Installation Project to Enterprise Marine Construction, Inc.; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2019-21 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution. Denis Frain, Director of Marina Operations, came forward and spoke on the location and number of lifts being installed.

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

Motion by Councilmember Fridovich, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve Resolution No. 2019-21.

In response to questions by councilmembers, Director Frain explained the 20 lifts will be installed in vacant slips at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club, the depth of the water at low tide is 5 ½ feet and the vessels using these slips will not be impacted by the depth of the water as they have a lesser draft.

Roll Call:	Councilmember Liedtke	Yes
	Councilmember Brown	Yes
	Vice Mayor Ray	Yes
	Councilmember Fridovich	Yes
	Mayor Henderson	Yes

Motion Carried

**8. Discussion: a) FY 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Program Budget
b) FY 2019/2020 Operating Budget**

Mayor Henderson opened public discussion on Items (a) and (b). Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor Henderson closed the public discussion.

a) FY 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Program Budget

City Manager O'Reilly presented the draft proposal for the one year Capital Improvement Program Budget discussing with council the recreation center bus, use of Penny for Pinellas monies, security system camera upgrade, EMS Rescue 17 and staffing, Williams Pier replacement, beach renourishment, beach sand, City Hall Annex plan and housing for Community Development, solar, and utility and marina fund projects. Mayor Henderson said he would like council to be thinking about and he would like to talk about other options for the BCYC property when their lease runs out.

Council requests/comments on the one year Capital Improvement Plan Budget:

Councilmember Liedtke requested an addition of five to seven path lights in Wood Ibis Park and City Manager said he would get a cost.

Councilmember Brown asked if the interior bathrooms at the Casino could be upgraded.

Councilmember Fridovich questioned if designated parking could be looked into for parking in Tangerine Park at 54th and Tangerine Avenue.

Vice Mayor Ray asked for an explanation under the Utility Fund with sanitary sewer and lateral replacement program it says move \$50,000 to sewer operating expense, to which City Manager O'Reilly advised it is a move from the Capital Program to Operating Fund. Vice Mayor Ray said he would like to see motorcycle/scooter parking spaces and a splash pad.

Mayor Henderson asked in conjunction with the connection to the Sunshine Skyway Trail, he would like to see the addition of bicycle racks placed in strategic locations from downtown to that point.

Mayor Henderson requested a five minute recess; there were no objections. Mayor Henderson called the meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Henderson recognized Professor Rob Hooker who was present with students from his class on Public Policy.

FY 2019/2025 Capital Improvements Budget

City Manager O'Reilly briefed council on the five year Capital Program, explaining it is very broad, contains reoccurring operational costs and identifies potential projects for grant/outside funding purposes.

b) FY 2019/2020 Operating Budget

City Manager O'Reilly spoke on the common core objectives, priorities, previously approved projects and issues that he considers in the development of the proposed budget and asked councilmembers for any budget topics, projects, or tasks they individually would like to see brought forth for discussion and possible inclusion in the upcoming budget. City Manager O'Reilly mentioned items he will be bringing back for

discussion; enforcement of short term rentals, the building plan review process due to the overwhelming volume of construction, a presentation by Santec on utility rates, and possibly the ongoing level of promotions and community events, the expiration of the CRA in 2023 and he reviewed the goals as he saw them:

- Maintain present Millage rate at 4.039. Maintain City's Reserve Funds at in range of 16% to 25% of Fund Balance.
- Present a conservative Capital Improvement Program.
- Maintain City's Public Safety service delivery model – fund, adequately equip and train.
- Continue City's Utility and Sanitation services delivery model(s).
- On-going Community promotion(s) and support of Special Events.
- On an annual basis Develop, Propose, Present and Implement an on-going long-term stabilized Utility and Sanitation rate structure.
- Continue Improvements and Upgrade of Sanitary Sewer (Utility) Infrastructure.
- Roadway Resurfacing (Paving), Brick Restoration, Alley and Sidewalk Improvements.
- Ongoing review of market equitable costs for services for City Council's consideration.
- Implement Williams Pier repairs (explore possible floating dock expansion in WRD) and City Hall Administrative facilities replacement.
- Continue ongoing Improvements to City's Internal Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Plan/solicit long-term funding of Senior Center Remodel and Expansion. (Re-Design II).
- Improve/replace/create Community amenities and aesthetics where financially feasible.
- Continue Marina improvements and future expansion planning.
- Annually provide appropriate compensation, benefits and salary adjustment(s) to employees.
- Manage Police and Fire's respective Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA).
- Manage and maintain City's Liability and Employee Health Insurance Cost(s).
- Pending Environmental Litigation – Due to Tropical Storm rain event(s) triggered Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's).

Councilmember Liedtke asked for the cost of haylon fire extinguishers which was previously discussed for the Historical Society; also suggesting a safe room to preserve some of the artifacts that are housed there. City Manager O'Reilly advised he will provide those costs.

Councilmember Brown asked council to explore giving the city manager a substantial increase in his compensation.

Vice Mayor Ray said he would like to see the employee Christmas/Holiday party reinstated.

City Manager O'Reilly mentioned there will be additional cost associated with the ADA compliance which will be included in the budget and the public records requests/cost were discussed.

9. Council Comments/Informational Reports

Councilmember Brown reported on her attendance at the CERT meeting; the upcoming School Board Meeting in Council Chambers, the egg roll, and the Drama Club at Boca Ciega High School play; that after analyzing the beach parking, she felt council made the right decision in removing the resident parking signs; the shade sail looks nice; thanked Debbie Wolf of the Gabber for the article she did on her How to Building Community picture which she requested a consensus from council to hang in the City Hall lobby; there was no objection.

Councilmember Ray spoke on a non-profit who would like to do a 3-D imaging project of the Historical Society Building and possibly the Casino and that he will be asking for council's consideration on a presentation in the future, in regard to the 64th Street affordable housing project, he advised council he would like to hold a meeting and invite parties involved from the City of St. Pete but, did not know when that will be scheduled and reported on the upcoming Pride flag raising, Artout, Pride parade and Gulfport Safety Around Water Program.

Councilmember Fridovich reported he will be attending the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Future of the Regions Award Breakfast and asked for council's consideration in appointing resident Mike Bauer as the city's representative on the Tampa Bay Resilience Coalition. Council discussed the appointment; no action was taken, the city clerk will forward a copy of Mr. Bauer's resume to council.

Councilmember Fridovich announced the 2nd Trolley Market Square Grand Opening and wished all a happy Easter and Passover.

Mayor Henderson reported he will bring forward a letter to the United States Senate and Congress and the State Legislature regarding climate change initiatives, coastal resiliency and key components of what Congressman Crist has been putting through if other members of council would like to support it.

10. Adjournment

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

Date Approved: _____

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

Kathy Tatay-Cook, Deputy City Clerk