

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY– DECEMBER 19, 2011, 5:30 PM**

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
Present: Dianna Puccetti, Elizabeth Beeton, Chris Gonzales, Mayor Joe Jaworski, Linda Colbert, Steve Greenberg, Rusty Legg.
5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
None
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 13, 2011 Minutes.
Motion to approve by CM Legg, second by CM Puccetti. Unanimously approved.
November 17, 2011 Minutes.
Motion to approve by CM Puccetti, second by CM Legg. Unanimously approved.
December 1, 2011 Minutes.
Motion to approve by CM Puccetti, second by CM Legg. Unanimously approved.
December 8, 2011 Minutes.
Motion to approve by CM Legg, second by CM Puccetti. Unanimously approved.
7. PRESENTATIONS
None
8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS
A. Larry & Cynthia Bishop Claim 11-070 Sands of Kahala Litigation
Notice of Claim
9. N/A
10. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS
None
11. N/A
12. N/A

City Council recessed into executive session at 5:48 pm.

City Council reconvened the open session at 7:05 pm.

13. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider for action hiring the permanent City Manager and the negotiation of an employment contract.

Motion to extend an offer to Michael Kovaks and enter into employment negotiations for his services by CM Puccetti, second by CM Gonzales.

CM Legg discussed his need to abstain from voting. None of the three (3) candidates met the criteria he had requested for the qualifications of a city manager. He could not support any of them due to their lack of experience necessary for the community.

CM Beeton discussed the strong character of the candidates and the difficulty in choosing one among the group as well as the available alternatives. She wished all of the candidates well in their future endeavors.

Mayor Jaworski recognized Scott Riley from Affion and thanked him for his efforts and diligence in seeking out the candidates and the manner in which the process was conducted on behalf of the City.

MPT Colbert thanked Affion for their work. Unfortunately, she was looking for specific things from the candidates, that this group did not possess. She was looking for a level of experience to take Galveston forward and skills necessary for the vision of Galveston. Though she did prefer one candidate over the others, she would have to abstain from voting for anyone in this candidate pool.

Voting in favor of the motion were CM Puccetti, CM Gonzales, CM Beeton, Mayor Jaworski and CM Greenberg. There were no votes in opposition. CM Legg and CM Colbert abstained from voting. Motion passed five (5) to zero (0).

14. N/A

15. N/A

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the following public officer or employee:

1. Deliberate the employment of the City Manager.

17. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sean McCray spoke concerning misappropriation of CDBG funds.

2. Sheila Bell sang and she and her family wished all a very Merry Christmas.
18. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Godinich
City Secretary