

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2008 – 4:00 PM

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Thomas, CM Mahoney, CM Beeton,
MPT Weber, CM Colbert, CM Woods
Absent: CM Fennewald
Staff: City Manager LeBlanc, City Attorney Green, City
Secretary Lawrence, Asst. City Secretary Rushing,
Asst. City Manager Rinderer, Asst. City Manager Wade
5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT
None
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Special Meeting September 24, 2008: Motion to approve by MPT Weber.
Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously
approved by those present.
Special Meeting September 26, 2008: Motion to approve by CM Colbert.
Second by MPT Weber.
Unanimously approved by those
present.
Special Meeting October 30, 2008: Motion to approve by MPT Weber.
Second by CM Woods.
Unanimously approved by those
present.
7. PRESENTATIONS
None
8. N/A
9. ORDINANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS
None
10. PUBLIC COMMENT
Lynnae Molitor, 4702 Jamaica Cove, wants explanation about Buyout Program.
Dan Barnhart, 12925 Bermuda Beach, spoke in favor of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
Melanie Peele, 22919 Gulf Dr., spoke in favor of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
Diane Moore, 40 Campeche Circle, wants to know why her house is still in the yellow zone
and houses across the street are green.
Richard Bell, 4231 Ghost Crab Lane, spoke in favor of FEMA Buyout.
Jimmy De Los Santos, 31 Maple Lane, spoke against agenda item 11-A.

Joe Compian, 3008 Ave N, Holy Rosary Ministries, informing public of Social Services available to citizens.

Charles Smith, 3014 Kleimann, wants Council to reconsider sheetrock permit requirements.

Alice Anne O'Donel, 13357 LeHegast, promote and invite Council and citizens to the Galveston's Sandhill Cranes Event.

Deborah Conrad, 2218 Postoffice, spoke in favor of Parking Meters Downtown.

Lyssa Graham Reynolds, 2023 Ave O ½, presented a Birthday Proclamation to Mayor Thomas.

11. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending Ordinance 04-103, by decreasing the number of Sergeant positions from thirty-three (33) to thirty-one (31).

ORDINANCE NO. 08-072 was read by caption: AMENDING ORDINANCE 04-103 BY DECREASING THE NUMBER OF SERGEANT POSITIONS FROM THIRTY THREE (33) TO THIRTY ONE (31), MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Asst. City Manager Rinderer spoke on behalf of Police Chief Wiley, he gave an explanation for the proposed ordinance.

Motion to approve by CM Beeton. Second by CM Colbert. All in favor: CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, Mayor Thomas, CM Colbert, CM Woods. Opposed: MPT Weber. Absent: CM Fennewald.

B. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, adopting a private property debris removal and demolition policy in compliance with rules established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ORDINANCE NO. 08-073 was read by caption: ADOPTING A PRIVATE PROPERTY DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Asst. City Manager Wade gave explanation for the proposed ordinance.

Motion to approve by MPT Weber. Second CM Woods. Unanimously approved by those present.

12. ACTION ITEMS

The following items shall be considered for action as a whole, unless one or more Council Members objects:

A. Consider for action approving a service agreement between UTMB and the City of Galveston Island Transit for the provision of an employee shuttle service from the Mainland to various City of Galveston/UTMB sites and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

B. Consider for action authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Galveston, to provide temporary

Fire Protection Services on Bolivar Peninsula, the County to pay the actual costs for such temporary assistance.

Motion to approve Action Items A and B by CM Mahoney. Second by MPT Weber. Unanimously approved by those present.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Civilian Review Board:

CM Fennwald was absent, so appointment was not discussed.

Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority:

Motion to appoint Curtis Brown by MPT Weber. Second by Mayor Thomas. Opposed by CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, CM Colbert, CM Woods. Absent: CM Fennwald. Appointment Failed.

Long Range Recovery Committee:

Motion to create committee by MPT Weber. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved by those present.

Transportation Policy Council:

DEFERRED

14. N/A

15. N/A

16. DISCUSSION ITEMS - No action taken

A. City Manager

1. Discuss and Receive Update regarding Hurricane Ike Disaster Emergency Response and Recovery.
2. Discuss FEMA Long-Term Planning Division (ESF14).
3. Discuss Long-Term Recovery Committee.
4. Discuss receiving 2008 American Planning Association Award.

B. City Attorney

C. City Council

1. Receive and discuss report from City Manager and Director of Planning regarding status of commercial permits enabling business to repair and reopen. (Beeton/Woods)
2. Discuss Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Recovery. (Beeton/Woods)
3. Receive and discuss a report from the City Attorney and the City Secretary regarding the Council Members obligations to retain correspondence under the Open Records Law. (Beeton/Woods)
4. Discuss Council access to City documents and records. (Woods/Beeton)
5. Receive following updates from Mayor Thomas:
 - a. UTMB

- b. Recovery Funds including but not limited to Citizens Recovery Fund, Business Recovery Funds
- c. FEMA, Legislative and local Recovery Efforts

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.