

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON HELD JULY 30, 2008 - 5:00 P.M.

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- II. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Thomas, MPT Weber, CM Mahoney, CM Colbert,
CM Woods
CM Beeton entered meeting at 5:05 p.m.
CM Fennewald entered meeting at 5:15 p.m.
Staff: City Manager LeBlanc, City Attorney Green, City Secretary
Lawrence, Sr. Asst. City Secretary De La Fuente, Director of
Public Works Brandon Wade

III. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT
None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the 4B sales tax propositions.
Mayor Thomas opened the PUBLIC HEARING.
Dr. Callender- President of UTMB- for the 4B- spoke on a small portion of monies for
supportive of a business incubator for job growth.
Keith Palmer- GEPD- for the 4B- spoke on monies going to jobs and infrastructure.
Don Gartman- Galveston County Economic Alliance- for the 4B- spoke for monies to
go for economic development and jobs.
Bill Ross- on behalf of George Mitchell- for the 4B- to vote and support the Galveston
Economic Development Partnership and the Chambers position on the 4B and to please
support the Incubator Business that Dr. Callender spoke about.
Greg Harrington- Galv. Chamber of Commerce- spoke on asking for some of the
monies going to jobs and streets.
Clair Reiswerg- Sand and Sea- spoke on asking for some of the monies to go to beach
re-nourishment.
Jayson Levy- 7701 Harborside Drive- spoke on for the monies going toward the GEDP
and streets and to also focus on employment.
Brenda Lee- 22nd Ave. P- spoke on finding language to repair maintenance on streets.
Shrub Kempner- Board Member of GEPD- absolutely yes for jobs and for monies
going
toward streets and beaches also said he is in favor of the draft charter amendment #8.
Andrea Sunseri- spoke on any beach re-nourishment going to the entire island; consider
for monies to go for jobs and streets too.
Maria Garrett- spoke on portions of the monies going towards beaches, jobs and infra-
structure.
Marty Bilele- spoke on educating the public on the 4B taxes, and for monies to go
toward beaches.
Jerry Mohn- President of West Galveston Island Home Association- spoke on monies.

going to sand renourishment for the entire island; passed out a grid of sand nourishment projects for the entire island shows the importance of 4B sales tax going toward sand renourishment and spoke that it is essential for Galveston to nourish its beaches.

David Miller- 3319 Ave. — for the 4B and spoke on monies going toward sidewalks.

V.J. Tramonte- Owner of Joe Tramonte Realty- spoke on monies going toward jobs.

Skip Martin- Business owner in District 1-spoke on the making ballot language vague.

Barry Brown- for the 4B- spoke on monies going toward the beaches and job development.

Alice Anne O'Donnell- 14th & Ball- for the 4B- asked Council to please vote on this fairly and not to have this issue reduced to something personal.

Mark Muhich- 11 Williamsburg Circle- commend CM Fennewald for letter in the Galveston Daily Newspaper and spoke on draft amendment #8.

Alice Melott- Owner of Keller Williams in Galveston and Property owner in the West End- told Council to please not to reduce this issue to something personal and then end up losing the revenue.

Sidney McClendon- Director of Pirates Property Owners Association and West Galveston Island Property Owners Association- in support of the 4B tax.

Bob Brown- 1027 Sealy- spoke on the need for a community swimming pool.

Phil Newton- GAIN Representative- stated the ballot language of the November, 2007 ballot wasn't clear or written correctly and many people did not understand how to vote due to the language.

Ralph McMorris- spoke on how he would like some of the money to go to jobs and that young people make a difference here on the island by raising their families here and creating jobs.

Jackie Cole- 2308 Sydnor- spoke on the community swimming pool idea being great; and that some of the monies should go towards jobs; and that beach re-nourishment will always be an ongoing thing.

Jeff Sjostrom- Spoke on the IDC, jobs and maritime transportation.

V. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER DIRECTION REGARDING THE 4B SALES TAX PROPOSITIONS

MPT Weber moved to direct the City Attorney and City Manager to draft language that would put a portion of the 4B Sales Tax on the ballot for beach renourishment for the entire island. Second by CM Mahoney. CM Fennewald said Council should continue the discussion.

After discussion, CM Colbert proposed the following amendment: that Council direct staff to incorporate in the proposition three broad categories which include beaches; streets, sewer and drainage as infrastructure; economic development and quality of life. CM Woods seconded.

MPT Weber and CM Mahoney accepted the amendment.

Vote: In favor: CM Mahoney, MPT Weber, Mayor Thomas, CM Colbert, CM Woods

Opposed: CM Beeton, CM Fennewald Motion approved.

Barron Wallace stated the approved motion included quality of life projects which is not a category under the act. There are things that may be seen as quality of life such as park facilities, swimming pools, related projects; but they really need to be stated rather than using the euphuism of quality of life.

CM Fennewald moved to change quality of life to read parks, park facilities and swimming pools. Second by CM Beeton. Motion unanimously approved.

MPT Weber moved to designate 1/8 of the sales tax to each of the four categories- beach renourishment for the entire island; economic development for creation and retention of jobs; infrastructure specific to sewer, drainage and streets; and quality of life specific to parks, park facilities and swimming pools-the creation and maintenance thereof for 20 years. Second by CM Colbert. Vote: In favor: CM Mahoney, MPT Weber, Mayor Thomas, CM Colbert, CM Woods. Opposed: CM Beeton, CM Fennewald.

VI. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CM Fennewald moved to not put Charter Amendments on the ballot. CM Mahoney seconded.

After discussion, CM Woods moved to call the question. Seconded by MPT Weber. Motion to call the question unanimously approved.

Motion to not put Charter amendments on the ballot unanimously approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.