

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON HELD JULY 10, 2008 - 5:30 P.M.

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 Fennewald, CM Woods
Staff: City Manager LeBlanc, City Attorney Green, City
Secretary Lawrence
5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT
None
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None
7. PRESENTATIONS
Certificate of Recognition: Jerry Caroom, ITRA Light Manufacturing Partnership,
Ltd.
Oath of Office - Police Chief Wiley
8. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
A. Notices of Claim: 08053- Emillio Romero; 08054- Barbarann LaCourse;
08055-Giorgi Tsomaia; 08056-AT&T (5116 Ave. P rear);
08057- Elexandra Puentes; 08058-Algeretta Sims/Jardin
Alfred; 08059-Greg Scofelia; 08060-Donald James; 08061-
Willie Burleson, Jr.; 08062-Texas Gas Service
9. ORDINANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS
N/A
10. PUBLIC COMMENT
Steven K. Howell, Executive Director of the Battleship Texas Foundation, 1836
Norfolk St., Houston, stated his opposition to the relocation of the Battleship Texas
to Galveston.
Calvin Munding, 411, N. Burnet, Baytown, said he was opposed to moving the
Battleship Texas from the San Jacinto site.
State Representative Wayne Smith, 122 N. Burnet Dr., Baytown, said the Battleship
Texas should not be moved from its present location.
Jim Earthman, 6808 Driftwood, representing the Texas Navy Assn., spoke in
support of moving the Battleship Texas to Galveston.
11. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS
A. Consider for approval a Resolution of the City of Galveston, Texas supporting
the consideration of relocating the Battleship Texas to Galveston Island, without

cost to the City of Galveston, and contingent upon a decision to move the ship from its present location; directing the City Secretary to send certified copies of this Resolution to appropriate government officials; providing for findings of fact and providing for an effective date.

RESOLUTION was read by caption: SUPPORTING THE CONSIDERATION OF RELOCATING THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS TO GALVESTON ISLAND, WITHOUT COST TO THE CITY OF GALVESTON, AND CONTINGENT UPON A DECISION TO MOVE THE SHIP FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO SEND CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve by MPT Weber. Second by CM Mahoney. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion to defer to the next Council meeting by CM Mahoney. Second by MPT Weber.

City Attorney Green clarified that Council would like the resolution rewritten to say “In the event that the State is considering the relocation of the Battleship Texas, Galveston is interested in being considered and that the relocation, maintenance and operating expenses would be paid for by State or private funds.

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

Opposed: CM Beeton, CM Fennewald. Motion to defer approved.

- B. Consider for approval a Resolution of the City of Galveston, Texas approving preliminary official statement and authorizing the distribution thereof; approving underwriters, application for rating agencies and other related matters pertaining to the issuance of the City of Galveston, Texas Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-024 was read by caption: APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; APPROVING UNDERWRITERS, APPLICATION FOR RATING AGENCIES AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2008.

Motion to approve by MPT Weber. Second by CM Mahoney.

City Manager LeBlanc gave the background of the proposed bond issue.

City Finance Director Jeff Miller and Bond Consultant Louis Pauls were present to answer questions.

Vote: CM Mahoney, MPT Weber, Mayor Thomas, CM Colbert, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. Opposed: CM Beeton. Motion passed.

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider for action approving authorizing the City Manager to accept Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) #2008-F4397-TX-DJ from the Bureau of Justice

in the amount of \$9,832.33. There is no requirement for matching funds for this grant.

- B. Consider for action approving rejection of bid submitted by Fedro Custom Homes in the amount of \$441,890.00 for the construction of three new infill housing units for low-moderate income residents at 1702 Bayou Homes Drive, 5216 Avenue M and 2823 North Sonny Lane.
- C. Consider for action approving lowest, most responsive and responsible bids submitted by Tradewind Custom Homes meeting specifications in the amount of \$245,037.30 for the construction of two new infill housing units for low-moderate income residents at 1702 Bayou Homes Drive and 2823 North Sonny Lane and approving bid submitted by Fedro Custom Homes meeting specifications using the 5% local bidder preference in the amount of \$116,350.00 for the construction of one new infill housing unit for a low-moderate income resident at 5216 Avenue M.

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

CM Beeton moved to approve Tradewind Custom Homes to construct new housing units at 1702 Bayou Homes Drive and 2823 North Sonny Lane. Second by CM Colbert. In favor: Mayor Thomas, CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, CM Colbert, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. Opposed: MPT Weber Motion approved.

CM Fennewald moved to approve Fedro Custom Homes to construct a new housing unit at 5216 Avenue M. Second by MPT Weber. In favor: Mayor Thomas, CM Mahoney, CM Colbert, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. Opposed: CM Beeton. Motion approved.

- D. Consider for action approving the sole source purchase of 200: 5/8"X3/4" bronze recordall M25 7 ½ lay length, RTR Orion Pit Data Profile Transmitter cubic feet water meters; 20: 1" recordall M 70 Orion Pit Data Profile Transmitter cubic feet badger meter; 15: 1 ½" recordall M 120 ELL/Test plug, RTR Orion Pit Data Profile Transmitter cubic feet; 30: 2" recordall M170 ELL/Test RTR, Orion Pit Data profile transmitter cubic feet and 10: 2" Turbo Series 200 ELL intergral strainer/test plug Orion Pit Data Profile Transmitter cubic feet wireless pit intergral from Badger Meter, Inc. The purchase amount is \$54,052.05. Funding source is Collection/Distribution Minor Equipment Account.
- E. Consider for action approving acceptance of low bids from Gulf Coast Limestone, Century Asphalt Materials, Performance Grade Asphalt, Southern Crushed Concrete, Kelso Concrete Company and JDB Services, Inc. for the annual contract of street materials (Bid #07-08-033). Funding source is Street Division Operating Budget Concrete and Aggregate.

- F. Consider for action approving the purchase of one 45 foot aerial bucket truck for the Traffic Division for a total price of \$87,770.15 to be purchased from Philpott Ford through Buy Board. Funding source is Vehicle Capital Outlay Account.
- G. Consider for action approving authorization to utilize existing McGuire Dent construction contingency account to permit Jamail-Smith Inc. to install surface countertops, benches and shower dividers in the amount of \$20,144.00. There is no adjustment to the existing construction contract award of \$3,653,325.00.
- H. Consider for action approving revising the funding sources to reflect a reduction in State funding to \$95,545.00, 2005 State Homeland Security Grant addition of \$23,244.00, 2006 FTA Operating Grant and \$5,811.00 local match from General Fund Regular Capital Contribution to complete the purchase of twenty security camera systems for the Island Transit bus fleet to be purchased from Safety Vision for a total price of \$124,600.00, that was previously approved by City Council on May 8, 2008.
- I. Discuss and consider for action giving the City Manager direction after receiving information concerning (a) televising live, (b) streaming live, and (c) archiving in MP-3 format available to the public on-line, all meetings of the City Council.

CM Beeton moved to give direction to the City Manager to put together RFP's to go out for bids for streaming live and archiving all meetings of the City Council. Second by CM Colbert. In Favor: CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, Mayor Thomas, CM Colbert, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. Opposed: MPT Weber. Motion approved.

CM Beeton moved, if it is determined to have one combined meeting, that the City begin televising that meeting immediately. And, if Council continues to have two meetings (Workshop and Regular) that the City Manager be directed to get RFP for bids to televise both meetings beginning with the next budget year. Second by CM Fennewald. In favor: CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, Mayor Thomas, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. Opposed: MPT Weber, CM Colbert. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Action Agenda Items A, B, D, E, F, G and H by MPT Weber. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
Withdrawn

14. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS
Mayor Thomas Reported on the following:
 * RDA Board
 * Special Council Workshop Meeting July 22,
 2008

* Galveston Housing Finance Authority

CM Mahoney

Reported on the following:

* West Galveston Island Property Owners Assn.
Town Hall Meeting July 19, 2008

CM Beeton

Reported on the following:

* City's Lead Abatement Presentation

MPT Weber

Reported on the following:

* Council's obligations

CM Colbert

No report

CM Fennewald

No report

CM Woods

No report

City Manager LeBlanc

Reported on the following:

* Length of meetings

15. N/A

16. N/A

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.