

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 Fennwald, MPT Weber,
CM Colbert, CM Woods, CM Beeton

A. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas changing the zoning from “One Family-Two (1F-2) zoning district “to” Retail (R) zoning district on property located at 2417 57th Street, and legally described as “The part of Lot 3 (3-10), Trimble and Lindsey Section 1, and lots 6-14, Block 1, Johnston Addition, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.” Planning Case No. 08P-46

ORDINANCE NO. 08-033 was read by caption: CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “ONE FAMILY-TWO (1F-2) ZONING DISTRICT” TO “RETAIL (R)” ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2417 57TH STREET, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE PART OF LOT 3 (3-10), TRIMBLE AND LINDSEY SECTION 1, AND LOTS 6-14, BLOCK 1, JOHNSTON ADDITION, IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF GALESTON, TEXAS. MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT (PLANNING CASE 08P-46)

Mayor Thomas opened the PUBLIC HEARING.

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

MPT moved approval. Second by CM Woods. Unanimously approved.

B. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas amending The Galveston Zoning Standards, Division 2: Section 29-37: Zoning Districts, Appendix Q: Central Business (CB), to add “Mini-warehouses” as a permitted land use requiring a Specific Use Permit in the City of Galveston. Planning Case 08ZA-04.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-034 was read by caption: AMMENDING THE GALVESTON ZONING STANDARDS, DISVISION 2; SECTION 29-37; ZONING DISTRICTS, APPENDIX Q: CENTRAL BUSINESS (CB), TO ADD “MINI-WAREHOUSES” AS A PERMITTED LAND USE REQUIRING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON. PLANNING CASE NO. 08ZA-04; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Mayor Thomas opened the PUBLIC HEARING.

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

MPT Weber moved for approval. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Modzelewsky, 2115 Postoffice Street, presented beads and invitation to the 4th of July Celebration.

March Muhich, 11 Williamsburg Circle, spoke on our water report and various topics.

Tom Brown, 3906 Antascosa Key, just wanted to welcome the New Council.

Bill Broussard, 3310 Eckerd Dr., just wanted to welcome and thank the New Council.

Norma Venso, 11822 Sportsman Road, spoke on her RDA application.

Loraine Brown, 3906 Antascosa Key, wanted to welcome and thank the New Council.

Joan Mertens, 1402 Avenue N ½, spoke on last meeting’s agenda.

Russ Mertens, 1402 Avenue N ½, police review board.

Edward L. Clack, 3127 R ½, spoke on RDA.

Jeff Sjostrom, GEDP, spoke on RDA.

Bill Hand, 3815 Tradewinds, spoke on wanting an environmental impact study for the Island.

Steve Greenberg, 4800 Seawall #F2; spoke on RDA, TIRZ and GFOB.

Charles Smith, 3014 Kleiman; spoke on general concerns.

Skip Martin, 415 21st Street, spoke on the 4B Sales Tax.

Jimmy De Los Santos, 31 Maple Lane, spoke of Chief Wiley

George Prill, 20 Adler Circle, spoke on TIRZ and RDA.

Billy Sullivan, 7 Evia Main, spoke on East End Flats.

Al Fichera, 12 Campeche Estates, spoke on development.

Alice Anne O’Donnell, spoke on Green Printing Recommendation

Sharon Corbon, 2718 Sealy, spoke on Skate Park.

David Miller, 3319- M, spoke Civilian Review Board

Deborah Conrad, decided not to speak at the present time once her name was called.

Bill Mall, Spanish Grant on the Bayside, welcomed and thanked New Council.

11. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas adopting the homestead, elderly, and disabled ad valorem tax exemptions for tax year 2008 pursuant to Chapter 33, Section 33-24 of "The Code of the City of Galveston 1982, as amended."

ORDINANCE NO. 08-035 was read by caption: ADOPTING THE HOMESTEAD, ELDERLY, AND DISABLED AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2008 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, SECTION 33-24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON 1982, AS AMENDED; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

MPT Weber moved for approval. Second by CM Woods and CM Beeton. Unanimously approved.

- B. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending Chapter 35 "Vehicles for Hire" of "The Code of the City of Galveston 1982, as amended" by amending section 35-87 "Maximum taxicab fares," for which a criminal penalty has already been provided, after notice and public hearing; by increasing the maximum allowable fares.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-036 was read by caption: AMENDING CHAPTER 35 "VEHICLES FOR HIRE" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON 1982, AS AMENDED" BY AMENDING SECTION 35-87 "MAXIMUM TAXICAB FARES," FOR WHICH A CRIMINAL PENALTY HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED, AFTER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING, BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FARE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Mayor Thomas opened the PUBLIC HEARING.

Margaret Benham, 4901 Houston, for "Vehicles for Hire" Ordinance.

Lorette Lee, a taxi cab driver, for "Vehicles for Hire" Ordinance.

Raymond Groh, Representative of the Yellow Cab Company for the "Vehicles for Hire" Ordinance.

The Public Hearing was closed.

CM Fennewald moved for approval. Second by CM Beeton. Unanimously Approved with the increase of the initial rate from \$2.00 to \$3.00 with subsequent quarter miles to 60 cents with the waiting from the \$21 to \$30 with no gas surcharge.

- C. Consider for approval a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement permitting Board of Trustees of The Galveston Wharves ("the Port") to assume the City's contractual duties under February 9, 2001 Advance Funding Agreement for a Transportation Enhancement Project ("the prior contract") awarded originally to the City of Galveston under the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) for the "Port of Galveston-Pedestrian railroad safety program" and terminating the prior contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-023 as read by caption: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER

TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT PERMITTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVESTON WHARVES ("THE PORT") TO ASSUME THE CITY'S CONTRACTUAL DUTIES UNDER FEBRUARY 9, 2001 ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR A TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ("THE PRIOR CONTRACT") AWARDED ORIGINALLY TO THE CITY OF GALVESTON UNDER THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) FOR THE "PORT OF GALVESTON-PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM" AND TERMINATING THE PRIOR CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MPT Weber moved for approval. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously Approved.

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to execute a five year Interlocal Contract between the City of Galveston and the Gulf Coast Center (GCC) to utilize GCC federal funding assistance to pursue cooperative transportation services including federal funding support of the City's Island Transit Maintenance Facility Improvement Program, with the City providing funding support to GCC of \$200,000 (\$40,000 each of five years) to commence April 1, 2009.
- B. Consider for approval of a street light letter agreement with Center Point Energy for the Menard Park area at a cost of \$9,963, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the letter agreement. Allocation of 2001 GO Bond Funds Capital Projects original proceeds, account #3200-54172-544125
- C. Consider for approval of flood insurance property insurance to Galveston Insurance Associates (GIA) second of three year proposal RFP#06-07-008 for the premium of approximately \$105,587, Option #2, effective July 27, 2008 - July 27, 2009.
- D. Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to submit a formal, written request that the City Council approve the recommendations of the Review Committee selecting Hardy-Heck-Moore (HHM) as the consultants for the architectural survey of Phase II of the Lasker Park neighborhood and authorizing the City Manager to execute the consultant contract. Funding source is \$15,000.00 in grant funds from the Texas Historical Commission and \$10,000.00 from Planning Department Consultant Services Account.
- E. Consider for approval acceptance of the proposal from Brown Food Services, for a three year service agreement to provide vending machine services to all of the City of Galveston locations.

- F. Consider for approval the renewal of the annual support contract with Advance Utility Systems for the period of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, at a cost of \$51,020.00. Funding source is Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Drainage Utility Billing operating budget.
- G. Consider for approval televising City Council Workshops live, replaying the tapes of the workshops on the public access channel, "streaming" City Council workshops on the City's website, and making the recordings of the meetings available in MP3 or other format on the City's website
CM Beeton moved for approval with giving the City Manager direction to investigate further on televising the Workshops. Second by CM Fennewald. Unanimously approved.
- H. Consider for approval making additional appointments to the Redevelopment Authority Board.
All in favor of appointing Norma Venso to position 5 and Edward Clack to position 2 were CM Beeton, CM Woods, CM Fennewald, CM Colbert and CM Mahoney . MPT Weber and Mayor Thomas opposed.
- I. Consider for approval naming the chairperson of the Redevelopment Authority Board.
All in favor of appointing Norma Venso Chair were CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, CM Colbert, CM Fennewald, CM Woods. MPT Weber opposed. Mayor Thomas abstained.
- J. Consider for approval acceptance of low bid (#07-08-035) from Angel Brothers Ent., Ltd, from Baytown, Texas, low bidder of six, in the amount of \$449,621.00 to provide labor, equipment and materials for the 21st and 23rd Street paving project from Broadway to Harborside Drive. This will be funded by the 2005 General Obligation Bond Fund.
- K. Consider for action confirming the City Manager's appointment of Charles Wiley as Police Chief for the City of Galveston.
Motion to approve by MPT Weber. Second by Linda Colbert. Unanimously approved.
- L. Consider for action authorizing the City Attorney to retain outside legal counsel on a temporary basis to serve as municipal prosecutor. (not to exceed \$15,000)
- M. Consider for action approving the renewal of our banner software maintenance contract for \$59,991.50 for 2007 and an additional 3-year contract for maintenance 2008-2010. Funding source will be Technology Services Maintenance Contracts Accounts
- N. Consider for approval acceptance of the annual contract for pipe, parts and fittings (BID #07-08-032) from MDN Enterprises & H.D. Supply, the lowest bidders that meet

the specifications. The funding source is the Public Works Pipe, and Plumbing Supply Account.

Motion to approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, J, L, M AND N by CM Colbert. Second by MPT Weber and CM Woods. Unanimously approved by those present.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Wharves Board of Trustees

Motion to reappoint Don Suderman by Mayor Thomas. Second by MPT Weber. Unanimously approved.

All in favor of appointing Roger Quiroga: Mayor Thomas, MPT Weber, CM Colbert, CM Mahoney, CM Woods. CM Beeton and CM Fennewald opposed.

Park Board of Trustees

Motion to reappoint Betty Massey by MPT Weber. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved.

Motion to reappoint Jeri Kinnear by MPT Weber. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved.

Motion to reappoint Eddie Walsh by MPT Weber. Second by CM Colbert. Unanimously approved.

14. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Mahoney

Reported on the following:

- ❖ West Galv. Island Property Owners Association
- ❖ Will be conducting a town meeting on July 19th for residents, builders, property owners to give input on how they want the West End to improve/grow.

CM Beeton

Reported on the following:

- ❖ 21st and 23rd streets will be repaved between Broadway and Harborside

- ❖ Barricades out on the medians and on residents front yards that need to be removed
- ❖ Encourage tax payers and residents of District 3 to at least attend one of the neighborhood associations which are University Area Association, San Jacinto Neighborhood Association and East End Historical District Association

CM Colbert

Reported on the following:

- ❖ Juneteenth
- ❖ Thanked Linda Strevell Gain President
- ❖ Thanked Allen Camon San Jacinto Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Thanked Rick Clip Kempner Park Neighborhood Association President
- ❖ Encouraged residents to join a neighborhood Association
- ❖ Thanked all who helped with the Menard Park Skate Park which opened June 16, 2008; spoke on being safe
- ❖ Galveston's Arena Football Team Thunder Storms are now playing at Galv. Island Convention Center and the owners of Team are offering free tickets for non profit Organizations

CM Fennewald

Reported on the following:

- ❖ Asked the residents of District 4 to voice their concerns so they can be brought up in the Budget Process
- ❖ Can be reached easily by email but residents can still leave phone messages

CM Woods

Reported on the following:

- ❖ Galveston Housing Authority
- ❖ Ms. Juneteenth 2008 Ashley Davis
- ❖ Thanked Ennis and Maggie Williams
- ❖ Thanked Dorothy Brown

- ❖ Thanked Steve LeBlanc and City Staff for helping with the parade
- ❖ Thanked Mayor for all the work done at Ashton Villa

MPT Weber

Reported on the following:

- ❖ Non Local Vendors
- ❖ Shop Local
- ❖ Hire Local
- ❖ RDA being dismantled
- ❖ Bringing back the County's Request for having a seat on the RDA

City Manager Le Blanc

No Report at this time

Mayor Thomas

Reported on the following:

- ❖ Thanked all applicants who came forward to apply to the Wharves and Park Board
- ❖ Thanked Council for all their hard work
- ❖ Looking forward to getting more information on televising the workshops
- ❖ Thanked Jeff Sjostrom for all he does for GEDP and Galveston
- ❖ Addressed Curtiss Brown on the County's request for a seat on the RDA, perhaps it will happen in the future

15. N/A

16. N/A

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.