

**NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 - 9:00 AM
ROOM 204 - CITY HALL
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (409) 797-3510**

During the meeting, Council reserves the option to take short comfort breaks and/or a lunch break as their schedule and workload demands.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1 DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2 ROLL CALL
- 3 DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 3.A Clarification Of Consent And Regular City Council Agenda Items - This Is An Opportunity For City Council To Ask Questions Of Staff On Consent And Regular Agenda Items (1 Hour)
 - 3.B Discussion of a Park Board Budget Amendment as it relates to the participation of the Elissa in Sail 250 in New York Harbor (C. Ludanyi/M. Miles - 20 min)
 - 3.C Discussion of a Cost of Living Increase for Civilian Employees and Related Budget Amendment (C. Ludanyi/C. Brown - 20 min)
 - 3.D Discussion of Audit Findings as they relate to the Internal Service Funds (G. Bulgherini - 20 min)
 - 3.E Discussion of Joint Wharves Board/City Council Real Estate Committee Recommendations Regarding the Joint Wharves Board/City Council Mobility/Transportation RFQ (Finklea/B. Brown - 20 min)
 - 3.F Discussion of the Status of Stewart Beach Development and Beach Patrol Headquarters (B. Brown/C. Brown - 15 min)
 - 3.G Discussion of Options for Downtown Resident and Employee Parking (Lewis/C. Brown - 20 min)
 - 3.H Discussion of Downtown Parking Revenue (Robb/C. Brown - 15 min)
 - 3.I Discussion of parking enforcement practices, including citation issuance, notice to violators, and the collection of parking fines, including but not limited to vehicles displaying valid handicapped placards or license plates exempt from parking fees (Robb/C. Brown - 15 min)
 - 3.J Update of the Comprehensive Plan Status (B. Brown/C. Brown - 10 min)
 - 3.K Discussion of topics and rescheduling of the Joint Meeting Dates for the Park Board, Wharves Board and Planning Commission (C. Brown - 10 min)

- 3.L Update of the website for the African American Heritage District (Lewis/C. Brown/Dyme Agency - 15 min)
- 3.M Discussion of Regulations, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Council initiatives of derelict vessels and boating laws in the City of Galveston (Porretto/Rawlins- 15 min)
- 3.N Discussion of installation times for water and sewer taps, including the potential use of a contractor for pending and future installations (Robb/C. Brown -15 min)
- 3.O Discussion regarding the selection of City board and commission meetings for live-streaming (Robb/C Brown - 10 min)
- 3.P Discussion of the overall condition of streets across the Island, including multiple sink holes (Robb/C Brown -10 min)
- 3.Q Discuss the City of Galveston's ordinances applicable to electric scooters and the electric scooter ordinance recently approved by the City of Houston (Legal - 15 min)
- 3.R Discussion of ongoing drainage issues in District 6, including weekend work activities and the prioritization of neighborhoods receiving drainage maintenance (Robb/C. Brown - 10 min)

4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 4.A Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or discipline of:
 - 1. Interim City Attorney (Robb/Rawlins/Porretto)
- 4.B Section 551. 071 - Consultation with Attorney Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation with attorney, an executive session will be conducted to discuss and receive legal advice concerning pending litigation and/or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, related to the following:
 - 1. The South Shore Pump Station
 - 2. No. 25-CV-0913; In the 405th Judicial District of Galveston County Texas; City of Galveston and Brian Maxwell v. Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston and Jason Hardcastle in his official capacity

5 ADJOURNMENT

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 01/16/2026 at 1:00 PM

Janelle Williams

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

In accordance with the provisions of Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding, contact the City Secretary's Office, Suite 201, 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77550 (409-797-3510).

One or more members of the City Council may attend the meeting by videoconference. A quorum of the members of the City Council will be physically present at the meeting location.



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Sail250: A Once-in-a- Generation Marketing Opportunity for Galveston

What Is Sail250



National Celebration

Sail250 is a signature national event commemorating America's 250th anniversary in 2026



Iconic Tall Ships

Features iconic tall ships sailing into major U.S. ports, culminating in New York Harbor



Global Visibility

National and international media coverage, televised events, and massive public attention

Sail250 is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Galveston to gain significant national and global visibility through this commemorative maritime event.

Why 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA Matters

The 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA is the official Tall Ship of Texas, the only National Historic Landmark tall ship still sailing, and at 149 years old in 2026, it would be the oldest active ship in Sail250, creating an authentic, emotionally compelling story no other destination can replicate.



Marketing and Brand Benefits

National Stage

Sail250 offers Galveston a national stage during a once-in-a-lifetime anniversary year.

Earned Media Value

Expected earned media value is reaching into the millions.

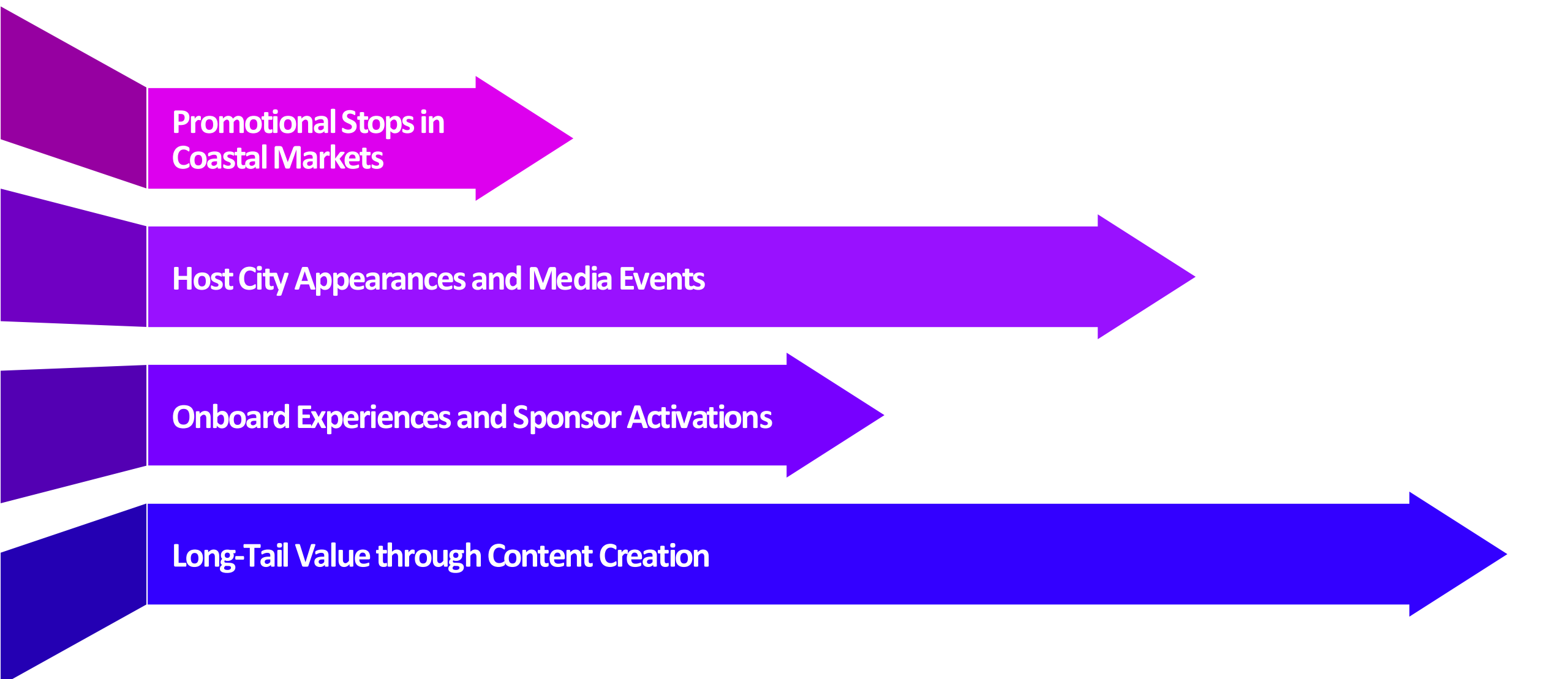
Iconic Port Visibility

Galveston will be featured in iconic ports including New York Harbor.

Leadership in Key Sectors

Positions Galveston as a leader in heritage, maritime, and cultural tourism.

Activation Opportunities Along the Route



Promotional Stops in
Coastal Markets

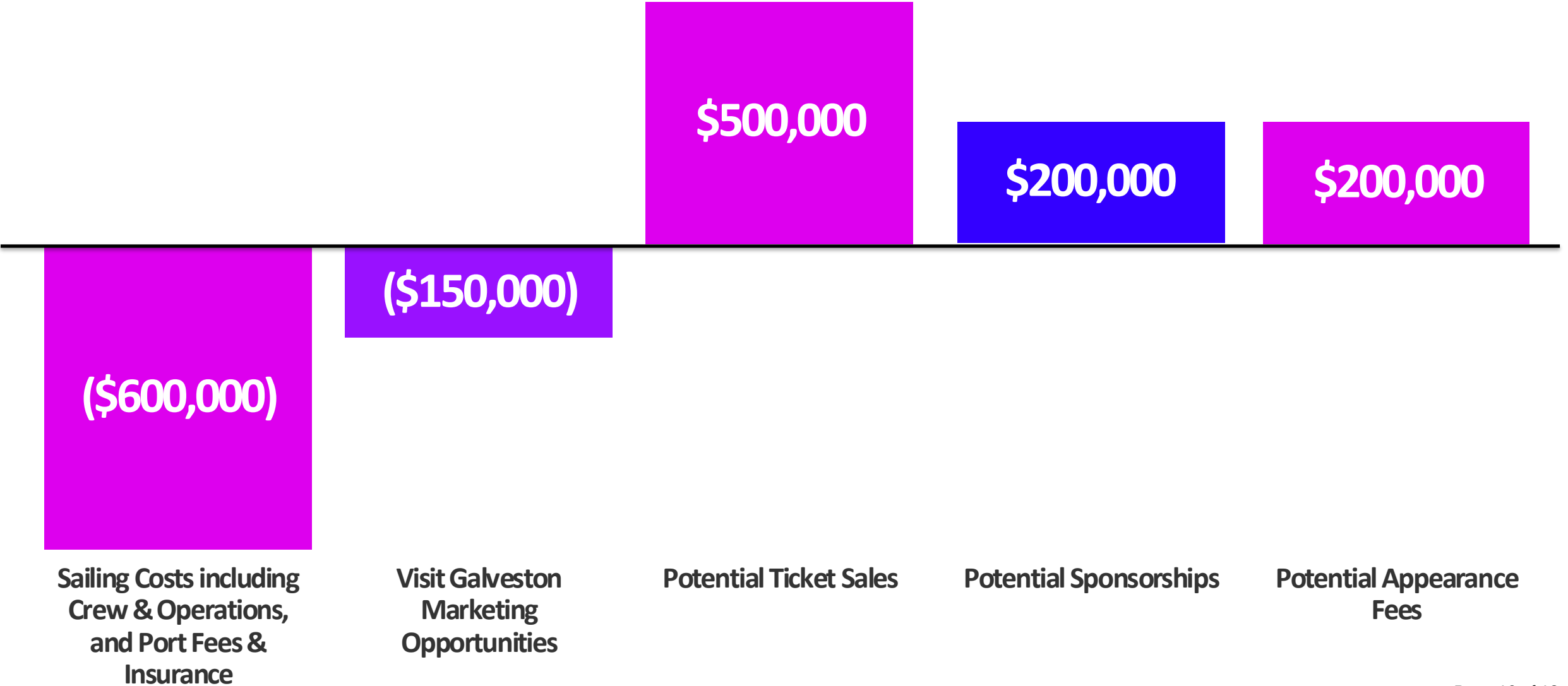
Host City Appearances and Media Events

Onboard Experiences and Sponsor Activations

Long-Tail Value through Content Creation

Investment and Offset Opportunities

Estimated costs and potential revenue offsets for the Sail250 initiative



Strategic Alignment

Sail250 directly aligns with Visit Galveston's mission to leverage major events for tourism growth, building long-term brand awareness, reinforcing Galveston Island's identity as a historic, authentic coastal destination, and creating marketing assets and exposure that extend well beyond 2026.





This once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase Galveston's historic 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA on a national stage during the Sail250 celebration of America's 250th anniversary is an investment that will pay dividends for years to come. By leveraging the unique story and authenticity of the 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA, Galveston Island can build long-term brand awareness and position itself as a leader in heritage and maritime tourism. The requested funding will allow us to maximize the marketing impact and exposure, while potential sponsorships and revenue opportunities can help offset the costs. Approving this request empowers the Visit Galveston team to move forward, secure partnerships and execute this transformative initiative.



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