

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 11, 2025**

12/11/2025 - City Council Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Brown declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Craig Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Marie Robb, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member David Finklea, Council Member Bob Brown, Council Member Alex Porretto, and Council Member Beau Rawlins.

3. INVOCATION

Ven. Dr. Miaolung Shih - OLLI UTMB

The invocation was given by Ven. Dr. Miaolung Shih of OLLI UTMB.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Flag Texas Flag - Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one and indivisible.

Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Council Member Rawlins declared a conflict on Item 8A.

6. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OFFICER BOARDS, AND CITY MANAGER

6.A Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the City Council may report on any of the following items:

1. Expressions of thanks, gratitude and condolences
2. Information regarding holiday schedules
3. Recognition of Individuals
 - a. Andy Tipak Certificate of Recognition
 - b. Coach Manuel Moreno Jr. Proclamation
 - c. Arbor Day Proclamation
4. Reminders regarding City Council events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcements

Mayor Brown wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Council Member Lewis introduced the Stinson Family, who performed Christmas carols as a special gift to

the Galveston community.

The City Council and Mayor shared warm holiday wishes with the community, expressing gratitude, reflection, and appreciation for Galveston's strong sense of family and community. Members extended greetings for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the New Year, emphasizing peace, love, generosity, and service.

Highlights included:

- * Recognition of city staff and volunteers for their dedication.**
- * Appreciation for the Sister City Committee and visiting guests from Niigata, Japan.**
- * Announcements about local issues and resources, including the lethal bronzing disease affecting palm trees and new businesses on Harborside, 29th Street, and 39th Street.**
- * Encouragement for residents to support those less fortunate during the season.**
- * A reminder of the upcoming Christmas parade down The Strand on Saturday night.**

Proclamation presented:

- Coach Manuel Moreno, Jr. - presented by Council Member Porretto**
- Arbor Day - presented by Council Member Lewis**

Tim Tietjens was honored for his service to Galveston, marking his final meeting after 36 years in planning, including nine years with the City, and Council Members expressed appreciation and best wishes.

6.B Present the investment report for Quarter ended September 30, 2025 as part of the City Manager's report (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the Investment Report for quarter ended September 30, 2025.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 25-090 Robbie Guarnelo; Claim 25-091 Ron Pond; 25-092 Jan Elizabeth Lightfoot; 25-093 Clark Rogers; 25-094 Jerryco Kent; 25-095 Shirley & Riclando Hardman, William Washington

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 2327 Avenue M And Legally Described As The M.B. Menard Survey, (1000-1) Part Of Northeast Block 17, Galveston Outlots, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas As A Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Granting A Substantial Rehabilitation For Historic Property Tax Exemption; Designating The City Manager To Execute Those Documents Necessary To Implement The Tax Incentive Program; Landmark Case Number

25LC-043; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject.
(C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-066 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments.

The public hearing was opened. Property owner Brian Spratt spoke in favor of the designation. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Council Member Rawlins declared a conflict and abstained from the discussion and vote.

8.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 1721 Postoffice / Avenue E And Legally Described As The M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 2 And The West 10-8.5 Feet Of Lot 3, Block 437, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas As A Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Granting A Substantial Rehabilitation For Historic Property Tax Exemption; Designating The City Manager To Execute Those Documents Necessary To Implement The Tax Incentive Program; Landmark Case Number 25LC-045; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-067 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments.

The public hearing was opened. Owner Robert Faickney spoke in favor of the designation. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8.C Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Creating A Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Zoning District In A Traditional Neighborhood (TN) Zoning District. The Subject Site Is For The Proposed Roseate Beach Development And Is Located On Property Commonly Known As Vacant Tracts Located East And West Of Pabst Road, North Of The Bermuda Beach Subdivision, West Of 11 Mile Road, And, South Of San Luis Pass Road/Fm 3005, And Which Is Legally Described As: The Preserve At West Beach, Section 8 (2010), Abstract 121, Acres 39.6264; The Preserve At West Beach, Section 8 (2010), Abstract 121, Block 4, Lot 1, Acres 3.8736; The Preserve At West Beach, Section 9 (2010), Abstract 121, Acres 21.5022; And Abstract 121, Hall & Jones Survey, Portion Of Lot 457 (457-1, Trimble & Lindsey, Section 2 Aka Portion Of Blocks 74, 77, & 84, Nottingham Subdivision, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 25P-043; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-068 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments.

The public hearing was opened. Developer Manny Munoz spoke in favor of the PUD. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8.D Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas,

Changing The Zoning From Residential, Single-Family (R-1) Zoning District To Restricted Residential, Single-Family (R-0) Zoning District, On Various Properties Which Addresses Are Commonly Known As 201, 202, 207, 208, 214, 215, 219, 220, 301, 302, 307, 308, 313, 314, 319, 325, 326 Barracuda Avenue, As Provided In The Attached Map, And Which Properties Are Legally Described As: Abst 628, Lots 1 – 15, Lot 16 & West 38ft Of Lot 17 (16-1), Lyncrest Manor Section 4, Und ½ Int, Lots 17 - 20, Lyncrest Manor, Section 4, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 25P-047; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (P. Milburn)

Ordinance No. 25-069 was read by caption. Pete Milburn provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Mary Jo Nashke spoke in favor of the zoning change. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

9.B Non-Agenda Items

Samuel Collins III commented on the October 16th press conference and RFQ deadline December 15th; Shon Arthur commented on greater community involvement in the Juneteenth Museum planning; Tarris Woods commented on community involvement in the Juneteenth Museum planning and employee pay raises.

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consideration and approval of an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending the Code of the City of Galveston 1982, Chapter 2, "Administration", Article II. "Officers and Employees", Division 7, "Purchasing Agent", Section 2-115., "Use of Facsimile Signatures", to allow facsimile, digital, and/or electronic signatures in accordance with detailed digital record keeping / digital audit trail, showing the necessary approvals of all required signatures of the Finance Director and City Manager on checks, warrants, and vouchers that exceed twenty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$24,999); making various findings and provisions relating to the subject and providing for an effective date. (C. Ludanyi)

Ordinance No. 25-070 was read by caption. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11. CONSENT ITEMS

The Following Items Shall Be Considered For Action As A Whole, Unless One Or More Council Members Objects. The City Manager Is Authorized To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney.

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Items, except 11H, 11I, and 11J, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve Consent Items 11H, 11I, and 11J, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved. Council Member Finklea thanked Rockhind Insurance and Better Parks for Galveston for their donations to the City.

- 11.A Consider approval of awarding RFP 26-03, Garten Verein - Structural Improvements, to the highest-scoring evaluated contractor McDaniel Construction in the amount of \$272,580.00. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (A. Guerrero / C. Kenworthy)
- 11.B Consider for Approval the Award of RFP #26-01 City of Galveston Health Plan Stop Loss Reinsurance to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. (B. West)
- 11.C Consider approval of an adjustment to the Silverleaf Condos utility billing account for \$44,295.94. (C. Ludanyi)
- 11.D Consider for approval a second extension for a Fire Fighters leave of absence related to an on-duty injury for an additional 180 days in accordance with Local Government code chapter 143.073(b) - At the end of the one-year period, the municipality's governing body may extend the line of duty illness or injury leave. R Simmons
- 11.E Consider for approval awarding Task Order #4 with Innovative Emergency Management (IEM) Inc. in the amount of \$99,670.00 for grant administration services to assist the Recovery and Grants department with management and compliance of the FEMA 2023 Congressional earmark for the Causeway Waterline. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and contracts upon final approval of the City Attorney. (T Wroblewski)
- 11.F Consider for approval the purchase of INVISIO communications equipment as listed in quote SQ-US016378 (dated May 30th, 2025) for the Galveston Police Department. (D. Balli)
- 11.G Consider approval of an agreement with IDGC for \$34,931.25 for architectural concrete services at the Menard Park Band Shell, authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.H Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$10,405.00 from Better Parks for Galveston, donated by Rochkind Insurance, for a new scoreboard at Hooper Field. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.I Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued up to \$10,000.00 from Better Parks for Galveston, for the installation of an enclosure at Lasker

Park Pool's pump room. (B. Sanderson)

- 11.J Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$19,427.71 from Better Parks for Galveston, for the replacement and installation of new agility course equipment at Lindale Park Dog Park. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.K Consider for approval awarding 1-year contracts to Kelso Concrete Co., Martin Asphalt Company, Texas Materials Group Inc., and Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC. for the purchase of Street Materials in response to BID 26-02. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.L Consider for approval awarding a 1-year contract to Polydyne, Inc. for the purchase of Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Plant chemicals in response to BID 26-01. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.M Consider for approval a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Galveston (City) and Texas A&M University – Galveston (TAMUG) regarding the wholesale treatment of domestic wastewater for the City's western developments on Pelican Island. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

Resolution No. 25-054

- 11.N Consider for approval the Potable Water Supply Contract between the City of Galveston (City) and Tiffany Water Co. (Tiffany Water) for the City to provide potable water to Tiffany Water in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

Resolution No. 25-055

- 11.O Consider for approval the acceptance of the BuyBoard contract #730-24 from Southern Trenchless in the amount of \$368,969.90, for rehabilitation of electrical and control appurtenances and the wet well at Lift Station 30 including all materials and labor, complete and in place. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.P Consider for approval Change Order #1 to contract #COG-CON-24-074 with Lucas Construction Company, Inc. for the 37th Street Mill & Overlay Improvements from Broadway to Seawall (RFP 24-08), decreasing the contract by \$147,610.20 for project close out; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

- 11.Q Consider Awarding a Contract to Lucas Construction, Inc. to provide the City with asphalt milling and hauling services along Seawall Boulevard between 45th & 39th Streets for a cost of \$23,400.00, subject to verification of final quantities removed and hauled; Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and all other necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.R Consider for approval the rental of streets paving equipment, supplies and hardware utilizing BuyBoard contract number 788-25 with R.B. Everett and Company in the amount of \$200,000.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.S Consider for approval the renewal of the annual license subscription agreement for VMware software from Centre Technologies utilizing DIR-CPO-5175 cooperative agreement for \$106,025.04. (H. Dean)
- 11.T Consider for approval authorizing payments to Tyler Technologies for a total amount of \$66,382.98 for software maintenance of the court case management system through the end of Fiscal Year 2026. (H. Dean)
- 11.U Consider for approval the purchase of Microsoft licenses from Southern Computer Warehouse (SCW), an authorized Microsoft license reseller, for the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 licenses for a One (1) year term. (H. Dean)
- 11.V Consider approving additional scope related to the upgrade and migration of the city's fleet management system under contract # COG-CON-25-333 to Faster Asset solutions for additional one-time fees of \$2,800 and approving annual recurring fees of \$2,592. (H. Dean)
- 11.W Consider for approval Minutes of the November 13, 2025 Workshop and Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)

12. ACTION ITEMS

- 12.A Consideration and action regarding a request from the City of Galveston Employees' Retirement Plan for City Employees for a one-time contribution of funds from the Pension Reform Fund. (Ludanyi)

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve a one-time contribution of funds from the Pension Reform Fund to the City of Galveston Employees' Retirement Plan, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

- 12.B Discuss and consider appointments to the following City boards, commissions, and committees:

1. Airport Advisory Committee - District 4

2. Police Pension Fund

Airport Advisory Committee: Council Member Porretto made a motion to appoint Nicholas Ellis, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: January 22, 2026