

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 28, 2025**

8/28/2025 - 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

Rev. Richard T. Goodin, Jr.

The invocation was given by Rev. Richard T. Goodin, Jr.

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

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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. Certificate of Recognition - Adrian Caraves

- b. Galveston Pirate Festival Week Proclamation
- 4. Reminders regarding City Council events
- 5. Reminders regarding community events
- 6. Health and safety announcements

Mayor Brown and the Council extended warm wishes to Assistant City Secretary Nellie De La Fuente for her speedy recovery from illness.

Mayor Brown announced the retirement of City Attorney Don Glywasky on September 5th after many years of service. Don was praised for his expertise, dedication, and contributions to both the City of Galveston and Galveston County. City Manager Brian Maxwell shared personal stories and appreciation, noting his deep roots in the community.

Mayor Brown, on behalf of the City of Galveston, extended condolences to the family of Shrub Kempner, a respected figure in Galveston's historic Kempner family. He extended condolences to the family of Joey Collier, who was active in community service and the husband of Park Board member Jan Collier. Council Member Finklea extended condolences to the family of Tom Hall, a cyclist and long-time member of the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals, killed by a distracted driver. Council Member Lewis extended condolences to the family of Rosalie Tottenham, a dedicated community advocate from District 1.

Positive remarks were shared about the City departments involved in the Seaside Apartments, with the developer praising Galveston's support. The Council was also updated by David O'Neal on renovations at Kermit Courville Stadium, which include major accessibility and facility upgrades. A community celebration and the first home football game are scheduled for August 29, honoring local school history. Efforts to involve youth in media and community service were also highlighted.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 25-054 - Germaine St Amand; 25-055 - Jenny Dykes; 25-056 - Anthony Conde; 25-057 - Bertha Curry; 25-058 - Tara Tarney; 25-059 - Baha Abughaush; 25-060 - Project Resources Group, Inc; 25-061 - Anthony P. Griffon; 25-062 - Christopher M. Hall; 25-063 - Nykeyra Baldwin; 25-064 - Jaime Lara; 25-065 - Dominic Pizziferro

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A Consider for action an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, adopting the annual governmental and proprietary funds budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; Making appropriations for city operations and capital projects for such fiscal year as reflected in such

budget; Authorizing various other transfers; Approving and adopting the FY 2026 Capital Budget; Approving and adopting the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan; and making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing for an effective date. (C. Ludanyi)

Ordinance No. 25-037 was read by caption. Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve item 8A, with the addition of funding the fund balance to a level of 120 days and a 2% COLA for civilian employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lewis. The motion carried with a record vote.

C. Brown - Yes

M. Robb - No

S. Lewis - Yes

D. Finklea - Yes

B. Brown - Yes

A. Porretto - No

B. Rawlins - No

8.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 2928 Avenue K, As A "Galveston Landmark", Property Is Legally Described As M.B. Menard Survey, Portion Of Lot 14 (14-2), Block 149, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Requesting The Historic Preservation Officer Record The Property's Landmark Designation In The Official Public Records Of Real Property In Galveston County, The Tax Records Of The City Of Galveston And The Central Appraisal District, And The Official Zoning Maps Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Designating The Site As A Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Planning Case Number 25p-025; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-038 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Council Member Lewis 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 For A Parking Lot, Commercial Surface Parking Area, In A Urban Neighborhood (Un) Zoning District To Construct A "Parking Lot, Commercial Surface Parking Area", On Property Commonly Known As 4702 Winnie/Avenue G, And Which Is Legally Described As M.B. Menard Survey, (0-0), Blocks 406 & 407 Blocks 406 & 407 And Adjacent Street, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 25P-028; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 25-040 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Mike Gaertner and Tony Munoz spoke in favor of the

Planned Unit Development. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance per the Planning Commission's recommendation, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. The motion passed 6-1; Council Member Lewis voted against the motion.

8.D Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, As Amended, The 2015 Galveston Land Development Regulations, By Amending "Article 2: Uses And Supplemental Standards", Regarding Height Of Vending Kiosk/ATM Uses; Planning Case Number 25ZA-005; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (D. Lunsford)

Ordinance No. 25-040 was read by caption. Daniel Lunsford provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Council Member Finklea made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Mayor Pro Tem Robb was not present for the vote.

8.E Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Changing The Zoning From Residential, Single-Family (R-1) Zoning District And Residential-Single-Family, Historic (R-1-H) Zoning District To Restricted Residential, Single Family (R-0) Zoning District On Various Properties Which Addresses Are Commonly Known As 1001-1021, 1101-1117, 1202-1210, 1301- 1310, 1401-1426 Harbor View Drive; 1417, 1422, 1501-1521 Harbor View Circle, 1001 Marine , And As Provided In The Attached Map And Which Properties Are Legally Described As: Abstract 628, M B Menard Survey, Lot 1 Harbor View & Adj Se Triangle, Lots 2-9 Harbor View, & Und 1/13 Int Tract 628-150; Lots 14-18, 52-58, 50-63 Harbor View, Lot 59 Harbor View Und Int; Lots 64-67 Harbor View Sec 2 & Und 1/4 Int Tract 628-151; Lots 68-69, 70 Harbor View Sec 2; Lots 71, 73-75 Harbor View Sec 3 & Und 1/5 Int Tract, Lot 72 Harbor View Sec 3 & Und 1/5 Submerged Tr & 0.7941 Acs Out Of Gyb Blk 3; Lots 76-79, 80- 83, And Lot 90 Harbor View Sec 3 In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas. Planning Case Number 25p-024; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (P. Milburn)

Ordinance No. 25-041 was read by caption. Pete Milburn provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Joe Rozier, Bruce Leipzig, Thomas Culberson, Donna Kearney, David Beasley, Barbara Railey, Emma Loucks, and Terrilyn and Albert Shannon spoke in favor of the zoning change. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

Tony Brown spoke in favor of Item 10C.

9.B Non-Agenda Items

Charlotte O'Rourke commented on the Port Master Plan and Budget; Patricia Hazelwood commented on trees in city easement in the alley.

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Galveston And The Port Of Houston Related To The Pelican Island Bridge Project, To Accept A Transfer Of Two Million Dollars From The Port Of Houston As A Contribution Toward The Local Share Required Of Local Sponsor By TxDOT; And Accept A Conveyance By The Port Of Houston To The City Of An Approximately 13.78 Acre Parcel Of Land To Be Used As Right Of Way For The Pelican Island Bridge Project As More Fully Described In The Interlocal Agreement; Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreements And Any Required Documents Upon Approval Of The City Attorney; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 25-047 was read by caption. City Attorney Don Glywasky reported on a minor change to the agreement as recommended by the Port of Houston. Council Member Lewis made a motion to approve the ordinance with the change presented by the City Attorney, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended", Chapter 26, "Parks And Recreation", Article III, "Park Board Of Trustees" Section 26-54, "Areas Under The Control Of Board" To Remove Pelican Island Park (Seawolf Park) And West End Park (Dellanera RV Park) From The Management And Control Of The Park Board; To Return Both Parks To The Care, Custody, Control And Management Of The City On Or Before October 1, 2025; Making Various Findings And Provisions Relating To The Subject And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 25-042 was read by caption. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided staff comments. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.C An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Related To The Efficacy Of City Ordinance 76-83 Abandoning Certain Right Of Way Therein Described; Finding That Such Abandonment Was Final And Effective, And Acknowledging That Such Abandoned Right Of Way Is The Property Of The Galveston Independent School District Free From Any Claim Of Ownership By The City; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 25-043 was read by caption. City Attorney Don Glywasky provided staff comments. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member

Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.D Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending Chapter 34, "Traffic", Section 34-110a "Seawall Residential Parking District – No Parking; Exemption with Parking Permit" of "The Code of the City of Galveston 1982", as amended, by adding the "North side of Avenue O between 21st Street and 22nd Street"; Making various findings and provisions related to the subject; Providing for an effective date; Authorizing the City Secretary to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

Ordinance No. 25-044 was read by caption. Robert Winiecke provided staff comments. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.E Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended, Chapter 2, Administration Article IV Division 1 Section 2-161 (E)(2) To Eliminate The Requirement That Appointees To City Committees Complete Open Government Training After Reappointment To A Committee, Retaining The Requirement To Undergo Open Government Training Only After Their Initial Training; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Brown)

The Ordinance was read by caption. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. The motion failed 2-5. In favor: Mayor Brown and Council Member Brown. In opposition: Mayor Pro Tem Robb, and Council Members Lewis, Finklea, Porretto, and Rawlins.

10.F Consider for Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending "The Code Of The City Of Galveston 1982, As Amended", Chapter 34, "Traffic" Article IX, "Golf Carts", Of The Code Of The City Of Galveston, 1982, As Amended, Relating To "Golf Carts, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles And Off Highway Vehicles; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For Penalty For Violation, And Providing For An Effective Date. (H. Morris)

Ordinance No. 25-045 was read by caption. City Marshal Heather Morris provided staff comments. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.G Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, As Amended, Chapter 37, "Wrecker, Tow And Storage Facility", To Amend Definitions, Regulations, And Procedures; To Clarify Number Of Permits Issued To Wrecker Companies; To Amend Maximum Allowable Fees, As Applicable; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; Providing For An Effective Date. (H. Morris)

Ordinance No. 25-046 was read by caption. City Marshal Heather Morris provided staff

comments. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Rawlins 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 Items 11Y, 11AA, and 11GG. Council Member Rawlins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.A Consider for approval Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Special Meeting, and the July 24, 2025 Workshop and Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)

11.B Consider for Approval the purchase of five (5) sets of Personal Protective Equipment from NAFECO through Buy Board (Contract #698-23) in the amount of \$23,450.00. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (M. Varela)

11.C Consider for approval the annual renewal of the Inter-local agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for the 2025–2026 fund year for Liability and Property coverage. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Council. (R Simmons)

11.D Consider for approval the annual renewal of the Inter-local agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for the 2025–2026 fund year for Workers Compensation TPA coverage. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Council. (R Simmons)

11.E Consider for approval acceptance of a proposal from BRW Architects for supplemental services to the Master Plan Update contract (approved by Council July 24, 2025) to provide the following services in the amount of \$99,100.00 authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (D. Anderson)

11.F Consider for approval acceptance of a proposal from BRW Architects, a pre-qualified Architectural firm to provide design services for preliminary design of Fire Station #2 in the amount of \$41,600.00 authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (D. Anderson)

11.G Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas Approving An Interlocal Agreement With The City Of Galveston And The Park Board Of Trustees Providing For Terms And

Conditions For The Management And Control Of Various City Parks And Properties, The Maintenance Of Beaches And Parks, Establishing Funding Mechanisms Between The Entities, Insurance And Disaster Related Services, Use Of Facilities Operated By The Park Board, Purchasing Methods, Provisions For Costal Management And Lifeguard Services, And Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (D. Buckley)

Resolution No. 25-038

- 11.H Consider for approval a Contract between the City of Galveston and the Park Board of Trustees providing for: the use of HOT Taxes by the Park Board; the delegation by the City of duties arising out of Texas Tax Code Chapter 351; and delivery of Hotel Occupancy Taxes to fund those duties to the Galveston Park Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2026. (D. Buckley)
- 11.I Consider for approval allowing City Manager Brian Maxwell to execute and accept the Catalytic Converter Grant issued by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for \$533,212 (Grant# 608-26-0840400C). (D. Balli)
- 11.J Consider for approval of the contract and payment totaling \$49,500 to Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics for the 2026 July 4th 1.3G class fireworks show, which will be funded by special events and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.K Consider for approval of allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase two low profile 28' HD trailers for Municipal Utilities to be purchased from Nationwide Trailers through Buy Board for a total price of \$60,555.84 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.L Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving An Advanced Funding Agreement (Afa) Between The City Of Galveston And The Texas Department Of Transportation (TxDOT) In Connection With Installation Of Illuminated Street Name Signs; Authorizing The City Manager, Or His Designee, To Execute The Agreement And All Other Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Texas Department Of Transportation; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (R Winiecke)

Resolution No. 25-037

- 11.M Consider for approval Change Order #1 to the contract with Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc. for the FY2024 Pavement Preservation project (RFP #24-12) increasing the contract by \$33,178.90 from the amount of \$861,525.50 to the final amount of \$894,704.40; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

- 11.N Consider for approval a resolution and interlocal agreement between the City of Galveston's Parks and Recreation Department and the Galveston County Department of Parks and Cultural Services for the City to provide congregate lunch meal services for eligible participants. (B. Sanderson)

Resolution No. 25-036

- 11.O Consider for approval, awarding RFP #25-12, Life Safety Services to Summitt Fire and Security LLC. and National Security and Fire LLC. for a term of (3) years with (2) one-year auto renewals authorizing the City Manager to execute the contracts upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (C.Kenworthy)
- 11.P Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$15,698.00 from Better Parks for Galveston, for a GNC Lawn Rover to be used at all City parks and athletic fields. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.Q Consider for action an approval to contract with Cybersource Payment Solutions to provide payment gateway services to the city for the online payment portal. (C. Ludanyi)
- 11.R Consider for approval an agreement for preventative maintenance, equipment installation and monitoring, and the purchase of swimming pool chemicals, supplies, and equipment with Landmark Aquatic, utilizing Buyboard Contract #701-23, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five (5) year contract, and sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney (B Sanderson)
- 11.S Consider the approval of the accident repairs to 1596 which is a 2019 vacuum truck to Holt Truck Center who is a sole source vendor/dealer for a total of \$69,046.02 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the services upon final approval by the City Attorney. Funding will be supported by the garages outside vehicle repairs account which will be refunded by TML insurance, minus the deductible. (D. Smith)
- 11.T Consider approving a one-time purchase of smart school flasher clocks using the contract #695-23 with Paradigm Traffic Systems Inc through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative in the amount of \$36,530. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.U Consider and approve funding for the use of SMU DataArts for 3 years of data acquisition and non-profit reporting organizational education for a total of \$45,077.50. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.V Consider for approval a grant in the amount of \$15,600.00 to La Izquierda non-profit for their proposal for the Save the Locals Summer Concert Series at

the Historic Bandshell at Menard Park. (B. Sanderson)

11.W Consider for approval the purchase of six replacement Rotork Gearboxes for Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in the amount of \$23,208.00 with Environmental Improvements. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.X Consider for approval replacing fencing damaged by Hurricane Beryl at Lindale Park Tennis Courts from Foster Fence, utilizing Buyboard Contract #757-24, for a total cost of \$55,239.00; authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents upon final approval of the City Attorney. (B. Sanderson)

11.Y Consider For Approval An Agreement Between The City Of Galveston And The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) For An Initial Amount Of \$500,000 For The Creation And Operation Of A Beach Erosion And Remediation Crew Pilot Program. (K. Clark)

Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to change the amount to \$100,000 so that the City can retain coastal engineering services and then Council will review it in the future as to what would be a sensible way to protect the infrastructure that gets damaged by storm and high tide. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve Item 11Y, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. The motion passed 6-1; Council Member Porretto voted against the motion.

11.Z Consider for approval the acceptance of the purchase of two lift station pumps from Pump Solutions in the amount of \$20,815.00. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.AA Consider for approval the acceptance of the HGACBuy Contract No. TP07-25 from Vortex Services, for the purchase of a CCTV robot (Schwalm) in the amount of \$78,400. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

Council Member Rawlins made a motion to defer Item 11AA until City Council's concerns are addressed as discussed in today's workshop, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.BB Consider for action an approval to extend an agreement with global payments for a 24 month period to provide payment processing services with the Incode Municipal Court Software system. (H. Dean)

11.CC Consider for approval a renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Galveston and the County of Galveston to participate in a combined task force funded by the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority of

the State of Texas. (A. Mitchell)

11.DD Consider for approval the submittal of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 406 Hazard Mitigation funding under the FEMA Public Assistance Program to implement a Hazard Mitigation Pilot Project on Sand Crab, Ghost Crab, and Fiddler Crab roads in the Pirates Beach subdivision damaged by Hurricane Beryl; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary application documents for submittal. (T Wroblewski)

11.EE Consider Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Galveston and the Galveston International Association of Firefighters Local 571, for the term of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2029. The Agreement will provide a five percent (5%) wage increase on the first pay period in January 2026, a four percent (4%) wage increase on the first pay period in January 2027, a three percent (3%) wage increase in October 2027, and a three percent (3%) increase in October 2028, the fourth and final year of the contract, along with other changes in terms and conditions of employment. (B. West)

11.FF Consider for the approval allowing the additional purchasing of heavy-duty auto parts and services, utilizing the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Contract with Heil of Texas and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the agreements upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

11.GG Consider for approval the City Auditor's Audit Plan for FY 2026. (G. Bulgherini)

Council Member Finklea made a motion to approve the City Auditor's Audit Plan for FY2026, to the extent of the following Audit #'s as listed: Items 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16. Council Member Rawlins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.A Consider a motion giving direction to Counsel related to the following Case: 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. (Legal)

Mayor Brown provided the following announcement: During today's executive session, the City Council received a briefing from its attorney on the City's lawsuit filed against the Park Board and Jason Hardcastle for violations of the Open Meetings Act. Although no action items are needed today, the Council anticipates that this matter will be brought back to Council for review and consideration of potential future action items.

12.B Consider for action a motion ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2026 Budget. (C. Ludanyi)

Mayor Brown made a motion ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY2026 Budget not to exceed 0.4302, with Council Member Brown seconding a motion. The motion passed 4-3. In favor: Mayor Brown, and Council Members Lewis, Finklea, and Brown. In opposition: Mayor Pro Tem Robb, and Council Members Porretto and Rawlins.

12.C Discuss and consider the appointment of an Interim City Attorney. (C. Brown)

Council Member Porretto made a motion to appoint Trevor Fanning as Interim City Attorney with an effective date of September 6, 2025, for an undetermined amount of time until City Council selects a permanent City Attorney, and said salary of Interim City Attorney will be at the lowest level rate of that of our City Attorney. Council Member Rawlins seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-4. In favor: Mayor Pro Tem Robb, and Council Members Porretto and Rawlins. In opposition: Mayor Brown, and Council Members Lewis, Finklea, and Brown.

Council Member Finklea made a motion to appoint Donna Fairweather as Interim City Attorney to be effective September 6th, to serve until replaced by a permanent City Attorney through a process defined by Council at a later date, at the lowest salary range for the position of City Attorney. Council Member Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1; Council Member Porretto voted against the motion.

12.D Consider for action, if necessary, a motion giving direction to staff related to any economic development proposals related to Project Bounty in the City of Galveston. (M. Hay)

No action.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 18, 2025