

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

2/26/2026 - 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

Pastor Donnell A. Johnson Sr. — Historic Avenue L Baptist Church

The Invocation was given by Pastor Donnell A. Johnson, Sr. of the Historic Avenue L Baptist Church.

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 Porretto declared a conflict on Item 12A.

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. Buckshot Saloon
 - b. American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Centennial Year
 - c. Initial Response and Dive Team Proclamation
 - d. Tarris Woods III
 - e. City Secretary Janelle Williams
4. Reminders regarding City Council events
5. Reminders regarding community events

6. Health and safety announcements

City Council announced several upcoming community events in Galveston, including:

- **The Blue Zones Project public kickoff hosted by UTMB on March 5**
- **“Touch-A-Truck” family event this Saturday at 823 26th Street**
- **A West Galveston Property Associations forum for District 6 candidates (Saturday at 9:00 a.m.)**
- **Art Walk on March 14**

Proclamations honored:

- **Buckshot Saloon’s 15th anniversary presented by Mayor Pro Tem Robb**
- **The centennial of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association presented by Mayor Pro Tem Robb**
- **The Galveston Police initial response and dive team for their service during a December 2025 aircraft crash presented by Council Member Rawlins**
- **Ball High School senior Tarris Woods III for outstanding volunteerism and leadership presented by Mayor Brown**

Mayor Brown also recognized City Secretary Janelle Williams for recertification and announced Martha Alvarez’s promotion within the City Secretary’s Office.

6.B Present the investment report for quarter ended December 31, 2025 as part of the City Manager’s report. (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the Investment Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2025.

6.C Present Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Report for Fourth Quarter Ending September 30, 2025, as part of the City Manager’s report. (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the Fiscal Year Budget Report for Fourth Quarter Ending September 30, 2025.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 26-003 Adelita Leyva; 26-004 Jose Garay; 26-005 FABCO, LLC; 26-006 Diane and Jason Smith; 26-007 Nicole Reed; 26-008 Johnson Controls, Inc; 26-009 Emily Jones; 26-010 Jimmie Gillane

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

- **Bill Clement: Urged city to build a permanent Beach Patrol headquarters at**

Stewart Beach.

9.B Non-Agenda Items

- **Sam Collins III: Spoke about Juneteenth home and upcoming celebration.**
- **Robert Harvey: Alleged injuries from incident with Fire Chief's truck and criticized the police investigation.**
- **Sylvia Horne: Encouraged the city to settle the Porretto Beach drainage lawsuit.**

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consider the approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, of the Code of the City of Galveston 1982, Amending Chapter 34, "Traffic", Section 34-117(c), "Downtown Paid Parking District" and Section 34-117(d), "UTMB Parking Area" amending the parking rate and applicable per transaction fee; establishing payment of parking in half (1/2) hour increments after one (1) hour minimum of paid parking is met; making various findings and provisions related to the subject: and providing for an effective date. (H. Morris)

Ordinance No. 26-009 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 Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.B Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, of the Code of the City of Galveston 1982, Amending Chapter 34, "Traffic", Establishing the Speed Limit for vehicles under the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code, Section 545.356, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, upon certain streets and highways of parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Galveston and Providing for a Penalty of a Fine not to exceed \$200.00 for Violation of the Ordinance; Making various findings and provisions related to the subject; Providing for an effective date; Authorizing the City Secretary to execute all documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

Ordinance No. 26-010 was read by caption. Executive Director Robert Winiecke provided staff comments. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Finklea seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.C Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Amending Ordinance 26-007, Regarding The Designated Polling Places And Available Early Voting Dates For The Election To Be Held In The City Of Galveston On The 2nd Day Of May, 2026, For The Purpose Of Electing A Mayor At-Large And Six (6) District Council Members, Each For A Two-Year Term; Making Other Provisions Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Ordinance No. 26-011 was read by caption. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance with polling locations on the Island to include the Galveston County Courthouse, Galveston County Justice Center, Moody Methodist Church, Seaside Baptist

Church, GISD Administration Building, and the Historic Pump Station. Council Member Lewis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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Duplicate of Item 10C.

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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 Consent Items 11A through 11T, except for Items 11N, 11Q, and 11R. Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

11.A Ratify the purchase of ammunition in FY24-25 that was not invoiced until FY26. (D. Balli)

11.B Consider and take action on the ratification of the purchase of BolaWrap equipment. (D. Balli)

11.C Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving The Annual Aerial Spraying For Mosquito Control; Directing The City Secretary To Forward A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Galveston County Mosquito Control District; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Resolution No. 25-010

11.D Consider For Approval a Resolution partnering with Vision Galveston and the Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC) in the submittal of a grant application under the CSCI for Resiliency Hub planning program authorizing the City Manager to sign any required documents upon final approval of the City Attorney. (T Wroblewski)

Resolution No. 25-011

- 11.E Consider accepting a proposal from R.B. Hash and Associates Inc. in the amount of \$34,928.00 to replace 76' of rust damaged "C" channel/purlin and repair the perimeter of the standing metal seam roofing system at Fire Station #8, utilizing contract COG-CON-24-226 On Call Roofing Services authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (C.Kenworthy)
- 11.F Consider allowing the purchasing of bulk fuel by the Fleet Facility utilizing the TASB Energy Cooperative Purchasing contract with Sun Coast Resources as a backup supplier and authorizing the City Managers staff to execute the agreement upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.G Consider for action adopting the 2025 Proposed Investment Policy. (C. Ludanyi)
- 11.H Consider for Approval the purchase of six (6) sets of Personal Protective Equipment from NAFECO through BuyBoard (Contract #698-23) in the amount of \$28,335.00. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (M. Varela Jr.)
- 11.I Consider for approval a professional services contract with HR Green, Inc. (HR Green) to provide professional engineering services for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement Project – Phase I in an amount of \$119,910.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.J Consider for approval the rental of portacan units for Beach Pocket Parks 1 and 3, for a total amount of \$43,000.00, from Lone Star Restroom Rentals, for March through October 2026. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.K Consider for approval the replacement of the ticket booth sliding glass door at Seawolf Park, for a total amount of \$18,736.00 from Avana Windows & Doors. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.L Consider for approval the purchase of a replacement overhead roll-up door for Isla Del Sol Elevated Storage Tank (EST) from Overhead Door Company of Houston, in the amount of \$18,764.00. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)
- 11.M Consider approving the purchase of technical services from Kudelski Security utilizing DIR CPO 4891 contract in the amount of \$25,000 for network penetration testing. (H. Dean)
- 11.N Consider authorizing the City manager to approve a proposal from BRW

Architects, a pre-qualified Architectural firm from the RFQ 24-02 IDIQ, to provide architectural services for the Beach Patrol facility in the amount of \$316,400.00. The scope of work includes architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design, as well as surveying, geotechnical services, and TDI certification to ensure the facility meets all the building requirements and operational needs of Beach Patrol. (A. Guerrero)

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve Item 11N, with the addition of directing the City Manager to development incentives to have the facility open by the summer of 2027 or sooner. Council Member Finklea seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

11.O Consider for approval the purchase of materials and labor from Island Machine Works in the amount of \$37,677.46 through Contract No. COG-CON-25-405, for the repair/replacement of various components of the clarifier skimmer assemblies at the Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.P Consider for approval the sole source purchase of pump repair services from Hahn Equipment Company in the amount of \$15,834.46. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.Q Consider for a resolution authorizing the Municipal Court to implement an amnesty program for delinquent parking citations, waiving late fees and collection fees for eligible citations during the period of Friday, May 1, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. through Friday, May 29, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (Legal/Technology)

Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-012, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.R Consider for approval minutes of the January 22, 2026 Workshop and Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve Item 11R, with the correction of the name Carl Aronson as an Ethics Commission appointment. Council Member Lewis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

11.S Consider for approval the renewal of the annual subscription agreement with DLT Solutions, LLC utilizing DIR-CPO-5677 for InfoWorks ICM Ultimate software package licenses and AutoCAD licenses. (H. Dean)

11.T Consider for the approval of the payment to the Galveston County Health District (EMS) for emergency medical services that were provided during the 2026 Mardi Gras event for a total of \$29,172 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the document upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.A Consider for action, if necessary, a motion giving direction to staff related to litigation as discussed in Executive session. (Rawlins/Robb)

Council Member Porretto declared a conflict and stepped away from the dais. Council Member Rawlins made a motion directing the City Manager or his designee to proceed in the litigation matter as discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

12.B Consider for action, if necessary, a motion giving direction to staff related to City Auditor Audit findings as discussed in Executive session. (G. Bulgherini)

No action.

12.C Discuss and consider amending the City Auditor's Office 2026 Audit Plan to include an audit of collected funds for the hotel occupancy tax. (G. Bulgherini)

Mayor Brown made a motion amending the City Auditor's 2026 Plan to include an audit of collected funds for hotel occupancy tax as discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Porretto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

13.A Section 2-73 of the city charter requires that the council members are to be informed of auction sales that exceed \$1,000. This staff report represents the receiving and filing of all auction sales for the fiscal year 2024-25. (D. Smith)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary
Date Approved: April 23, 2026