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

3/26/2026 - 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

   Fr. Michael Briggs - Grace Episcopal Church

The invocation was given by Fr. Michael Briggs of Grace Episcopal 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 12B.

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. April Galveston Interact Month
   4. Reminders regarding City Council events
   5. Reminders regarding community events
   6. Health and safety announcements

City Manager Brian Maxwell recognized retiring Budget Officer Debbi Pierce for her 44+ years of service to the City and serving as the Budget Manager for over 25 years, highlighting her long tenure, institutional knowledge, and contributions to multiple administrations and departments.

Council Member announcements:
B. Brown - Navy and Marine Corps 250th anniversary celebration at Seawolf Park on April 15th at 7:00 a.m.
C. Brown - FeatherFest taking place in Galveston on April 16th - 19th; recognition of Carriage Haus Rentals for modifying a rental vehicle to accommodate a wheelchair so a terminally ill 12-year-old Make-A-Wish participant could fulfill a wish to ride in it, with a celebration planned in Alabama honoring the child and the business
S. Lewis - Juneteenth poster contest hosted by Aisha Thomas Dionne, granddaughter of former City Council, Reverend Thomas; recognition of Opal Lee for getting the federal recognition of Juneteenth as a national holiday
B. Rawlins - honored his friend Robert Dagnon who passed away yesterday

Proclamations and certificates presented:
Anita Maria Benavides Certificate of Recognition - presented by Council Member Brown
April Galveston Interact Month Proclamation - presented by Mayor Brown

6.B Receive and discuss the FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the Fiscal Year 2025 annual comprehensive financial audit, which received a clean, unmodified opinion with no findings or material weaknesses.

6.C Present Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Report for First Quarter Ending December 31, 2025, as part of the City Manager's report. (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the first-quarter FY2026 budget update showing revenues and expenditures generally on track with expectations.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 26-011 Andrew Charpentier; 26-012 Ultimate Resources LLC; 26-013 Jordan Marshall; 26-014 Brandy L. Vandenberg; 26-015 United Rentals Inc; 26-016 Daniela Perez; 26-017 Ivan Espitia

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Abandoning Approximately 4,796 Square Feet Of Alley Right-Of-Way Located At Commonly Known Address, Adjacent To 2910 Mary Moody Northen Boulevard / 53rd Street And 3020 Mary Moody Northen / 53rd Street; Adjacent Properties Are Legally Described As M. B. Menard Survey, Tract 83, 0.501 Acres; And M. B. Menard Survey, Tract 84, 1.210 Acres; In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 26P-002; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 26-012 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. The applicant, Howie Bentley spoke in favor of the abandonment. 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.

8.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 2116 Ursuline / Avenue N And Legally Described As Abstract 628 M.B Menard Survey, Lot 11 Southeast Block 18 Galveston Outlots, 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 Central Appraisal District, And the Official Zoning Maps Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Designating The Site As Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Planning Case Number 26P-008; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (R. Annan)

Ordinance No. 26-013 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. The applicant's grandson spoke in favor of the designation. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

Gail Ayers Cantini and Susan Polk commented on maintenance of the Texas Heroes Monument.

9.B Non-Agenda Items

Angela Gonzalez commented on parking revisions needed around their business Gonzalo's American Bistro.

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consider an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending the total operating budget for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025, by adjusting various budget accounts in the amount of two million four hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred seventy dollars ($2,461,270) to properly record expenditures related to personnel costs in the Police Department and Developmental Services ($145,504), contractual services in the Fire Department, Taxation, and Governmental Services ($109,000), untapped expense reimbursements in the Street Department and City Auditor Department ($760,000), and bank services fees in Municipal Court ($50,000), additional funding for the Separation Pay Fund ($330,766), property sales service fee ($86,000), litigation claims ($80,000) and operating transfers to the Technology Improvement Fund ($500,000) and the Health and Life Insurance Fund ($400,000); making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date. (C. Ludanyi)

Ordinance No. 26-014 was read by caption. Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi provided

staff comments. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Membe Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

10.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance By The City Council Of City Of Galveston, Texas, Dissolving And Abolishing The Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 30 And Making Certain Findings Related Thereto As Required By Law; As Applicable Levying An Annual Ad Valorem Tax, Within The Limitations Prescribed By Law, For The Payment Of The Bonds Of The District Hereby Assumed By The City; Authorizing And Approving Execution And Delivery Of All Instruments Necessary And Related Thereto; Authorizing And Approving All Procedures And Other Matters Incident And Related Thereto; And Providing For Findings Of Fact And An Effective Date. (City Manager)

Ordinance No. 26-015 was read by caption. MUD 30 Board Member Rusty Walla stated for the record that the MUD has an ongoing maintenance project currently being bid, prepared by the MUD's engineers, and that the MUD wants to see the project through to completion. Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Porretto 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 Consent Items 11A through 11LL, excluding 11A, 11C, and 11GG, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.A Consider for approval accepting the City Auditor's Report on Internal Service Funds AU2026-5. (G. Bulgherini)

Council Member Rawlins made a motion to approve Item 11A, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Council noted that the audit raised useful issues about fund balances and future policy needs, and thanked the auditor and staff for a thorough review.

11.B Consider for approval letters of support for Port of Galveston Overhead Walkway - Pedestrian Safety and Port of Galveston Pelican Island Berth. (C. Brown)

11.C Consider for approval to receive eleven sets of enhanced protection armored plates for designated SWAT Operators valued at $44,120.00, gifted to the Galveston Police Department by the Galveston Community Police Foundation. (D. Balli)

Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve Item 11C, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.D Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Of Galveston Authorizing The City To Apply To The Ring Power Rook Critical Incident Vehicle Program Offered By The Office Of The Texas Governor For Prompt Deployment By The Galveston Police Department Special Weapons And Tactics (Swat) Team; To Authorize The City Manager To Execute All Required Documents; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (D. Balli)

Resolution No. 26-013

11.E Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Of Galveston Authorizing The City To Apply To The Lone Star Grant Program Offered By The Office Of The Texas Governor For The Coastal Nighttime Surveillance And Interdiction Regional Capability In Support Of Operation Lone Star Border Security Operations; To Authorize The City Manager To Execute All Required Documents; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (D. Balli)

Resolution No. 26-014

11.F Consider for approval, authorizing the City Manager to approve an expenditure of $19,648.00 to remove and replace the security gate operator at Gate No. 4 in the South Apron Hangar Area with Foster Fence, Ltd., using the Buy Board Program Contract No. 757-24, pending final approval of the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

11.G Consider for approval amending the 2014 Airport Minimum Operating Standards as presented, upon final approval of the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

11.H Consider for the approval of the annual bulk fuel contracts to the responding bidders that conformed to the specifications in bid #26-03; Petroleum Traders, Colonial Oil, Bay Oil and Sun Coast, and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contracts upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

11.I Consider for the approval of a resolution supporting an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Galveston, Texas and Harris County (dba Harris County RIDES), in an amount of $400,000 which is funded by a FTA/TXDOT grant (80-20 match) in support of Subsidized Taxi Services for the delivery of ADA Paratransit/ Demand Response Transit Services and thereby authorizing the City Manager to execute the attached agreement thereof. (D. Smith)

Resolution No. 26-015

11.J Consider for the approval of the purchase of one (1) administrative/support vehicle that is ADA accessible from Model 1 utilizing the State of Oklahoma contract (SW0797C) for a total price of $99,307 which will be funded by a Federal Grant match and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the agreement upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

11.K Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a furniture purchase agreement with National Business Furniture for $158,708.28 using the OMNIA contract #R240117, which includes two quotes covering Phase 1 and Phase 2 office & cubicle areas for City Hall|3rd Floor Renovations. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (A. Guerrero)

11.L Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a furniture purchase agreement with Vari for $51,071.04 using the OMNIA contract #R221004, which includes common-area furniture such as conference rooms, break room and waiting areas for the City Hall|3rd Floor Renovations. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (A. Guerrero)

11.M Consider For Approval To Amend Scope Of Work (SOW) For Approved Contract COG-CON-23-137, With APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. (APTIM), For Additional Depth Of Closure Surveys For Approximately One (1) Mile Of Newly Nourished Beachfront On The West End; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (K. Clark)

11.N Consider approving the renewal of 370 Neurons (Mobile Iron) licenses utilizing DIR-CPO-5854 from SHI for a one (1) year term for a total cost of $ 19,180.80. (H. Dean)

11.O Consider for approval the replacement and upgrade of the aging wireless network (Wi-Fi) infrastructure and electrical at Dellanera RV Park to enhance customer experience and ensure reliable connectivity throughout the facility for a total cost of $29,271.30 awarding the agreement to Crecent Electric utilizing City of Galveston Contract number 22-857 and Centre Technologies utilizing DIR CPO 5687. (H. Dean)

11.P Consider for approval the renewal of the Oracle database licenses and software support agreement for $17,463.60 utilizing DIR contract CPO-5439, through authorized reseller Mythics, Inc. (H. Dean)

11.Q Consider utilizing COG-CON-24-226 (BID 24-12) and approving a quote from R. B. Hash, to repair multiple roof leaks at Wright Cuney Recreation Center, for a total cost of $17,960.00. (B. Sanderson)

11.R Consider for approval COG-CON-26-130 for concrete and coping repairs at the Johnny M. Romano Skatepark at Menard Park from BLDT Contracting, LLC, for a total cost of $21,812.50. (B. Sanderson)

11.S Consider for approval COG-CON-26-136, authorizing the purchase and installation of new playground equipment and surfacing material at Sandhill Crane Soccer Complex, from May Recreation Equipment, in the amount of

$391,064.75, utilizing BuyBoard Contract #781-25, with final approval by the City Attorney's Office. (B.Sanderson)

11.T Consider the waiver of parking fees at Seawolf Park from 6:00 AM until 8:00 AM on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, to allow the public to view the "Sunrise Salute Parade of Ships" welcoming "Fleet Week" to Texas. (B.Sanderson)

11.U Consider for approval an amendment to the CivicPlus agreement to include the Document Access module to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements prior to the April 2026 compliance deadline increasing the FY26 cost of the agreement by $5,864.20 and allowing the city continued use of the solution in future years at a cost of $13,669.60. (H. Dean)

11.V Please consider for approval the use of BuyBoard Contract No. 730-24 with Southern Trenchless for the purchase of materials and labor for West End lift station repair and mitigation projects in the amount of $651,088.59. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.W Please consider for approval the use of BuyBoard Contract No. 730-24 with Southern Trenchless for the purchase of materials and labor for East End lift station repair and mitigation projects in the amount of $424,636.21. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.X Consider for approval the sole source purchase of two (2) 7.5 HP pumps from Hahn Equipment Company in the amount of $30,954.00. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.Y Consider for approval the purchase of rugged laptops and other specialized display equipment for the Galveston Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) from Dell Technologies utilizing OMNIA Cooperative Contract #01-143 for a total cost of $48,583.05. (H. Dean)

11.Z Consider for approval the use of TIPS Contract #23010401 with Pump Solutions, for the purchase of one (1) 74 HP submersible pump in the amount of $53,537.00. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.AA Consider for approval the use of TIPS Contract #22010701 with K2 Services LLC., for the purchase of two (2) replacement lift station riser pipes in the amount of $19,238.00. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City

Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.BB Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute the Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement with the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to perform site visits, preliminary design, engineering, review, and construction/installation activities for the Airport's RWY 14 RSA Improvement project. This project impacts FAA NAS facilities, including RWY 14 MALSR, FAA cabling, and infrastructure, upon final approval by the City Attorney (M.Shahan).

11.CC Consider for approval the use of Omnia Contract No. 16154 with USA Bluebook for the purchase of a replacement chloramine analyzer system for the Jamaica Beach Elevated Storage Tank (EST) in the amount of $43,008.83. Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.DD Consider for approval authorizing staff augmentation services through Robert Half utilizing HGAC contract TS 06-25 to fill critical vacancies within the Information Technology Department utilizing vacancy lapse funding in the amount of $300,000. (H. Dean)

11.EE Consider for approval the purchase of electrical construction services from Crescent Electric in the amount of $67,091.07 for replacement of the electrical service bus weatherhead and service disconnect switch for the Jamaica Beach Elevated Storage Tank (EST). Approval of this item will authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. (T Arnold)

11.FF Consider For Approval A Professional Service Contract with Achor QEA (Anchor) to Provide Services for the Development of a Sediment Management Plan for a Total Amount of $351,220.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents Upon Final Approval By The City Attorney. (K. Clark)

11.GG Consider approval of the Fund Balance Policy. (C. Ludanyi)

Council Member Porretto made a motion to defer Item 11GG for a future date to be brought up by City Council, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

11.HH Consider for approval the application for a Born Learning Trail at East End Preschool as recommended by the Arts Development Commission. (B. Sanderson)

11.II Consider for approval an amendment of artist Catherine Stroud's contract to reflect the amount recommended for approval by the Cultural Arts Commission in 2025. (B. Sanderson)

11.JJ Consider for approval a professional services contract with Freese and Nichols Inc. (FNI) to provide professional engineering services for the East End 2.0 MG Elevated Storage Tank and 20-inch Water Transmission Main Project in an amount of $2,935,583.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R. Winiecke)

11.KK Consider for approval a Resolution in Support of a Property Purchase Program to be conducted by the Galveston Housing Finance Corporation and Galveston Property Finance Authority Board. (M. Hay)

Resolution No. 26-016

11.LL Consider for approval a letter of support for the request submitted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston for $2,500,000 in Community Project Funding through the Transportation–Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill to support the renovation and modernization of the Johnny Mitchell Boys & Girls Club on Galveston Island. (C. Brown)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.A Discuss and consider a motion directing the City Manager to Reissue RFP for the Restoration of the Texas Heroes Monument (Porretto/Rawlins/Robb)

Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve Item 12A, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

No action was taken.

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

1. Ethics Commission - Districts 4, 5, and 6
2. Finance, Fiscal Affairs, and Investment Committee - District 3
3. Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - District 6
5. Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 13

- **Finance, Fiscal Affairs and Investment Committee - Council Member Brown made a motion to appoint Brian Kelly, with Mayor Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.**
- **Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority - Mayor Brown made a motion to appoint Teresa Evans, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion.**

Unanimously approved.

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to appoint Nancy Greenfield, with Mayor Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #13 - Mayor Brown made a motion to appoint Reza Shalchi to Position 3, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #13 - Mayor Brown made a motion to reappoint Allen Howard, Tofigh Shirazi, Kimberly Davy, Nader Shirazi, and Ryan Kirkpatrick, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lewis invited Ms. Foreman to share with the community information about 409 day.

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

Janelle Williams

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

STAFF REPORT

Date	March 26, 2026
To:	City Manager Mayor and City Council Members
From:	Hope Dean, Information Technology, Executive Director
Project location: Impacts the Entire City	**Project:** CID Equipment Purchase

Request:

Consider for approval the purchase of rugged laptops and other specialized display equipment for the Galveston Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) from Dell Technologies utilizing OMNIA Cooperative Contract #01-143 for a total cost of $48,583.05.

Prior Council Action

none.

Background

The Galveston Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) relies on technology to conduct investigations, analyze digital evidence, and support case management activities. The division's current desktop lacks portability, and does not adequately support the evolving operational needs of investigative personnel.

CID personnel frequently operate in dynamic environments that require mobility, including field investigations, interviews, and coordination with other agencies. The current desktop-based setup limits flexibility and reduces operational efficiency.

Fiscal Impact Report

- **Funding Source.**
    - Catalytic convert grant and city matching funds

- **Total Cost.**
  $48,583.05

Alternatives

Approve the Purchase

Do Not Approve **-** CID will continue to use desktop systems

Staff Recommendation
Approve the purchase

Attachments
Dell Quote