

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
SPECIAL MEETING - MAY 13, 2026**

5/13/2026 - 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 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Craig Brown, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member David Finklea, Council Member Bob Brown, and Council Member Alex Porretto.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Marie Robb and Council Member Beau Rawlins.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Finklea.

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. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Gordon thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their service.

6. ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE MAY 2, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

6.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Canvassing The Returns Of The General Election Held On May 2, 2026; Officially Declaring The Results Of The Election; Declaring The Regularity And Legality Of The Election; Directing The City Secretary To Prepare The Election Register And To Preserve The Election Records; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 26-020 was read by caption. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the results of the May 2, 2026 election, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

7. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS

7.A

1. City Council District 2 - David Finklea
2. City Council District 6 - Marie Robb

3. Mayor - Dr. Craig Brown

- **Mayor Brown and Council Member Brown thanked Council Member David Finklea for his service and expertise on City Council. Council Member Finklea thanked the City staff, the Mayor, fellow Council Members, the many volunteers who serve this city every day, and the people of District 2 for trusting him with the seat.**
- **Mayor Brown thanked Council Member Marie Robb for her service on City Council over the past six years. Council Member Alex Porretto read a statement from Council Member Robb.**
- **Assistant City Secretary Nellie De La Fuente honored Angela Brown with roses.**
- **Mayor Brown reflected on Galveston's progress during his 12 years of service, highlighted ongoing challenges, and expressed gratitude to the community, city staff, and his wife Angela.**

8. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Secretary Janelle Williams administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor John Paul Listowski, and City Council Members Jeff Taylor, Bob Brown, and Alex Porretto. Hayley Hardcastle administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council Member Jason Hardcastle.

8.A

1. District 2 - Jeff Taylor
2. District 3 - Bob Brown
3. District 4 - Alex Porretto
4. District 6 - Jason Hardcastle
5. Mayor - John Paul Listowski

9. ORDINANCE ORDERING RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 13, 2026

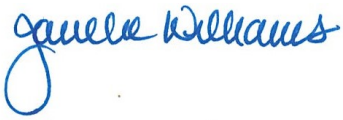
- 9.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Ordering A Runoff Election To Be Held In The City Of Galveston On June 13, 2026 For The Purpose Of Electing Councilmembers To District One (1) And District Five (5); Providing The Means And Method Of Carrying Out Said Election; Designating Hours For Voting; Providing Bilingual Election Requirements; Designating Polling Places; Providing For Early Voting; Providing For Notice Of The Runoff Election; Providing For A Severability Clause; Providing An Open Meetings Clause; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 26-021 was read by caption. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Mayor Listowski seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The public is invited to attend a reception in Room 204 immediately following the Special Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: June 25, 2026