

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
WORKSHOP - MAY 28, 2026**

5/28/2026 - City Council Minutes

1 DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Listowski declared a quorum and called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Paul Listowski, Council Member Sharon Lewis, Council Member Jeff Taylor, Council Member Bob Brown, Council Member Alex Porretto, Council Member Beau Rawlins, and Council Member Jason Hardcastle.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.A Clarification Of Consent And Regular City Council Agenda Items - This Is An Opportunity For City Council To Ask Questions Of Staff On Consent And Regular Agenda Items (1 Hour)

Items 11C, 11E, 11H, 11N, 11U, 11W, 11Z, 11HH, and 11JJ were clarified by Staff.

4.B Discussion of the Selection and Funding of a Consultant for the City/Port Mobility Study (C Brown - 20 min)

Deferred to the June meeting.

4.C Discussion of the nomination packet and prioritized list of the Census Tracts located in the City of Galveston that are eligible for designation in the federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program (M. Hay - 15 min)

Economic Development Coordinator Michele Hay presented the City's proposed Opportunity Zone 2.0 nominations, which would designate 11 eligible census tracts in Galveston for federal tax incentives aimed at encouraging private investment and economic development in underserved areas. Council reviewed the prioritized list, discussed the potential addition of the East End Flats area if eligible, and outlined the submission process and timeline.

4.D Discussion of Seawall Parking mail in ticket program (Porretto/Listowski - 10 min)

City Council discussed the Seawall parking ticket by mail program following public concerns about the number of citations issued. City Marshal Heather Morris explained that the system is more efficient and safer than handwritten tickets, resulting in about 25,000 citations in 2025 compared to roughly 3,200 in 2023, with approximately 290,000

motorists paid for parking, reflecting about 92% compliance. Council expressed support for improving public awareness of the program and exploring the return of the parking ambassador program. Staff will continue monitoring technology improvements and public education efforts.

- 4.E Discussion regarding City boards, commissions, and committees, including ex officio appointments, procedures for board member appointments and reappointments, and scheduling interviews for the Park Board, Wharves Board, and Planning Commission (J. Williams - 15 min)

Council discussed upcoming appointments to city boards and commissions, including ex officio positions and vacancies on the Park Board, Wharves Board, and Planning Commission. Council consensus was to keep the current interview process, with some changes including assigning interview time slots and limiting interview lengths. Park Board interviews will be conducted on June 24th and Council will consider appointments on June 25th. Interviews and appointments for the Wharves Board and Planning Commission will be held in September.

- 4.F Discussion of Section 37-201 of the City Code related to the suspension or revocation of a wrecker towing permit (Lewis/Listowski - 10 min)

Council discussed wrecker towing permit suspensions, with staff explaining that the City Code requires a suspension equal to twice the length of any lapse in required insurance coverage. Once the suspension is served and coverage is restored, the towing company may resume operations.

5 EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council convened into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 11:58 a.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

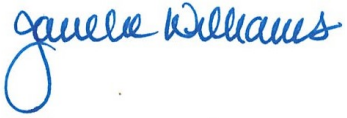
- 5.A Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation with attorney, an executive session will be conducted to discuss and receive legal advice concerning pending litigation and/or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, related to the following:

1. Property located in the City of Galveston

- 5.B Pursuant to Section 551.072 - Deliberation regarding real property, an executive session will be conducted to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties located in the City of Galveston.

6 ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 11:58 a.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