

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - 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 meeting to order at 5:00 p.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. INVOCATION

Rev. Lily Rodriguez - East End First Assembly of God

The invocation was given by Reverend Lily Rodriguez of East End First Assembly of God.

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 Listowski 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. Bernardo de Galvez Day
 - b. Ajay Jain Day
 - c. Major David Swyers
4. Reminders regarding City Council events
5. Reminders regarding community events
 - a. Juneteenth event update
6. Health and safety announcements

- **The City Council and City Manager recognized the upcoming retirements of Barbara Sanderson and Charles "Butch" Kenworthy. Council offered condolences to the Clauser family, and to Paula Martin and her family following the recent loss of her son.**
- **Mayor Listowski presented the Bernardo de Galvez Day proclamation and key to the city to crew members of the Spanish Navy Training Ship Juan Sebastian Elcano. The crew members presented Mayor Listowski with a commemorative model of the Spanish Navy Ship.**
- **Council Member Taylor presented the Major David Swyers Proclamation.**
- **Council Members reminded the public of upcoming events including the hurricane preparedness meeting, runoff election, and upcoming Juneteenth celebrations, which will include a month of activities and conclude with a fireworks display on June 19th at the Seawall and 37th Street.**

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

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the General Fund Report for the second quarter ending March 31, 2026. The full report will be provided to Council next week.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 26-023 Maria & Amanda Chereny; 26-024 Christopher Neco; 26-025 Ann Jones; 26-026 Shunta Celestine; 26-027 One Gas c/o The Claim Center LLC; 26-028 Bridgit Sova

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Abandoning Approximately 541 Linear Feet Of 50 Foot Wide Right-Of-Way; Adjacent Property Is Commonly Known As Adjacent To 11908 Stewart Road And Legally Described As 121 Hall And Jones Survey, Northeast Part Of Lot 235, Trimble And Lindsey Section 2 And Abstract 121 Hall And Jones Survey, North Part Of Lot 230 (230-1), Trimble And Lindsey Section 2, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 26P-006; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (D. Lunsford)

Ordinance No. 26-022 was read by caption. Staff member Daniel Lunsford provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Chris Walker questioned the number of abandonments on the agenda today. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown 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, Amending The Code Of The City Of Galveston, As Amended, The 2015 Galveston Land Development Regulations, By Amending "Article 5: Sign

Regulations”, Regarding Signage In Right Of Ways In Certain Areas; Planning Case Number 26ZA-001; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (D. Lunsford).

Ordinance No. 26-025 was read by caption. Staff member Daniel Lunsford provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8.C Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Vacating, Closing And Abandoning A 20 Square Foot Alley Right-Of-Way Approximately 1,914 Sq. Ft. / 0.0439 Acre Property In Order To Provide For A New Fire Station No.2 And Facilities, Located At Commonly Known Address Of 428 Church Street And Legal Address Of Abst 628 M B Menard Sur Lots 13 & 14 Blk 424 Galveston & 10 Ft Of Adj 5th Street, In The City And County Of Galveston; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (A. Guerrero)

Ordinance No. 26-023 was read by caption. Interim City Attorney Donna Fairweather and Chief Mike Varela provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Hardcastle seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8.D Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Creating A Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Zoning District To Establish A Mixed use Development In A Residential, Single-Family (R-1), Residential, Townhouse (R-2), And Resort/Recreation (Res/Rec) Zoning District, On Property Commonly Known As 17130, 171196, 17200 San Luis Pass Road / F.M. 3005 And Adjacent Vacant Parcels, And Which Is Legally Described As Abstract 121 Hall & Jones Survey; Tract 70, 67.093 Acres; Tract 71, 72.960 Acres; Tract 72, 10.700 Acres; Tract 72-2-1, 1.660 Acres; Tract 72-4, 4.000 Acres; Tract 72-5, 15.580 Acres; Tract 73, 24.641 Acres; Part Of Tract 73, 58.359 Acres; Tract 74, 4.5643 Acres; Tract 76 40.000 Acres; Tract 77, 4.725 Acres; And Gustafson Sub (2008) Abst 121, Lot 2, Acres 8.521, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 26P-009; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (T. Evans)

This item was pulled by the applicant.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

Lynn Thompson congratulated the Council Members on their election and provided comment on the Discovery Sands development.

9.B Non-Agenda Items

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consider an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending the total operating budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026, by adjusting various budget accounts in the total amount of Two Million Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty dollars (\$2,279,360) to properly record expenses related to increased expenditures in the General Fund for Hurricane Beryl repairs in Parks and Recreation and Public Works for Four Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety dollars (\$485,590), electricity costs associated with new facilities, upgraded software maintenance contracts, and increased appraisal costs for One Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten dollars (\$108,810), and Carryover of Vehicles Ordered in FY2025 and not received by year end for Six Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$671,300); the transfer of penalty revenue from the Short Term Rental Regulation Fund to the General Fund for Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000); expenditures in the Opioid Abatement Trust Settlement for Two Hundred Forty-One Thousand dollars (\$241,000); the purchase of ADA Vehicles in Island Transit for One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand dollars (\$197,000); the Carryover of Routeware Software costs in the Sanitation Fund from FY2025 for Eight-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty dollars (\$86,940); emergency capital repairs of the City Hall Elevator and Wright Cuney Chillers for One Hundred Eight-Seven Thousand Twenty dollars (\$187,020); and increased insurance expenditures for property additions for Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty (\$34,320); making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date. (C. Ludanyi)

Ordinance No. 26-024 was read by caption. Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi provided staff comments. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Hardcastle 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.

Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve Consent Items 11A through 11KK, except Items 11E, 11F, and 11G, with Council Member Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Council Member Rawlins made a motion to approve Consent Items 11E, 11F, and 11G, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved. Council Member Rawlins thanked the Galveston Community Police Foundation for their generous donations to the Galveston Police Department.

11.A Consider for approval the renewal of Cellebrite Premium as a Service Pro package through Carahsoft Technology Corp (Texas DIR # DIR-CPO-5687) for a cost of approximately \$59,834.63. (D. Balli)

- 11.B Consider for approval a resolution designating authorized signatories for the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan; authorizing signatures on the GLO Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Wrobleski)

Resolution No. 26-027

- 11.C Consider approval and execution of Texas General Land Office Contract No. 22-130-103-F692 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Program Update and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (T Wrobleski)
- 11.D Consider for approval, issuance of a Task Order #04 to DCMC Partners for the required five-year update of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan for an amount of \$50,450.00, and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (T Wrobleski)
- 11.E Consider for approval to receive seven saddles for the Galveston Police Department Mounted Unit, given by the Galveston Community Police Foundation. (D. Balli)
- 11.F Consider approval to receive four level III ballistic shields for the Galveston Police Department, given by the Galveston Police Foundation. (D. Balli)
- 11.G Consider for approval to receive a drone, funds for a laptop (to be purchased by the COG) and mapping software for the Galveston Police Department, given by the Galveston Community Police Foundation. (D. Balli)
- 11.H Consider for approval minutes of the April 9, 2026 Joint Meeting of City Council and Park Board, and the April 23, 2026 Workshop and Regular Meeting(J. Williams)
- 11.I Consider for approval a Resolution of the City of Galveston, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to apply for reimbursable grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division (TxDOT) Grant for Construction Services for pavement improvements to the shoulders of Runway 18/36, Taxiways A, B, C, and D, the remainder of the terminal apron, and enhanced airfield markings; directing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the Grant; directing the City Secretary to send a certified copy of the Resolution to the Texas Department of Transportation; providing findings of fact; and providing an effective date upon final approval by the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

Resolution No. 26-028

- 11.J Consider for approval a Resolution approving an interlocal cooperation agreement between Galveston County and the City of Galveston for

participation in the Galveston County Public Safety Consortium utilizing the Motorola PremierOne Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System. (RMS). (D. Balli)

- 11.K Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to execute a Three-Year Lease Acknowledgment with the City of Galveston Public Works Department for the Materials Yard, upon final approval by the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

Resolution No. 26-024

- 11.L Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to execute a Three-Year Lease Acknowledgment with the City of Galveston Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) for the Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant, Airport Pump Station, and Ground Storage Tanks, upon final approval by the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

- 11.M Consider for Approval the purchase of two (2) LUCAS chest compression system devices from Stryker in the amount of \$72,301.78 through Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY. Stryker is established as a sole source provider for this equipment. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (M. Varela)

- 11.N Consider for Approval a contract for the utilization of Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services, Inc. to conduct the survey for the City of Galveston's ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. This consulting service will aid with surveys that are comprehensive and require detailed documentation, data analysis, and coordination across multiple city departments. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (M. Varela)

- 11.O Consider for approval of a Five-Year Contract with Westlaw for services related to legal research. (legal)

- 11.P Consider for approval the purchase of Baron's Weather Service for year two (2) through year five (5) at an annual cost of \$14,999.00. Baron's is a robust platform providing detailed up-to-the-minute data and forecast capabilities required by decision makers during disaster events. The City of Galveston completed a one year "evaluation period" with Baron's and staff recommends continuing the contract. (Xavier Hancock)

- 11.Q Consider for the approval allowing the purchasing of light-to-medium duty auto parts and services, utilizing the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Contracts with the listed vendors (IEH & Republic Auto Parts) for fiscal year 2025-26 and authorize the City Managers' staff to execute the agreements upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

- 11.R Consider for the approval of the contract and payment totaling \$35,000 to Sky

Wonder Pyrotechnics for the 2026 Juneteenth holiday fireworks show which will be funded by the Special Events account and authorize the City Managers' staff to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

- 11.S Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas Approving And Authorizing Entering Into An Interlocal Agreement With Texas A&M University At Galveston And Its Gulf Center For Sea Turtle Research; Providing For An Agreement To Place Equipment At Dellanera RV Park To Assist With Responding To Stranded Sea Turtles; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (B. Sanderson)

Resolution No. 26-029

- 11.T Consider for approval the authorization to extend support on the City's data center hardware including server hosts and storage from Insight using OMNI Partners contract # 23-6692-03 for a total cost \$34,385.05 for a 1 year term. (H. Dean)
- 11.U Consider for approval the purchase of Clearview AI as a service package for one (1) year for approximately \$28,500.00. (D. Balli)
- 11.V Consider for approval the renewal of a three-year agreement for SolarWinds network monitoring and management software through authorized reseller SHI utilizing DIR Contract # DIR-CPO-5241 for a total cost of \$37,380.88. (H. Dean)
- 11.W Consider approval of a contract with Industrial TX Corp. for the construction of the Seawolf Park Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in the amount of \$3,885,530.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney.(R. Winiecke)
- 11.X Consider authorizing the construction phase engineering services with Arceneaux Wilson & Cole, LLC. (AWC) to conduct the construction phase engineering services for the Seawolf Park Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) project for the City of Galveston in the amount of \$44,010.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.Y Consider for approval the purchase of the PowerDMS software solution from NeoGov utilizing Sourcewell Contract # 030425-PDMS to support and manage the Police Department's Field Training Officer (FTO) program for a total 3 year cost of 21,880.31. (H. Dean)
- 11.Z Consider for approval Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. COG-CON-26-105 with Clark Condon Associates, Inc. for the Downtown Streetscape

Improvements Project by reducing the total contract amount by \$154,676, to a total of \$3,907,397.80 and authorizing Tasks 4, 9, and 10, collectively as "Task Order B", with notice to proceed for grant-funded work contingent upon confirmation of State TIP approval. (B Cook)

- 11.AA Consider for approval the allocation of funds in an amount of \$ 114,338.39 for the purchase of replacement desktop and laptop equipment that has reached the end of useful life and allocating funds to Dell, Inc. using DIR Contract CPO-5792. (H. Dean)
- 11.BB Consider for approval the authorization to purchase thirty Panasonic Toughbook laptops for a total cost of \$105,677.70 utilizing the DIR-CPO-5225 contract from Rugged Depot. (H. Dean)
- 11.CC Consider for approval the purchase of a 1-year subscription to Placer.ai, a Location Analytics platform from White Rock Cybersecurity utilizing PACE Contract #P00306 co-operative agreement in the amount of \$32,000.00. (M. Hay)
- 11.DD Consider for approval a resolution of the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas amending Resolution 26-012 to extend the Amnesty Program for Delinquent Parking Citations to June 12, 2026; providing for findings of fact and providing for an effective date.

Resolution No. 26-025

- 11.EE Consider for approval the submittal of a grant application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the coastal Management Program (CMP) grant funding program, authorizing the City Manager to sign all grant application. (B.Sanderson)
- 11.FF Consider for approval a Resolution in support 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)

Resolution No. 26-026

- 11.GG Consider utilizing Buyboard Contract #720-23 and approving a quote from Carrier Enterprise, to replace three (3) rooftop air conditioning and heating units, and estimates to rent a crane, and provide for potential electrical installation related to a disconnect station, at Wright Cuney Recreation Center, for an estimated cost of \$111,634.00, with final approval by the City Attorney's Office. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.HH Consider for Approval the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Consolidated Program Objectives and Projects for the CDBG Allocation of \$1,211,116 and HOME Allocation of \$273,108.29 and Program Income estimates for CDBG of

\$20,000 and HOME of \$30,000. Authorize the City Manager to file a grant application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and execute all necessary contracts, certifications, and documents for the Programs. (R. Anderson)

11.II Consider approval of the renewal of the City's Microsoft Software Assurance agreement through SHI Government Solutions utilizing DIR Contract CPO-5237 in the total amount of \$105,517.16 for a three-year term. (H. Dean)

11.JJ Consider for Approval a recommendation from the Arts Development Commission to approve a Mural of Bernardo de Galvez, offered by the City of Malaga, Spain, to be located on the east side of McGuire-Dent Recreation Center, noting the desire for more iconic images representing the Galveston landscape than depicted in the initial rendering by artist Lalone. (B. Sanderson)

11.KK Consider for approval the purchase of two (2) 5 HP submersible pumps and 100' of pump cable from Hahn Equipment Company in the amount of \$42,479.60. 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)

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.A Discuss and consider action regarding matters discussed in executive session, including any necessary direction to staff.

Mayor Listowski made a motion directing the City Management or its designee to proceed in the matter as discussed in Executive Session, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

1. Galveston Wharves Board
2. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - District 3

Galveston Wharves Board: Council Member Porretto made a motion to appoint Mayor Listowski to the Wharves Board, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee-District 3: Council Member Brown made a motion to appoint Ashley Ross to the committee, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

12.C Discuss and consider appointments to Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) boards and committees:

1. General Assembly and Board of Directors
2. Transportation Policy Council

Council Member Rawlins made a motion to appoint (1) Council Member Hardcastle as Member of the General Assembly and Board of Directors, and (2) Council Member Porretto as Member and Council Member Brown as alternate of the Transportation Policy Council. Mayor Listowski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

13.A Refund Texas A&M University Galveston \$111,391.42 for erroneously billed and collected sewer utility services. (C. Ludanyi)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: June 25, 2026