

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 23, 2026**

4/23/2026 - 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

Rev. Dr. Stephen Bradley - UTMB Pastoral Care Department

The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Stephen Bradley of UTMB Pastoral Care Department.

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

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. Cedar Lawn Subdivision Centennial Year
 - b. National Safe Boating Week
 - c. Fair Housing Month
 - d. Municipal Clerks Week
4. Reminders regarding City Council events
5. Reminders regarding community events
6. Health and safety announcements

- **The Mayor and Council expressed condolences on the passing of community leader Victor Fertitta and recognized his longstanding contributions to Galveston through civic service, business leadership, and community involvement.**
- **Council Member Brown recognized the Mayor during his final regular City Council meeting, thanking him for his leadership and service to the City. The Mayor reflected on his time in office, expressed appreciation to the community and City staff, and noted that the May 13 canvassing meeting would include the installation of newly elected Council Members.**
- **Council Members shared community announcements, including early voting information, senior activities at Wright Cuney Park, a West Galveston property owners meeting, and recognition of District 1 resident J.D. Monroe's 100th birthday.**
- **Proclamations were presented recognizing the Cedar Lawn Subdivision Centennial Year, National Safe Boating Week, Fair Housing Month, J.D. Monroe's 100th birthday, and Municipal Clerks Week.**
- **The Mayor and Council recognized the City Secretary's Office for their professionalism, transparency, and public service.**

6.B Present the investment report for quarter ended March 31, 2026 as part of the City Manager's report. (C. Ludanyi)

Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi presented the investment report for quarter ended March 31, 2026.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 26-018 Lonnie G Meador; 26-019 Blanche Moreno; 26-020 Larry Furguson; 26-021 Ryan Bonner; 26-022 The Bryan Museum

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 1813 24th Street, As A "Galveston Landmark", Property Is Legally Described As Eanes Subdivision (2013), Lot 5, Acres 0.256, 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 The Central Appraisal District, And The Official Zoning Maps Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 26P-012; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 26-017 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Council Member Finklea made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

8.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Granting A Variance Pursuant To Section 4-1 "Sales Near Schools, Churches Or Hospitals" Of "The Code Of The City Of Galveston, 1982 As Amended" And In Accordance With Section 109.33(E) Of The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code; Regarding The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages On Property Located At 2525 Jones Drive; Which Is Legally Described As "Abstract 121, 80 Assorted Lots (Airport), Trimble & Lindsey, Section 1, In The City And County Of Galveston Texas And Which Is Located Within Three Hundred Feet Of A School, Church, Or Hospital; Planning Case Number 26 Plm-00115; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 26-018 was read by caption. Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Applicant Bo Yarbrough spoke in favor of the variance. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

9.A Agenda Items

Raymond Arce, Katherine Galindo, Joe Jaworski, Alyson Poston, Jonathan Tromm, Justin Tucker, Sandra Berry, and Nancy Hite commented on Item 12B.

9.B Non-Agenda Items

- **Lynn Thompson; Shane McKinney and granddaughters - commented on the Discovery Sands development.**
- **Lisa Collins commented on Ken's Towing Company.**

10. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

10.A Consider for Approval renewing an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, Amending Chapter 26 "Parks and Recreation" of "The Code of the City of Galveston 1982, as amended," Article IV "Youth Services Standards of Care" and sections thereunder; adopting the Youth Services Standards of Care for 2026, thereby defining minimum standards of care by which the City of Galveston and its Recreation Department will operate the City's youth recreational programs; providing for an annual review and re-adoption date thereafter; making various finding and provisions related to the subject. (B. Sanderson)

Ordinance No. 26-019 was read by caption. Barbara Sanderson provided staff comments. Mayor Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Finklea 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 11DD, excluding Item 11K, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

- 11.A Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Amended Interlocal Agreement For The Fees Associated With The Provision Of Tax Assessment And Collection Services Performed By The Galveston County Tax Assessor; Amending The Per Parcel Rates Beginning As For The Year 2026; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date.

Resolution No. 26-017

- 11.B Consider for approval Minutes of the February 26, 2026 Workshop and Regular Meeting and the March 26, 2026 Workshop and Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)
- 11.C Consider for approval the ratification of the repairs required to remove and replace the exterior sheet metal and insulation on the hangar door at Hangar 70, for a final amount of \$16,078.00, with JC Roofing and Painting Inc. (M. Shahan).
- 11.D Consider for approval the ratification of the emergency repairs to remove and replace the existing condenser unit at the Airport Terminal with a new one featuring a Heresite Coating, for the quoted amount of \$33,794 by Bud Griffin Associates, the contracted service provider for this system (M. Shahan).
- 11.E Consider for approval a resolution designating authorized signatories for the City's Comprehensive 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 Wroblewski)

Resolution No. 26-018

- 11.F Consider for approval an expenditure of \$32,032 for the lowest quote from Coffman Associates to develop an Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance, upon final approval by the City Attorney (M. Shahan).
- 11.G Consider for approval, ratification of the emergency repairs required to remove and replace the electrical DC generator on the elevator at City Hall in the contract amount of \$84,583.15 with Schindler Elevator Corp. utilizing contract CON-COG-CON 25-410, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (C.Kenworthy)
- 11.H Consider for the issuance of Task Order #6 to Plexos Group, LLC for the Grant Administration Services related to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization (CDR) Grant under the Resilient

Communities Program (RCP) in the amount of \$24,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. (T Wroblewski)

- 11.I Consider for approval the purchase of ammunition to replenish necessary stock. (D. Balli)
- 11.J Consider for approval to receive seven sets of enhanced protection armored plates for the designated SWAT operators valued at \$28,060.00, gifted to the Galveston Police Department by the Galveston Community Police Foundation. (D. Balli)
- 11.K Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Approving An Interlocal Agreement With The Texas Department Of Transportation ("TxDOT") Whereby The City Of Galveston Will Provide Galveston Police Officers For Law Enforcement And Traffic Control Operations On Ferry Road And At The Galveston Ferry Landing; Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Interlocal Agreement; Directing The City Secretary To Send A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To The Texas Department Of Transportation; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (D. Balli)

Mayor Brown made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-019, with a vehicle rate of \$22.91 per hour, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

- 11.L Consider for approval to receive a four-horse gooseneck trailer for the mounted unit with an estimated value of \$42,000.00, gifted to the Galveston Police Department by the Galveston Community Police Foundation. (D. Balli)
- 11.M Consider for approval Change Order #3 to the contract with Industrial TX Corporation for the Pirates Beach WWTP Replacement, Lift Station #35 Replacement, & Lift Station #47 Pump Replacement project (RFP 23-10) resulting in savings to not-to-exceed contract by \$1,678,130.33 for project close out. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)
- 11.N Consider for approval, renewing a lease agreement with Mr. Jeff Antonelli for leased office space located at 2508 Ball Street for an initial term of (1) one year, with a (1) one year auto-renewal authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease upon final approval from the City Attorney. (C. Kenworthy)
- 11.O Consider for approval the authorization to renew the subscription and premium support agreement on the City's primary data center backup solution authorizing payment to Centre Technologies for a total cost of \$64,681.91 utilizing DIR-CPO-5687 contract. (H. Dean)
- 11.P Consider for approval authorizing the city manager to renew the purchase of a

Cisco Duo Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) solution from Centre Technologies utilizing DIR CPO 4857 for a one year term for a cost up to \$34,200 annually. (H. Dean)

11.Q Consider approving the purchase of Netmotion licenses from MobileWireless, LLC utilizing DIR-CPO-5848 for a one (1) year term for a total cost of \$ 25,420. (H. Dean)

11.R Consider approval of the award of RFP 26-05 Financial Advisory Services to Hilltop Securities Inc. for a three-year contract, with two automatic one-year renewals. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the contracts upon final approval by the City Attorney. (C. Ludanyi)

11.S Consider for the issuance of contract to EFI Global Inc. for the preparation of a Phase II ESA related to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) for the 59th Street Water Storage Tank Replacement in the amount of \$35,400.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.(T Wroblewski)

11.T Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$10,250.00 from Mrs Barbara and Mr. Dominick Sasser, for Kawasaki Mule 4010 EPS, a 6' x 10' trailer, and an additional \$1,000.00 for maintenance costs, to be used at all City parks and athletic fields. (B.Sanderson)

11.U Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$979.00 from Better Parks for Galveston, for a Pizza and Ice Cream Social at Wright Cuney Recreation and supplies and activity funding for an Easter Egg Hunt at Seawolf Park. (B. Sanderson)

11.V Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation valued at \$15,000.00 from Better Parks for Galveston, for the relocation of twenty-five (25) palm trees at Jones Park. (B.Sanderson)

11.W Consider for approval an agreement with Vision Galveston (VG) for capital improvements at Jones Park, authorizing the City Manager to sign any required documents upon final approval of the City Attorney. (B. Sanderson)

11.X Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Of Galveston Authorizing The City To Apply Directing Staff To File All Necessary Documents And Supporting Materials In Application For A Fiscal Year 2027 Sb 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Via The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA); Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Required Documents For The Grant Program; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (D. Balli)

Resolution No. 26-020

- 11.Y Consider for approval awarding the three (3) year contract (COG-CON-23-208) for landscaping services for the Water Supply, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Collection Divisions to Beach Town Lawn Service in the amount of \$126,181.28 per year. Furthermore, please consider for approval ratifying the expenditure associated with the contract for fiscal years (FY) 2024 and 2025. 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.Z Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five (5) year contract with Galveston Beach Band, Inc., the lone submittal for RFP 26-14, for eleven (11) annual concerts from June to August known as the "Summer Band Concert Series" for an amount of \$42,207.00 annually (\$3,837.00 per date), for a total of \$211,035.00 over five years, with final approval by the City Attorney. (B. Sanderson)
- 11.AA Consider for the approval of the auto parts supply contracts to the responding bidders that conformed to the specifications in Bid #26-04; English Color and Russel Smith Wholesale and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contracts upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.BB Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Acknowledging The Communication From The Public Utility Commission Of The State Of Texas Related To The Increase Of Maximum Access Line Rates; Accepting The Increase Calculated By The Commission; Providing For Findings Of Fact And For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Resolution No. 26-021

- 11.CC Consider for the approval of the purchase of two (2) new street sweepers for the Streets Department to be purchased from Heil of Texas through the HGAC Buy Co-op (SW04-26) for a total price of \$608,773 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the agreement upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D. Smith)
- 11.DD Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Suspending The May 9, 2026, Effective Date Of The Proposal By Texas Gas Service Company, A Division Of One Gas, Inc. – Central-Gulf Service Area, To Implement Interim Grip Rate Adjustments For Gas Utility Investment In 2025; Directing The City Secretary To Forward A Certified Copy Of This Resolution To Tgs And To Legal Counsel; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (Legal)

Resolution No. 26-023

12. ACTION ITEMS

- 12.A Discuss and consider the following appointments to City boards, commissions,

and committees:

1. Ethics Commission - Districts 4, 5, and 6
2. Zoning Board of Adjustment
3. Police Pension Fund

Ethics Commission - Council Member Porretto made a motion to appoint nominees Constance Patterson and Mike O'Reilly, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

- 12.B Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston To Accept Conveyance Of The Site Known As The Former Rosenberg Elementary School From Galveston Independent School District Pursuant To Texas Local Government Code Section 272.001(L), For Use As A City Park; Directing City Management To Prepare And Execute The Necessary Documents To Perfect The Conveyance; Providing For Findings Of Fact And Providing For An Effective Date. (B. Brown/c. Brown)

Mayor Pro Tem Robb made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-022, with Council Member Rawlins seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

- 12.C Discuss and consider for action directing the City Manager execute the participation and release form for the Six Remnant Defendants settlement agreement regarding opioid litigation upon approval by the City Attorney. (Legal)

Mayor Brown made a motion directing the City Manager to execute the participation and release form for the six remnant defendant settlement agreement regarding opioid litigation for participation regarding the opioid settlement as discussed in executive session, with Mayor Pro Tem Robb seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: May 28, 2026