MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 25, 2026

6/25/2026 - 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 Michael Niebuhr, and Council Member Jason Hardcastle.

3. INVOCATION

   Chaplain Catherine Vance - Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

The invocation was given by Chaplain Catherine Vance of Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County.

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. Galveston Fire Department Certificate of Recognition
   4. Reminders regarding City Council events
   5. Reminders regarding community events
   6. Health and safety announcements

Galveston Fire Department Certificate of Recognition - City Manager Brian Maxwell and the City Council recognized members of the Galveston Fire Department for their swift action and dedication to public safety during the rescue operation when eight students

attending a senior class gathering became stranded after the Iron Shark Roller Coaster at the Galveston Historic Pleasure Pier malfunctioned during its initial ascent. The firefighters recognized were Captain John Farrington, Engineers James Kaufman and Dustin Burnett, Firefighters Chris Young, Zafrino Pena, and Gerardo Solis, with Battalion Chefs William Roy and Jared Hunt also acknowledged for their leadership. Chief Varela was there throughout the incident as well.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7.A 26-029 Leah Kent; 26-030 Ron Sutton; 26-031 Gwendolyn Charles; 26-032 Randy E Martin; 26-033 Linda Graham; 26-034 Monique Riggs; 26-035 Lourenco S Paz; 26-036 Craig Augustine; 26-037 Ashley N. Rideaux Parker; 26-038 Joseph Brown

8. ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Listowski made a motion nominating Council Member Sharon Lewis as Mayor Pro Tem, with Council Member Hardcastle seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.A Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 1811 20th Street, As A “Galveston Landmark”, Property Is Legally Described As Abstract 628, M. B. Menard Survey, Lot 2, Maxwell Corner, Part Of Lot 7, Southwest Block 69, 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 The Central Appraisal District, And The Official Zoning Maps Of The City Of Galveston, Texas; Designating The Site As A Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Planning Case Number 26P-024; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 26-027 was read by caption. Assistant Director Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Owner Paul Church spoke in favor of the landmark designation. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9.B Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 2922 Bernardo De Galvez / Avenue P, As A “Galveston Landmark”, Property Is Legally Described As M.B. Menard Survey, West ½ Of Lot 12 & East ½ Of Lot 13 (3012-1), Southeast Block 64, 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 The Central Appraisal District, And The Official Zoning Maps Of The City Of Galveston, Texas;

Designating The Site As A Historically Or Archeological Significant Site In Need Of Tax Relief To Encourage Its Preservation; Planning Case Number 26P-019; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject (D. Lunsford)

Ordinance No. 26-028 was read by caption. Staff member Daniel Lunsford provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments from the public. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9.C Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Designating The Property Located At 1616 Broadway / Avenue J, As A "Galveston Landmark", Property Is Legally Described As Abstract 628, M. B. Menard Survey, Lot 11 And West Portion Of Lot 10, Block 196, 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-026; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (C. Gorman)

Ordinance No. 26-029 was read by caption. Assistant Director Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Applicant Christine Glover spoke in favor of the landmark designation. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Niebuhr seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9.D Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Abandoning Approximately 11,265 Square Feet Of Right-Of-Way. The Commonly Known Address Is Adjacent To 10302 Seawall Boulevard; The Adjacent Property Is Legally Described As Hall And Jones Survey, Part Of Lots 344, 345, 360, 361, And 362 (344-1), Trimble & Lindsey, Section 1; In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas; Planning Case Number 26P-011; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject. (D. Lunsford)

Ordinance No. 26-030 was read by caption. Staff member Daniel Lunsford provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Applicant Mohamed Eldawy spoke in favor of the abandonment. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Hardcastle seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

9.E

Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Creating A Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Zoning District In A Zoned Residential, Single-Family, Historic District (R-3-H) Zoning District, In Order To Use The Property As An "Office" Land Use On Property Commonly Known As, 902 16th Street, And Which Is Legally Described As M. B. Menard Survey, Lots 1 And 2, Block 195, In The City And County Of Galveston, Texas;

Planning Case Number 26P-021; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (C. Gorman)

The Ordinance was read by caption. Assistant Director Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. The public hearing was opened. Christine Glover spoke in opposition of the PUD. The public hearing was closed. Council Member Brown made a motion to deny the PUD, with Council Member Taylor seconding the motion. The denial was unanimously approved.

9.F 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)

Ordinance No. 26-032 was read by caption. Assistant Director Catherine Gorman provided staff comments. Developer Jeff Blackard provided a detailed overview of the Discovery Sands Project. The public hearing was opened. The following individuals spoke in opposition of the PUD: Kyle Vardeman, Ron Wooten, Jenny Elskes, Ty Buthod, Oscar Gonzalez, Terrie Farmer, Trisha Wooten, Shareen Quintero, Gabriela Estrada, Heather Owens, Emily Evans, Theresa Elliott, Aaron Renick, Marci Kurtz Hoffman, Sara Hancock, Kim Hyatt, Sydney Fanning, Shawn Perche, Sarah Burgess, Dave Hedgepeth, Joanie Steinhaus, Melissa Joseph, Christopher Alan, Jacob Hupp, Sandi Schreib, Sasha Francis, Dayna Traylor Baldwin, Alenka Cardenas, Suzie Hinsdale, and Jeffrey Hill. Captain Scott Hickman spoke in favor of the PUD. The public hearing was closed.

City Council took a five minute break at 7:46 p.m.

Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the PUD with conditions that there is a fund to maintain the conservation area, archaeological coordination, and removal of the off-premise signs within 30 days of approval of the PUD. Council Member Hardcastle seconded the motion. In favor: Listowski, Taylor, Porretto, and Hardcastle. In opposition: Lewis, Brown, and Niebuhr. The motion passed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

10.A Agenda Items

10.B Non-Agenda Items

Jordan Kanove commented on modernizing personal watercraft provisions; Reverend Lawson commented on an ARP reimbursement; and Tanya Applin Norwood commented on Juneteenth events.

11. ORDINANCES (NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS)

11.A Consider for action an ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, adopting the homestead, elderly, and disabled ad valorem tax exemptions for Tax Year 2026, pursuant to Chapter 33, Section 33-24 of the Code of the City of Galveston 1982, as amended; maintaining the minimum homestead exemption of $60,000 or 20% of the appraised value whichever is larger; maintaining the additional exemption in the amount of $15,000 be available for those age 65 and older; maintaining the additional exemption of $10,000 for those who are disabled; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date. (C. Ludanyi)

Ordinance No. 26-031 was read by caption. Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi provided staff comments. Council Member Porretto made a motion to approve the ordinance, with Mayor Pro Tem Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

12. 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 Taylor made a motion to approve all Consent Items, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

12.A Consider for approval the City Auditor's Office CMS2025-2 Public Works P-card Audit Report. (G. Bulgherini)

12.B Consider the approval of a three (3) year contract with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one-year terms with PayByPhone to provide pay to park options using a smartphone or other electronic device at Seawall, Downtown, and UTMB locations. (Heather Morris)

12.C Consider for approval to utilize the Pearland Police Department Basic Peace Officer Academy. (D. Balli)

12.D Consider for approval to enter an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston, which will allow the Galveston Police Department the opportunity to be reimbursed for any overtime incurred while providing law enforcement services as mutual aid requested by the Houston Police Department. (D. Balli)

Resolution No. 26-032

12.E Consider approval of a contract with M.K. Painting, Inc. for the construction of the UTMB Elevated Storage Tank (EST) Rehabilitation project in the amount of $2,999,880.00; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

12.F Consider approving the purchase of Urban SDK, a geospatial AI solution centered around traffic speed and volumes using Sourcewell contract number 060624-VTO with Vertosoft, LLC. through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative in the amount of $26,302.67. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

12.G Approve the granting of an Aerial Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement to CenterPoint Energy from the City of Galveston for implementing improved electric facilities located along the FM3005 Frontage of the City of Galveston's Isla Del Sol Elevated Storage Tank site; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (R Winiecke)

12.H Consider for approval payment of shared expenses towards maintenance of the Old Galveston Causeway during FY2026 in accordance with the "Agreement for Renovation and Future Maintenance of Old Galveston Causeway (11/2002)" and the "First Amendment to Agreement (05/2010) to BNSF Railroad Company, Invoice No. 90301679, dated 05/12/2026, in the amount of $115,822.06. (R Winiecke)

12.I Consider for approval authorizing the City Manager to approve an expenditure of $89,735.50 to purchase 35 Lumacurve Airfield Guidance Signs from Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #110122-HLA, upon final approval by the City Attorney (M. Shahan).

12.J Consider for approval a resolution and interlocal agreement between the City of Galveston and the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool to provide group critical illness coverage for Galveston firefighters and peace officers who have retired after January 1, 2026, as mandated by state law.(R.Jones)

Resolution No. 26-033

12.K Consider For Approval A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Seeking Financial Assistance And Supporting A Grant Application To The Texas Water Development Board For The East End Elevated Storage Tank And Water Transmission Main Project; Authorizing The City Manager Or His Designee To Submit All Required Grant Applications, Information And Data To Support Same; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject; And Providing For An Effective Date. (R Winiecke)

Resolution No. 26-031

12.L Consider for approval a resolution and interlocal agreement between The City of Galveston's Parks and Recreation Department and the Galveston County Department of Parks and Cultural Services for the City to provide congregate lunch meal services for eligible participants. (M. Pierce)

Resolution No. 26-030

12.M Consider for Approval the acceptance of a donation of $1,000.00 from Mr. Steve Greenburg, for future landscaping at a City park or right-of-way. (M. Pierce)

12.N Consider for the approval allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase the listed rolling stock (two service SUVs) and associated equipment for the COAST program, from Caldwell Country Chevrolet utilizing the Buy Board co-op, for a total price of $134,340 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval from the City Attorney. The funding will be supported by an Opioids Abatement Settlement Fund. (D. Smith)

12.O Consider for the approval of the change order increase of $58,294 to the previously approved purchase of eleven police patrol units from Caldwell Country Chevrolet through the Buy Board Co-op agreement. The original purchase order was for $809,274 which will now be increased to $867,568 which is a 7.2% increase. The reasoning is for the exchange of police Utility Rocket systems. (D. Smith)

12.P Consider for the approval allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase the listed rolling stock (one cargo box trailer) and associated equipment for Municipal Utilities, from King Ranch AG & TURF utilizing the Buy Board co-op, for a total price of $18,600 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval from the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

12.Q Consider for the approval allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase the listed rolling stock (three HD service trucks) and associated equipment for Municipal Utilities, from Sames Chevrolet (Government Sales) utilizing the TIPPS co-op, for a total price of $240,960 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval from the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

12.R Consider for the approval allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase the listed rolling stock (one Tele-Skid Loader) and associated equipment for Municipal Utilities, from JCB - Monk utilizing the Buy Board co-op, for a total price of $111,339 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval from the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

12.S Consider for the approval allowing the Fleet Facility to purchase the listed rolling stock (two HD tilt trailers) and associated equipment for Municipal Utilities, from Doggett / Trail King, utilizing the Sourcewell co-op, for a total price of $39,000 and authorize the City Managers staff to execute the contract upon final approval from the City Attorney. (D. Smith)

12.T Consider for approval Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Special Meeting and the May 28, 2026 Workshop and Regular Meeting. (J. Williams)

12.U Consider for approval awarding RFP# 26-17 to the most capable and economical proposer, R. Alden Marshall & Associates LLC. in the contract amount of $121,316.80 for the restoration of the Texas Heroes Monument authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney. (G. Garcia)

12.V Consider for approval the use of BuyBoard Contract No. 770-25 for the purchase of two 4.7 HP Submersible Pumps from Zone Industries in the amount of $16,472.00. 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)

12.W Consider for approval the use of the cooperative purchasing contract through Sourcewell Contract # 120324-SFR, for the purchase of garbage carts from Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC in the amount of $45,2190. Authorizing City Manager to execute all necessary documents upon final approval by the City Attorney. (D Bender)

12.X Consider for approval amending COG-CON-25-479 for video streaming services for City Council and various other city board meetings with Granicus, LLC, utilizing TIPS Contract #220105, amending the contract, to increase the overall contract by $3,516.72, to provide additional annual equipment support through July 2028, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents upon review and approval of the City Attorney. (M. Barnett)

12.Y Consider for approval the ratification of the emergency purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) equipment for the City's primary data center to ensure continued operation of critical technology infrastructure in the amount of $28,576.50. (H. Dean)

12.Z Consider for approval the purchase of thirty (30) sections of Fire Hose from Metro Fire utilizing Buyboard Contract #798-26, for $17,580.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract upon final approval by the City Attorney. (M. Varela)

12.AA Consider for approval ratification of an emergency purchase for rental blowers through Atlas
Copco for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), in the amount of $120,600.00.
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)

12.BB Please consider for approval the use of BuyBoard Contract No. 770-25 for the purchase of
materials and installation services from Smith Pump Company, in the amount of $51,085.00 for
a new booster pump at the 30th Street Pump Station. 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.CC Consider approval payment to Lexipol, LLC for the annual renewal of the Police Department's Rules and Regulations Policy Manual Update with Daily Training Bulletins, in the amount of $31,568.65. (D. Balli)

13. ACTION ITEMS

13.A Discuss and consider appointments to the following City Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

1. Industrial Development Corporation
2. Park Board of Trustees
3. TIRZ 13
4. Wharves Real Estate Committee

1. **Industrial Development Corporation - Council Member Porretto made a motion nominating Mayor Listowski, Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, Council Member Porretto, Council Member Hardcastle, Gerald Wilson representing the Park Board of Trustees, Joe Rozier representing GEDP, and Keith Bassett representing the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Brown seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
2. **Park Board of Trustees - Mayor Listowski made a motion nominating Kimberly Gaido, Bill Clement, Robert Quintero, and Carlos Guerra, with Council Member Brown seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.**
3. **TIRZ 13 - no action.**
4. **Wharves Board Real Estate Committee - Council Member Brown made a motion nominating Council Members Brown and Niebuhr and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, with Mayor Listowski seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.**

13.B Discuss and consider Ex Officio appointments to the following City Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

1. Airport Advisory Committee
2. Arts Development Commission
3. Finance, Fiscal Affairs and Investment Committee

4. Galveston Housing Finance Corp/Galveston Property Finance Authority
5. Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority
6. Landmark Commission
7. Park Board of Trustees
8. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
9. Planning Commission
10. Sister Cities Program Committee
11. Tree Committee
12. Zoning Board of Adjustments

Mayor Listowski made a motion to approve the following Ex Officio appointments, with Council Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

1. **Airport Advisory Committee - Hardcastle**
2. **Arts Development Commission - Porretto**
3. **Finance, Fiscal Affairs and Investment Committee - Hardcastle**
4. **Galveston Housing Finance Corp/Galveston Property Finance Authority - Brown**
5. **Galveston Island Redevelopment Authority - Hardcastle**
6. **Landmark Commission - Lewis**
7. **Park Board of Trustees - Brown**
8. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Niebuhr**
9. **Planning Commission - Taylor**
10. **Sister Cities Program Committee Lewis**
11. **Tree Committee - Lewis**
12. **Zoning Board of Adjustments - Porretto**

14. RECEIVE AND FILE (Non-Action Items)

14.A Galveston County Emergency Communication District FY2024 Annual Audit

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Janelle Williams

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