

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Judy Ryerson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were Councilmembers Judy Ryerson, Samuel Henderson and Michele King; Vice Mayor Robert Worthington; Mayor Michael J. Yakes, Interim City Manager James O'Reilly; City Attorney Timothy Driscoll and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

Presentation:

Representative Rick Kriseman: Local Government Energy Retrofit Program. Representative Kriseman advised Council he was appearing before them not in his capacity as a State Representation. Mr. Kriseman provided a PowerPoint presentation on a Local Government Energy Retrofit Program. It was the consensus of Council to ask Interim City Manager O'Reilly to meet with Mr. Kriseman to gather additional information for Council on this Program.

1. Public Session.

Marjory Milford, 2845 Skimmer Point Drive, thanked Council for the ability to watch their meetings on television, thanked the Chamber and the Council for the Concert on the Beach, and she was pleased Council was meeting next week to talk about having a full-time attorney.

Mark Epstein, 4803 29th Avenue South, spoke on the need for a full-time City Attorney.

Margarete Tober, 1513-59th Street South, thanked those who put the Concert together and felt it was fabulous. Ms. Tober read and provided copies of a statement which she asked be entered into the public record, attached.

Lee Stapella, 3025 York Street South, asked why some meetings held by the City were in the sunshine, and the Budget Committee was not. Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the differences, and that the Budget Committee made no recommendations. The Committee was merely a fact find group to assist him in making decisions.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Freemont Street South, spoke on the condition of the showers at the beach and the need for clean-up and repairs. He commented on Mr. Kriseman's presentation and hoped the consulting and financing would be subject to a request for proposals.

2. City Managers Report.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly confirmed with Council the following meeting dates and times: Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting to discuss City Attorney position; Thursday, June 25, 2:00 p.m. Regular Workshop; Monday, July 13 and Monday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. Budget Workshops, and Thursday, July 23, at 2:00 p.m. Regular Workshop, rescheduled from July 30.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly advised Council he has received a request from the residents of Upton Street to close the street for their annual 4th of July celebration, there was no objections from Council, and in response to a question to Council there was a consensus to have Councilmember King act as the Master of Ceremonies during the 4th of July Parade.

3. Resolutions:

- a. 2009-62, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew the Sewer System Repair Contract with J.T.V., Inc. for an additional period of two years; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-62 by title only.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened for Public Discussion. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone wishing to speak, the Public Discussion was closed.

Motion by Councilmember King, seconded by Vice Mayor Worthington to approve Resolution 2009-62.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER RYERSON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
	VICE MAYOR WORTHINGTON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
	MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. 2009-63, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew the Storm Sewer System Televising, Cleaning and Repair Contract with J.T.V., Inc. for an additional period of two years; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-63 by title only.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened for Public Discussion. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone wishing to speak, the Public Discussion was closed.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 2009-63.

Councilmember Ryerson commented that the City had previously tried to do this in-house, but it is more cost effective to have an outside vendor take care of this. In response to a question by Councilmember Ryerson, Don Sopak, Public Works Director, stated the maintenance inspection on Wood Ibis Park was due in another year.

Vice Mayor Worthington thanked Public Works Director Sopak for the replacement of the catch basin at 17th and 58th.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER RYERSON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
	VICE MAYOR WORTHINGTON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
	MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

c. 2009-64, A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, creating an Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) for the North East Corridor and other commercial areas of the City not located within the Waterfront Redevelopment District; providing membership, qualifications, appointments and terms of office for Committee Members; providing for rules, regulations and meeting procedures; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-64 by title only.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened for Public Discussion.

Jim Greenwald, 4747 Tradewinds Drive, questioned Council's forming of another committee, and spoke on his feeling that Council does not listen to the recommendations of these committees. Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained no new committee is being created.

Mark Epstein, 4803 29th Avenue South, disagreed on how these Committees are treated by Council, as he has found the Council always to listen. Mr. Epstein asked that the appointment of new EDAC members be as broad as possible.

Margarete Tober, 1513 59th Street South, asked the Council to read the documentation the committee provides, to listen to them, and try to consider or implement some of their ideas.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the Public Discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember King to approve Resolution 2009-64.

Vice Mayor Worthington mentioned that the greenery along 49th Street and the Blues Festival came from the EDAC. He felt, in the past, the communications between the committees and the Council was not good, but he believed this was going to change.

Councilmember King noted that the appointments are very broad. The only criteria for members are to be residents of the City.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILMEMBER RYERSON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
	VICE MAYOR WORTHINGTON	YES
	COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
	MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

4. New Business.

Councilmember Ryerson commented on the Flag Burning Ceremony at Veteran's Park, and spoke on the July 4th Celebration.

Councilmember Henderson wanted to be sure the Council would be able to make their vote on a full-time/part-time City Attorney at the June 23rd Meeting, he asked that Council discuss at the June 25 Workshop the possibility of charging out-of-town residents for use of the beach pavilion, there was no objection from Council, he asked that at the next Council Meeting they vote on a change of the speed zone in the Tomlinson Park area, he mentioned that he and Interim City Manager O'Reilly are comparing the St. Petersburg fertilize ordinance to the City's, and asked the Council to discuss a requirement to have residents have a minimum size address labeling for EMS. Councilmember Henderson advised Council there is a Youth Art Corps under the umbrella of Family Resources of Pinellas County who would like to partner with the City to build a community garden on Preston Avenue.

Vice Mayor Worthington advised there is an existing minimum of three inch reflective lettering. Councilmember Henderson said the recommendation is to go to four inch lettering.

Mayor Yakes asked to be excused, and requested Vice Mayor Worthington to run the meeting while he took an emergency call.

Councilmember Henderson reminded everyone about the amnesty on yard sale permits, and the free trolley on the weekends.

Vice Mayor Worthington reported the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council voted unanimously to support the City of Gulfport's Mooring Field Project and he had been appointed by the Agency on Bay Management to the Natural Resource and Environmental Impact Review Committee. Vice Mayor Worthington advised Council of his concerns of boats that are no longer in use and people not knowing how to get rid of them. Other areas have created amnesty programs for people to turn in their boats and he would like to research this further with the help of Staff. Councilmember King commented there are a number of youth organizations which will take these boats. She had no problem with further research, but was not sure there is a need for an additional program.

Councilmember King complimented the Chamber for putting on the concert last Friday. She discussed the Community Garden and asked for a consensus from Council to put this on the next Council Meeting, there were no objections, and commented on the Special Meeting of June 23.

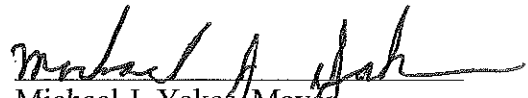
Mayor Yakes reminded everyone of the Town Meeting at the Senior Center on June 18, he reviewed a group from Englewood's visit to the City, he spoke on the Heart Gallery event which was held at the Theater, and commented on the need to address the issue on the abundance of stray cats.

Councilmember Henderson spoke of a person who may be able to help the City with the spaying and neutering of cats, and Mayor Yakes asked that he provide this information to the Interim City Manager.

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, seconded by Councilmember Ryerson to adjourn.

Date Approved: 7-7-09


Michael J. Yakes, Mayor


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk