

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2009

City Hall

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 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 Samuel Henderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Presentation:

Jeri Reed, Gulfport Crime Awareness Program.

Jeri Reed, 5213 11th Avenue South, provided an update on the City's Crime Awareness Program and invited Council to attend a Neighborhood Watch brunch Saturday, July 18 in the Marina District.

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Operating Budget.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly presented the proposed 2009/2010 Operating Budget. The proposed budget maintains the existing millage rate, there is no reduction in City services and there are no anticipated layoffs of employees.

1. Public Session.

Rosalee Barbari, Town Shores, thanked Council and Staff for a fantastic July 4th celebration.

Gerry O'Regan, 4811 Coronado Way South, spoke on the City taking a proactive look at going green and Representative Kriseman presentation to Council on the use of his company to provide this service.

Janet Schaffer, 2405 York Street, expressed her concerns about the appearance of properties on her street and others, and offered to volunteer to help the City in its code enforcement efforts.

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Meetings of June 2, 2009, June 16, 2009, and June 23, 2009.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember King to approve the minutes of June 2, 2009, June 16, 2009 and June 23, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. City Managers Report.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly advised Council he received a request from the R. W. Caldwell family to have a memorial service within Caldwell Park on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 10 a.m. and asked for a consensus of Council to close 13th Avenue between 62nd Street and 64th Streets during the service. There were no objections from Council.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly advised Council he will be scheduling at the July 23 Workshop, discussion of a golf cart ordinance and a pavilion reservation policy. Mayor Yakes requested Staff look into whether a golf cart is allowed to pull a passenger tram. In response to a question by Councilmember Henderson on the operation of golf carts only by licensed drivers, Interim Chief Coombs explained the Police Department is reviewing the driving requirement rules and will be presenting this information to Council.

4. Resolutions:

- a. 2009-65, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, providing for a proposed millage rate for ad valorem tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 at a rate not to exceed 3.855 mills or \$3.855 per \$1,000 of assessed property value; providing for public hearing dates; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-65 by title only.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the proposed budget provides for funding at a 3.4742 millage rate. The tentative millage rate being proposed is 3.855 which will provide Council the opportunity, if they elected during the budget review process, to add a service or project.

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

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution 2009-65.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2009-66, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, designating a member of City Council to serve as the City's Voting Delegate at the Florida League of Cities Annual Business Meeting; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-66 by title only.

Councilmember Henderson nominated Mayor Yakes. There were no other nominations.

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

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 2009-66 selecting Mayor Mike Yakes as the Voting Delegate.

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

MOTION CARRIED

c. 2009-67, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee; providing for terms of appointment; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-67 by title only.

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

The following nominations were made: Councilmember Henderson, David T. Johnson; Vice Mayor Worthington, Mary Stull; Councilmember King, Deb Taylor; Councilmember Ryerson, Mickey Vaughn; and Mayor Yakes, Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution 2009-67 with the aforementioned individuals.

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

MOTION CARRIED

d. 2009-68, **A Resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Facility Use Agreement with the 49th Street South Business Association and Family Resources, Inc.; providing for the use of City property for a community garden; providing for criteria and conditions; providing for the suspension of sections of the City Code of Ordinances; and providing for an effective date.**

The City Clerk read Resolution 2009-68 by title only.

Interim City Manager O'Reilly explained the Resolution provides an opportunity for the City to develop a community garden on vacant City property on Preston Avenue. The garden will be a joint venture between the 49th Street Business Association and Family Youth Resources.

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

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution 2009-68.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. New Business.

Councilmember Henderson stated he looked into the issue of the use of bikes in the skateboard park and there is a structural issue as the park was not designed to support bicycles. He thought a recent suggestion of a Frisbee golf course in the Tangerine Greenway was great idea, but he did not feel there is a location within Gulfport to do this. Councilmember Henderson invited the African-American Community to participate in City Council meetings.

Vice Mayor Worthington spoke on the compliments he received on the 4th of July celebration and a request to recognize the City staff who worked so hard to put this event together. It was the consensus of Council to ask Interim City Manager O'Reilly to recognize those City employees. Vice Mayor Worthington provided Council copies of Boat USA Magazine which contained an article on Gulfport.

Councilmember King commented that the 4th of July celebration was a success, and reminded everyone of the FEMA meeting at the Casino on July 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Ryerson reiterated the 4th of July compliments and mentioned that there was not a lot of police overtime paid that day as the CERT Team was volunteering. She urged residents in Ward 1 to attend the FEMA meeting.

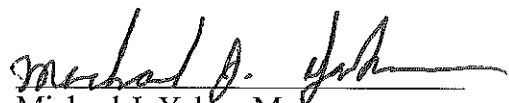
Mayor Yakes commented on the need to attend the FEMA meeting, the danger of take home fireworks, and the need for signs in the City's right-of-ways to be functional and effective.

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember Henderson to adjourn.

Date Approved: 8-4-2009


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk


Michael J. Yakes, Mayor