

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 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 Michele King followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Presentations:

Holiday Decoration Winners – Mayor Yakes announced the winners of the decorating contest: Mark Dulabaum, General Theme; and Yummy's, Commercial Theme. Award certificates were presented.

Repower America Program: Lance Orchid, Florida State Director of Repower American, spoke on the Repower America Program. Councilmember King spoke on the showing of "The Age of Stupid" being held on February 24, in the Catherine Hickman Theater.

Pinellas County Planning Council – Consistency Report: David Healy, Executive Director of the Pinellas Planning Council, spoke on a resolution which was issued finding the City consistent with the Countywide Plan.

1. Public Session.

Dotty Bellefleur, 2652 44th Street S., asked what product the City is using as its bio-fuel, where we get it, if we knew how it is produced, and what is its cost compared to gasoline.

Al Davis, 2790 45th Street S., spoke on and provided copies of an article in the St. Petersburg Times on Swiftmud being ready to start the cleanup of lead from Sawgrass Lake Park.

Margarete Tober, 1513 59th Street S., asked for clarification on the premier time for Gulfport the Musical and the date and time for the workshop discussion on the bench sign ordinance. She also asked for Mayor Yakes to explain how delaying this ordinance came about. Ms. Tober was advised 7:00 pm was the opening of the play, the workshop was scheduled for January 12, at 7:00 pm and the Mayor would speak to the bench sign ordinance at that time.

Lee Stapella, 3025 York Street S., spoke on information she provided on benches obtained by the City of South Pasadena through a grant and information on Mr. Moos's Jaycees and his relationship with the billboard company Metropolitan Advertising.

Mayor Yakes expressed his desire to allow public comment at the workshop to discuss the bench advertising ordinance. It was the consensus of Council to allow speaking; therefore, the meeting would be scheduled as a Special Meeting of the City Council.

Mark Gildauskas, 4917 Newton Avenue S., advised Council he is waiting for Council to take action to remove the threat of the smoker in his neighborhood by amending Resolution 2008-43 which allows for this smoker.

2. **City Manager Report** - No Report

3. **City Attorney Report** - No Report

4. **Consider approval of the Council Meeting minutes of November 23, 2009.**

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve the minutes of November 23, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. **Consent Items** - None

6. **Ordinances** - None

7. **Resolutions:**

- a. 2009-109, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, approving the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency to approve application #S09-03; a site plan amendment for coordination and construction of new and renovated and remodeled facilities at Boca Ciega High School; providing for conditions; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2009-109 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained that since the time when this item was table by City Council, staff has met with representatives of the Pinellas County School Board and the issues related to mosquito control, buffering and the placement of a potential baseball field have been resolved.

Myra Schwarz advised that staff provided Council with a very extensive packet of information and the issues needing to be addressed had been to staffs satisfaction.

Councilmember Henderson stated he would like to hear there will be no stadium lights put in if the practice field was every deemed to be turned into a baseball field.

John Trecastelli, Manager of Design and Construction in the Office of the School Board Architect for Pinellas County Schools, introduced the representatives for the project who were present and stated it is their intent to do nothing more than what is before City Council.

Mr. Trecastelli answered a question from Vice Mayor Worthington on the location and number of handicapped parking spaces in the staff parking area.

Mayor Yakes stated the Southern Regional Little League Headquarter was dear to Gulfport, and

the City would like to see a sign placed in honor of Arnold White at that location. Mr. Trecastelli stated he did not see an issue with that.

Mayor Yakes opened for public discussion.

Margarete Tober, 1513 59th Street S., thanked the Mayor for mentioning the Arnold White situation. She felt there is no consistency or consideration for the residents within the City as the lights are on at Hoyt Field or the tennis courts all the time

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone further who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember King to approve Resolution No. 2009-109.

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

MOTION CARRIED

b. 2010-01, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc., for the Water Main Replacement Project – Phase 6; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2010-01 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution.

Vice Mayor Worthington thanked the Public Works Director and his crew for their efforts in fixing a water main leak Sunday morning.

Mayor Yakes opened for public discussion. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution No. 2010-01.

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

MOTION CARRIED

c. 2010-02, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, naming the open space park area located at the southwest corner of 53rd Street South and 23rd Avenue South in the

name of Nathan L. White, Sr.; providing for appropriate signage and plant materials; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2010-02 by title only.

Mayor Yakes opened for public discussion. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

Mayor Yakes, Vice Mayor Worthington and Councilmember Ryerson spoke of Nathan White's contributions to the community.

Motion by Vice Mayor Worthington, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution No. 2010-02.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Old Business.

In response to a question which appeared in the Gabber regarding the City having only one cable provider, Councilmember Ryerson explained that the City has tried to get other cable companies, but they say it is not economically feasible for them to come into the City.

9. New Business.

Councilmember King asked for Council consideration to adopt an ordinance similar to the City of Seminole's on the anti-tethering of dogs. It was the consensus of Council to schedule this item for discussion at the next workshop.

Councilmember King asked for Council consideration in issuing the Spirit of Gulfport Award to the Gulfport Women's Club and the Gulfport Merchants Association. Council discussed the intent of the Spirit of Gulfport Award which was for an individual to acknowledge their extra spirit in being a part of the community. It was the consensus of Council to recognize these organizations by proclamation.

Councilmember King mentioned the upcoming Theater on the Bay movie, and thanked all those who contributed to Operation Santa.

Councilmember Ryerson asked if the purchase of new Council chairs which are adjustable could be looked into and announced this is the opening weekend of Gulfport the Musical.

Vice Mayor Worthington spoke on the Tampa Bay Catastrophic Planning Summit which he attended, and the upcoming Water Summit at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Mayor Yakes asked Vice Mayor Worthington if the opportunity became available, after he left office, if he would be interested in serving on the Tampa Bay Estuary. Vice Mayor Worthington stated he would be honored to serve.

10. Council Reports.

Councilmember King reported the New Year's Eve event at the Casino was very successful.


Councilmember Henderson reported the Crime Awareness Meeting is the second Monday of the month at the Neighborhood Center.

Mayor Yakes asked that Councilmembers report on issues or things happening within their Ward.

11. Adjournment.

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

Date Approved: 3-16-10



Michael J. Yakes, Mayor



Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk