

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, March 2, 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 Sam Henderson 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:

Megan Woods and Members of the Gulfport Teen Council spoke on the Teen Council's trip to Tallahassee, and thanked the City for the opportunity to attend.

Police Chief Robert Vincent presented the Gulfport Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Zachary Mills.

1. Public Session.

Jennifer Salmon, 1207 60th Street S., thanked Vice Mayor Worthington for his service to the City.

Al Davis, 2790 45th Street S., recognized Bob Worthington's service to the City and suggested Council recognizes him for his contribution to the Human Rights Ordinance.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Freemont Street S., thanked Vice Mayor Worthington for his loyalty to the City of Gulfport.

Karen Modzelewski, American Cancer Society, spoke on the April Relay for Life, and thanked the City for its support.

Cindy Davis, 2790 45th Street S., thanked Bob Worthington for his service to the City.

2. City Manager Report.

City Manager O'Reilly identified activities taking place within the City over the weekend.

3. City Attorney Report. – No Report

4. Consent Items: Resolutions

- a. 2010-09, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the appropriation of Federal Equitable Sharing Funds for designated law enforcement training equipment; and providing for an effective date.
- b. 2010-10, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the temporary waiver of parking restrictions on 59th Street South from 28th Avenue South to Shore Boulevard South from March 9 to March 11, 2010; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2010-09 and Resolution No. 2010-10 by title only.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Ryerson to approve Resolution No. 2010-09 and Resolution 2010-10.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Ordinances:

- 2010-04, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida amending Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the city departments; providing for amendment of Section 2-19 thereof pertaining to the leisure services department; providing for the removal of the library and marina divisions therefrom; establishing a new Section 2-25, providing for a department of library; establishing a new Section 2-26, providing for a department of marina; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 2010-04 by title only.

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

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, second by Vice Mayor Worthington to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-04.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Resolution:

2010-11, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Property Use Rights Agreement with Angela LePore; and providing for an effective date.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2010-11 by title only.

Interim City Attorney Salzman explained the Agreement provides for the allowance of the LePore property to be divided into two parts with each separate part being developed with a single family residence; one which has already occurred. Staff is asking tonight for the Agreement in principal to be approved and the subsequent documents to be handled administratively.

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. 2010-11.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Old Business.

Councilmember Henderson pointed out the art work in City Hall by Gulfport Elementary School students. He spoke on adding centralized recycling locations within the City for glass and metal and asked for consent from Council to have bins on a trial basis for these materials and to have a discussion at the next workshop on cost, etc. There was no objection from Council. Councilmember Henderson mentioned the upcoming Gulfport Elementary Yard Sale, that there will be a Ward IV meeting on March 8 in the Neighborhood Center followed by a Crime Awareness Meeting and the Community Garden on Preston Avenue will be opening soon.

Vice Mayor Worthington spoke on the dedication ceremony for the Nathan White, Sr., Park, and thanked those who made it happen. He asked for a consensus of Council to have the City Attorney follow through in making the song from Gulfport the Musical one of the City songs. There was no objection from Council.

Councilmember King reported "Get Rescued" was a successful event.

Councilmember Ryerson apologized for not attending Thursday meeting and stated she was upset by the lack of attendance of people she thought should have been at the Gulfport Centennial Dance.

8. New Business.

Councilmember Henderson suggested that City events be listed in the Florida League of Cities publication, the City consider having a seafood festival, and commented that Lynne Brown's new book was a fantastic piece of Gulfport history. Councilmember Henderson thanked Vice Mayor Worthington for his service to the City. Council discussed the idea of a seafood festival and it was suggested that October 9, the Saturday before the City's 100th Anniversary, would be a good day.

Vice Mayor Worthington spoke on the new Gulfport History Book and the Little League Parade which is being held on Saturday.

Councilmember King asked for a consensus from Council to paint the Council's Office. It was the consensus of Council to schedule this item for discussion at a workshop after the new Council is seated. Councilmember King mentioned the upcoming shrimp boil at the Lions Club and the Pink Flamingo Home Tour.

Councilmember Ryerson mentioned the upcoming Pink Flamingo Home Tour and encouraged people to vote on March 9.

Mayor Yakes advised Council he would like to recognize the City's School Crossing Guards at a future meeting. There was no objection from Council. Mayor Yakes spoke on the upcoming Opening Day of Gulfport Little League.

9. Council Reports.

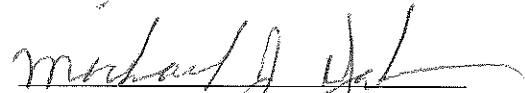
Vice Mayor Worthington spoke on the Suncoast League of Cities Legislative Action Day that was held in Tallahassee, and thanked the citizens of Gulfport for the opportunity he had to be on City Council.

Councilmember King, Councilmember Ryerson and Mayor Yakes expressed their appreciation of Vice Mayor Worthington's service to the City.

10. Adjournment.

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

Date Approved: 5-4-10


Michael J. Yakes, Mayor


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk