

City of Gulfport Florida
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, June 1, 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 Vice Mayor Michele King, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were Councilmembers David Hastings, Jennifer Salmon and Samuel Henderson; Vice Mayor Michele King, Mayor Michael J. Yakes; City Manager James O'Reilly; City Attorney Andrew Salzman, and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

Presentation:

Mayor Yakes recognized Jo Hastings, Habana Café, for receiving the Best Casual Dining Restaurant in Florida by Cordon d'Or Culinary Award.

Vice Mayor King presented Mayor Yakes with an award issued by the Suncoast League of Cities naming him Civic Leader of the Year.

1. Public Session.

Leigh Clifton, 656 59th Street S., introduced Barbie Person and Tony Wood, and spoke on their receiving a Water Conservation Project Grant from Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to distribute low flow water kits which they were making available tonight at the Council Meeting.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Fremont Street S., spoke on the importance of small business to our economy and our community.

Shelly Vail, Troop Support Alliance, spoke on a fundraising event planned for June 5.

Roz Barbieri, Town Shores, asked that the City's property at 28th Avenue and 59th Street be cleaned up and the wooden canopy on the beach be painted and repaired.

Lee Stapella, 3025 York Street S., congratulated Habana Café and asked someone to explain the process of scheduled commercial vessels tying up to the Casino and floating docks, and the regulations for commercial activity on the dry sand portion of the beach. City Manager O'Reilly advised Ms. Stapella he could address her concerns either by letter or telephone call, and Ms. Stapella requested a letter.

Al Davis, 2790 45th Street S., commended Mayor Yakes for his comments at the American Legion during their Veterans Day observance.

Gerry O'Regan, 2800 45th Street S., spoke on and provided copies of an article to City Council on the SWFWMD.

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

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

4. **Consider approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010.**

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, second by Vice Mayor King to approve the minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Salmon, second by Councilmember Hastings to amended the minutes on Page 8 to replace the word "discuss" with "confirm" and add to the end of that sentence the words "after hours."

ROLL CALL: VICE MAYOR KING	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER SALMON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HASTINGS	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

The motion on the floor to approve the minutes was approved by acclamation.

5. **Consent: Resolution**

2010-36, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, requesting the Florida Legislature to place on the November 2010 ballot an amendment to the Florida Constitution prohibiting oil and natural gas exploration and drilling within the territorial waters of the State of Florida; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2010-36 by title only.

Motion by Vice Mayor King, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution No. 2010-36.

ROLL CALL: VICE MAYOR KING	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER SALMON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HASTINGS	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Ordinance:**

2010-07, Second Reading and Public Hearing: An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida, providing for the vacation of a paved right-of-way (7th avenue south) from 58th Street South to 55th Street South/Pinellas Trail; providing for findings of

compliance; providing for the vacation of drainage/utility/maintenance/easements as legally described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, 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.

City Clerk DeMuth read Ordinance No. 2010-07 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the Ordinance.

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 King to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-07 on Second Reading.

ROLL CALL: VICE MAYOR KING	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HENDERSON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER SALMON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER HASTINGS	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

A representative from the Pinellas County School Board thanked City Staff for their assistance during this process.

7. Old Business.

Councilmember Henderson announced his upcoming Ward IV Meeting which will be followed by the Crime Awareness Meeting and the Community Garden still has plots available.

City Attorney Salzman explained what should be heard under Old Business.

8. New Business.

Councilmember Salmon suggested since the City was coming up on the fifth anniversary of the Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) and June 26 is the St. Pete Pride Festival she wondered if the City might consider having a Gulfport contingent in the promenade as part of honoring that history.

Vice Mayor King thought the City had already been asked by Stanley Solomons to bring the trolley to St. Pete Pride and she imagined anyone who wanted to ride in the trolley would be welcomed.

City Attorney Salzman asked if this was an item Council felt necessary to place on a subsequent agenda for a vote.

Vice Mayor King thought if the City wanted to celebrate the anniversary of the HRO that is one thing, but if we are going to talk about doing St. Pete Pride with the trolley, Mr. Solomons should be brought into the conversation to see what his goal is.

It was the consensus of Council to invite Mr. Solomons to the next meeting.

9. Council Reports.

Vice Mayor King reported Pinellas County is asking for volunteers in preparation for the Deepwater Horizon Spill and the Industrial Arts Center is seeking donations, memberships or people interested in taking classes.

Councilmember Henderson reported the Summer Concert Series on the Point will begin Friday June 11, and the City's Flag Day Ceremony will be held June 14, in Veterans Park.

Councilmember Salmon reported the City Manager heard from PSTA that they are going to put in their next funding cycle for benches to make 10 bus stops we currently have ADA compliant, to add benches to another 8 where there is a cement pad, but no bench, and to install 2 full shelters in places that have high use; at the invitation of the SWFWMD she will be going on a kayak trip tomorrow through Clam Bayou; next weekend she will be attending the Elected Municipal Officials Training; this weekend is the Pinellas Living Green Expo in St. Petersburg, and Hands Across the Sand Part Two will be held on June 26.

Councilmember Hastings reported he held his first "Meet and Greet" and there were good recommendations made that he mentioned to the City Manager. Councilmember Hastings stated he will continue to do these meetings on a regular basis.

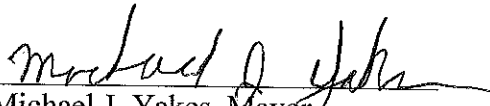
Councilmember Salmon announced she will also be holding an open meeting on June 17 in Scout Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Yakes reported he represented the City at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Bay Pines and American Legion Post 125.

10. Adjournment.

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

Date Approved: July 6, 2010


Michael J. Yakes, Mayor


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk