

**City of Gulfport Florida**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

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The Regular Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2401 53<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor Yakes reviewed the City Council's policy on meeting procedures and public comment.

**1. Public Session.**

Michael Schnippering, 2610 Upton Street S., spoke on the confusion he felt there is with the city's garbage collection pick-up and schedule.

Doug Hudson, 5525 Gulfport Boulevard S., spoke on sanitation violations and the need for code enforcement to handle these problems within the city.

**2. City Manager Report.** City Manager O'Reilly reported:

- The city has received notification from Coordinated Child Care on the discontinuance of funding made available to children who participate in city programs. City Manager O'Reilly explained the plan city staff would like to implement to offer additional scholarships for the summer recreation program.
- The Property Appraiser has provided an early estimate of ad valorem values which indicates there could be a 10.5 percent drop in property value; staff has been using 7 percent as an estimate. City Manager O'Reilly advised he would be meeting with the property appraiser to discuss the impact and the driving factor behind this, and requested authorization to invite the property appraiser to speak at a council meeting. There was no objection.
- In response to a question from Councilmember Salmon, City Manager O'Reilly spoke in generalities of expanded garbage pick-up and code enforcement.

**3. City Attorney Report.** City Attorney Salzman reported at the last meeting an issue arose regarding the quasi-judicial appeals process. He stated if there is a quasi-judicial decision made by the council the appeal process goes to the circuit court. However, if there is a situation in a quasi-judicial case where there might be a question as to whether due process was followed, or there was a mistake in information that was presented or misinformation was given, this can be rectified by council having a rehearing and/or reconsideration.

4. **City Clerk Report.** In response to questions by council, City Clerk DeMuth said each councilmember has submitted a name of a resident to participate in the litter survey and she believed Keep Pinellas Beautiful will present the result to council.

5. **Consent:**

- a. Resolution 2011-17, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing members to serve on the Historic Preservation Committee; providing for terms of appointment and providing for an effective date.
- b. Resolution 2011-18, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Pyrotecnico of Florida, L.L.C for the city's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display; providing for the necessary closures and safety requirements as determined by the fire and police departments; providing for a fireworks permit; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read the consent agenda items by title only.

Motion by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Banno to approve the consent agenda.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

6. **Resolution:**

2011-19, A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Suncoast Police Benevolent Association, Inc.; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk DeMuth read Resolution No. 2011-19 by title only.

City Manager O'Reilly explained the resolution.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Hastings, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution No. 2011-19.

In response to questions by council, City Manager O'Reilly explained the contract being retroactive to October 1, 2010, and the five percent assignment of pay. He advised council he felt the salary ranges were competitive and that the recent turnovers in the department were due to officers retiring.

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

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**7. Old Business.**

Councilmember Henderson asked about the status of the city flag, and City Clerk DeMuth spoke on the new flags being ordered.

**8. New Business.**

Councilmember Banno asked for a consensus of council to receive an estimate to erect a permanent stage in the park behind the recreation center. An example of Oldsmar's stage was presented. After discussion, council had no objection to receiving an estimate. Councilmember Henderson spoke on the need for shrouds on the lights at the Tangerine Greenway.

Councilmember Henderson encouraged councilmembers to attend the Florida League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Salmon nominated Steve Karbowski for the Spirit of Gulfport Award. The presentation would be scheduled for the June 7, council meeting.

Mayor Yakes spoke on assistance the Florida League of Cities can provide to the city, the curb appeal of rights-of-ways and he asked the city manager to look into doing a onetime right-of-way clean-up and the possibility of providing uniform trash cans.

**9. Council Reports.**

Councilmember Banno reported on the upcoming Cinco de Mayo party at the Senior Center and her Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Henderson reported block parties were a great way to meet your neighbors, National Teachers Day was today, Frank Verdino is his appointment to the litter survey group, and he attended the Tampa Bay Estuary Programs Technical Advisory Committee Meeting today online.

Councilmember Salmon thanked city staff for delivering the chairs to their block party and driving the VPK children from Gulfport Elementary to swim lessons.

Mayor Yakes spoke on the importance of water safety.

**10. Adjournment.**

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

Date Approved: May 17, 2011

  
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David Hastings, Vice Mayor

  
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Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk