

**City of Gulfport Florida**  
**City Council Workshop Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2011**

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A Workshop Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 2401 - 53<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Gulfport, Florida.

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. All councilmembers were present.

Presentation: William Sanders, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Litter Survey:

William Sanders presented and discussed with the city council the results of the Litter Survey and provided a handout, recommendations and survey results. In response to questions by councilmembers, Mr. Sanders recommended utilizing posters and signs to get people to use cigarette receptacles, he advised that there has been issues with PSTA removing trash cans at stops if there were not a certain number of riders and spoke on the "Adopt a Bus Stop" program he is working on with St. Petersburg, he addressed the value to businesses to control litter on their property and clarified the Clam Bayou Clean-up is September 24.

Mayor Yakes thanked Mr. Sanders and the volunteers for their work and commented that the city should be more proactive in the "Adopt a Street" program. Mayor Yakes noted he has spoken to the American Cancer Society regarding littering.

**Public Session.**

Doug Hudson, 5525 Gulfport Boulevard S., advised September 17, is the Keep Pinellas Beautiful Coastal Clean-up. Councilmember Henderson said he had scheduled the Tangerine Clean-up on the same date and would re-schedule.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Freemont Street S., commented that the parking issue has two distinct problems; general parking and event parking and he hoped both issues would be addressed separately.

**1. Discussion of Evaluation forms for the City Manager and City Clerk.**

Mayor Yakes directed councilmembers to the evaluation forms as provided in their packets.

City Manager O'Reilly said he and City Clerk DeMuth have discussed the evaluations forms and invited each councilmember to meet with them individually to discuss any changes in performance deemed necessary.

Council discussed the need for a written performance evaluation, and there was a consensus of council by 3 to 2 (Councilmember Banno and Councilmember Salmon) to not complete the performance evaluation form at this time.

City Manager O'Reilly advised council the Visioning Session has been scheduled for one day October 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and the fee has been reduced \$600.00.

## **2. Discussion of 2012 Municipal Election and Qualifying Dates.**

City Clerk DeMuth discussed the new legislation, HB 1355, which deleted the state statute that specified when the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election was to be held and created a selection committee for determining the election date. City Clerk DeMuth addressed the city's options for election dates and qualifying times for the 2012 municipal election, and the requirement to adopt changes by ordinance.

There was a consensus of council to consider an ordinance that would change the qualifying period to a more generic term using days versus specific dates. Staff would prepare an ordinance for council consideration. There was a consensus of council not to participate in the PPP election if it was held in January, 2012.

## **3. Discuss parking options in the Waterfront Redevelopment District.**

City Manager O'Reilly advised Fred Metcalf, Community Development Director, was present to give a brief review of the parking issues in the Waterfront Redevelopment District (WRD), and noted the presentation did not address event day parking. City Manager O'Reilly stated the presentation will speak to: 1) the number of parking spaces; 2) parameters that need to be discussed to bring forward parking pay stations or meters, and 3) what potential expansions exist in the waterfront district for parking.

Fred Metcalf provided a PowerPoint presentation of a parking survey, conducted by the city in 2004 and updated in 2008. The survey was based on an analysis of the parking that would be required by the zoning code and included all available public spaces, including the library, senior center/theatre complex and the recreation center; shared parking was not included. Issues addressed with council during the presentation included parking options, parking options previously discussed and other option available to council such as; metered parking spaces, timed parking; parking lots/garages and the reconfiguration of roadways.

City Manager O'Reilly said he would research and report back to council with the costs and revenues of weekend and special event parking, and advised the city would hold off on the reconstruction of the pier beach pavilion until council could discussion traffic flow and the boardwalk expansion on Shore Boulevard at a workshop.

## **4. Discuss Economic Development Advisory Committee.**

Councilmember Henderson advised that both his Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) appointments have resigned and both had report to him the reason why they were stepping down was because they felt this was a board that was not accomplishing anything. Councilmember Henderson stated he did not want to appoint anyone else to this board based on these reports.

In response to questions by council, Fred Metcalf, Community Development Director, explained that both the EDAC and Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board (WRAB) were develop at a

time when the city was doing two F.S. Chapter 163 Redevelopment Areas and the city was required to have these types of boards to develop and oversee redevelopment plans for both those areas; they did that - they accomplished that objective. Mr. Metcalf mentioned the ideas that EDAC is currently discussing are ideas that Staff is working on.

Councilmember Henderson asked if there was a consensus of council to put keeping EDAC to a vote. Councilmember Salmon suggested looking at all the advisory committees including the WRAB and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee on Aging. There was no objection from Council. City Manager O'Reilly said he will schedule this for council action in October. City Clerk DeMuth advised the September EDAC and WRAB Meetings will need to be cancelled.

#### **5. Review meetings calendar.**

City Clerk DeMuth reviewed the September meetings calendar.

#### **6. Any other business.**

Council discussed an email received which raised issues concerning the Gulfport Little League. City Manager O'Reilly reported the city is going to have an employee start attending their board meetings.

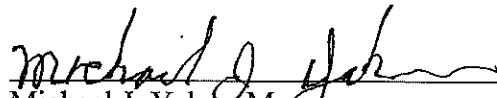
Councilmember Banno reminded everyone of the upcoming Geckofest and Ball.

Councilmember Henderson advised the bridges on the Tangerine Greenway are now open and he thanked Frank Verdino for his participation in the litter survey. He noted the Tangerine Greenway and Tomlinson Park cleanup will be rescheduled to September 10, at 10:00 a.m.

#### **7. Adjournment.**

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

Date Approved: 9-20-11

  
Michael J. Yakes, Mayor

  
Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk