

**City of Gulfport Florida**  
**City Council Workshop Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2011**

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A Workshop Meeting of the Gulfport City Council was held on Thursday, September 22, 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.

**Public Session:**

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

City Manager O'Reilly gave the councilmembers handouts and discussed code enforcement updates, site plan review process improvements and the expansion of marina dry storage.

**1. Discussion of Proposed Special Master Ordinance.**

The proposed ordinance was reviewed and councilmembers agreed to schedule the Ordinance drafted by the City Attorney for a first reading. Due to financial impact it was decided to transfer an existing City employee to a part-time clerical assistant position with the Community Development Department. In addition, it was decided, at this time, not to hire an additional code enforcement officer and the \$5,000.00 fee which was an additional cost for the City Attorney to attend the hearings was not warranted.

**2. Discussion Selection Process for the city's "Call for Artists."**

City Council reviewed the five proposals received for the "Call for Artists", and Thomas Pitzen was chosen by consensus to represent the City of Gulfport's new art/signage in Clymer Park. City Manager O'Reilly would facilitate the art/signage installation with Mr. Pitzen.

**3. Discuss Ordinance No. 2011-06 – smoking ban on beaches.**

Vice Mayor Hastings read an article regarding third-hand smoke, discussed the effects of second-hand smoke, and discussed statistics of municipalities that have enacted ordinances banning smoking. He also explained the State Ordinance. Councilmember Henderson said the issue should be addressed by increasing littering fees. Discussion was had by councilmembers, Vice Mayor Hastings and Mayor Yakes regarding littering and the smoking ban. Vice Mayor Hastings suggested extending the ban to parks that sponsor recreational events for children to which councilmembers agreed. At this point, signs and enforcement of bans were discussed. Mayor Yakes summed up the intent of the Ordinance as being to reduce littering of cigarettes and decrease the health hazards of second and third-hand smoke.

**4. Discuss proposed Charter Referendum Ordinances.**

The ordinances were explained by City Attorney Salzman. Councilmember Salmon proposed wording changes on two Ordinances of the Section 103 Amendments and City Attorney Salzman agreed to research these changes. The Ordinances were scheduled for the next council meeting.

**5. Review meetings calendar.**

City Clerk DeMuth went over the October meetings calendar, including the events and holiday meetings. The November 24th and December 22nd workshops were cancelled and workshops were scheduled at 6:00 p.m. prior to council meetings on October 18th and November 1st to discuss proposed code enforcement ordinances.

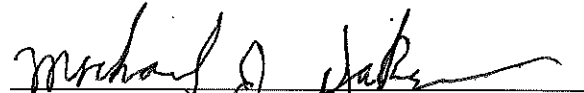
**6. Any other business.**

Councilmember Henderson asked council to approve a resolution supporting the Mayor's previous letter to Pinellas County government regarding improvements to 22nd Avenue South.

**7. Adjournment.**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Date Approved: 12-6-11

  
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Michael J. Yakes, Mayor

  
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Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk