NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Monday, May 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550
Live Streamed at the following link:
https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/217/Watch-The-Board-of-Trustee-Meetings

I. In Accordance With The Order Effective March 16, 2020 Issued By The Office Of The Texas Governor, The Park Board Of Trustees Will Conduct This Meeting Via Videoconference In Order To Maintain Social Distancing For The Reduction In Spread Of The Covid-19 Virus.

II. Call Meeting To Order

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

V. Request To Address The Board
   The public may be allowed to address the Board regarding one or more agenda or non-agenda items by completing the Public Comment Form available on the Park Board website at the following link prior to the start of the meeting:

   HTTPS://WWW.GALVESTONPARKBOARD.ORG/FORMS.ASPX?FID=65

VI. Discuss And Consider Award Of Contract For 2020 July 4th Fireworks Display To Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics (Michael Woody)

   Documents:
   JULY 4TH FIREWORKS.PDF

VII. Presentation Of Protective Measures Taken In Response To Covid-19 At Park Board Managed Facilities (Ann Hobing)

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, on or before Friday, May 8, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Approved
Spencer Priest, Chair

Approved as to Format
Carla Cotropia, Legal Counsel

Please Note Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion.
In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Park Board Administration Office, 601 Tremont, Galveston Texas 77550 (409-797-5147)
Agenda Item: Discuss and consider Award of Contract for 2020 July 4th Fireworks Display to Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics in the budgeted amount of $20,000.

Background: For the past several years, the Park Board has contracted a professional fireworks provider to produce the annual July 4th fireworks display for Galveston.

Staff identified and reached out to 3 fireworks display companies who operate in Texas. Two bids were received. Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics submitted a bid to provide 717 shells for the $20,000 budget. Pow Pow Pyro submitted a bid to provide 866 shells for the $20,000 budget.

Staff Recommendation: Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics has produced numerous shows in Galveston over the past several years. They have always produced high quality shows and has a very good safety record in Galveston. For that reason, staff recommends approval of Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics.

To address the concern about rebooking in case the show needs to be canceled due to regulations, Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics contract includes a clause that allows for the show to be rescheduled within 180 days of the original show date in the event of weather or government mandate (City or State) which would prevent large gatherings or this type of outdoor event. So, if we are not able to host this event on July 4th, we can shift it to a time later in the summer.

Currently Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics is operating 96 shows with no cancelations at this time. They have one slot remaining which they are holding for us until May 12. The signing date can’t be extended past that date as product has to be ordered and that accounts for the required delivery time.

Coastal Zone Management is fully committed to cleaning up after the show, as an established protocol is in place. To offer a few highlights, CZM pulls the sweeper to the 37th street jetty (where the fireworks are shot from) in order to deep clean the launch site, distributes extra trash cans along the Seawall and coordinates with Surfrider on additional clean ups along the shoreline.

We recognize that fireworks alone don’t drive room nights on the Island. Events like this extends the visitors stay, increases consumption at local businesses, and introduces the destination to visitors who may not have considered visiting the destination at all had it not been for the event or activity. These activities (events) increase brand awareness, provide numerous opportunities for earned media coverage and position Galveston top of mind with consumers. We are heading into a highly competitive environment where every destination in the world will be fiercely competing for market share. Anything we can do to be front and center with consumers will be key in a successful recovery. Day trippers introduced to the market through events like this likely will become our overnight visitors in the future.

Funding Source (if applicable):

Budgeted Item. TD65-7000