



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

11/15/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Trustees present: Marty Fluke, Will Wright, Kimberly Gaido, Jason Hardcastle, Jeff Ossenkop and Jason Worthen.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interests declared.

V. Requests To Address The Board

Robbie Carnes and Lisa Carnes addressed the Board regarding agenda item IX-F.

VI. Employee Spotlight - Mike Reardon (Susan Keeble, 5 Minutes)

Susan Keeble introduced Beach Patrol Captain, Mike Reardon. She shared that Captain Reardon is celebrating his 5th anniversary as a year-round employee and that he has 46 years of service on Galveston's beaches.

VII. Administration

A. Discussion Concerning City Of Galveston Proposed Changes To The Hotel Occupancy Tax Ordinances (Marty Fluke, 15 Minutes)

Marty Fluke reported that one of the items on joint meeting scheduled with City Council November 17, 2022 would be the proposed changes to the Hotel Occupancy Tax procedures and stated that it was important that both the Park Board and the City focus on the customers/partners and how the changes proposed will impact them. He shared that the Park Board is a separate government entity and not a city department and that the two entities have a long history of interlocal agreements mutually benefitting both. Kelly de Schaun gave an overview of the agreements from 2009, 2014 and 2019. Mr. Fluke stated that if there is concern about the funds being kept in the Park Board HOT account, the City could declare that a city depository.

Bryson Frazier reviewed the proposed ordinances that were discussed at the October City Council meeting. He shared that it would change the way hotel occupancy taxes are collected, deposited and distributed, change the way it is budgeted and the approval of the budget as well as how the fund allocations are

distributed to the Park Board. He shared that requirements of the proposed ordinances and procedures and the impacts to the Park Board and reviewed the collection and distribution scenarios based on them. Mr. Fluke stated that he believes the best solution is to delineate the responsibilities of both in an interlocal agreement.

B. Presentation By Rogers Partners For Beach Patrol Headquarters And Discussion Of Next Steps (Peter Davis/Tyler Swanson, 20 Minutes)

Tyler Swanson with Rogers Partners presented the proposed schematic design for a new beach patrol headquarters. He review the proposed location on Stewart Beach which he shared was based on input from the Texas General Land Office and which area would be have the best view to monitor the park. Mr. Swanson reported that the design and materials recommended are meant to build an energy efficient building with a comfortable year-round environment. Current estimate for the building is just under 10 million.

C. Discuss And Consider Approval Of The 2023 State Legislative Agenda (Kelly De Schaun, Ryan Brannan, 20 Minutes)

Ryan Brannan reviewed the proposed 2023 state legislative agenda which included working with the Texas General Land Office for funding of local coastal programs, contract for emergency debris removal and Babe's beach ownership determination as well as GOMESA grant funding improvement, additional funding options beyond Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT), full funding for Texas Tourism promotions, Short Tern Rental preemption statewide, state event trust authority, protection of the current HOT allocations, full funding for the Battleship Texas, the replacement of the Pelican Island Bridge and the Golf Coast Protection District.

Motion: Will Wright motioned to approve the 2023 State Legislative agenda.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (5-0,1 Worthen abstained).

D. Discuss And Consider Approval Of The Park Board Investment Policy And Authorize Publication Of A Request For Proposals For Investment Services (Bryson Frazier, 15 Minutes)

Bryson Frazier reported that the investment policy being presented has been in the works for over a year but unfortunately was delayed due to the time required for the Short Term Rental changes. He shared that the policy was updated to adhere to the most recent provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code and the Public Funds Collateral Act. In addition to approving the policy, Mr. Frazier also requested authorization to publish a request for proposals for investment services.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the investment policy and the RFP for investment services.

Second: Will Wright seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-0).

E. Standing Committee Monthly Updates (Committee Chairs, 10 Minutes)

The following committee updates were provided:

- Finance and Operations Committee - Review and discussion of fleet needs
- Tourism Development Advisory Committee - July 4th and Juneteenth Holiday activities
- Workforce Development Committee - Ball High School event for current students and 8th graders coming in.

The Beach Maintenance Advisory and Parks and Amenities Committees did not meet in November.

F. City Council Liaison Report (Mike Bouvier, 5 Minutes)

This item was deferred.

VIII. Tourism Development

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of 2023 Holiday Activities, June 23rd Through July 4th (Michael Woody, 5 Minutes)

Michael Woody reported that as requested by the Board, this item was discussed at the Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC) meeting and the following two options are being presented for consideration: Option 1 which includes a July 3rd Drone Show, July 4th Morning Parade in Historic Downtown, and Sponsorship of City Organized Fireworks at a cost of approximately 100K and Option 2 which includes the Juneteenth Bridge Activities June 23-25 and June 30 – July 2, July 4th Morning Parade in Historic Downtown, July 3rd and 4th Small Bands around the Island, and Sponsorship of City Organized Fireworks at an approximate cost of \$130k. Mr. Woody shared that TDAC is recommending option 2.

Motion: Jason Hardcastle motioned to approve Option 2 for presentation to Galveston City Council.

Second: Kimberly Gaido seconded.

Vote: Approved (5-1, Wright Opposed).

IX. Consent

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approved Consent Items A, C, D, E, G, H, I and J.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-0).

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve Consent Item B.

Second: Jeff Ossenkop seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-0).

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to defer Consent Item F.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-0).

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes (Schel Heydenburg)
- B. Discuss And Consider Approval For Planter Box Landscaping Work At Urban Park (Corey Holcomb)
- C. Discuss And Consider Approval To Purchase A Club Car Carryall 500 For Seawolf Park (Corey Holcomb)
- D. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Electrical Upgrades At East Beach (Vince Lorefice)
- E. Discuss And Consider Approval To Award Contract To Immaculate Painting For Dellanera RV Park Pavilion Exterior Painting (Tim Jackson)
- F. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Rates For Concessionaire Use Of Facilities And Utilities At Parks (Ann Hobing)
- G. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Budgeted Sealver PRO WB 575 (Peter Davis)

H. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of A Professional Services Agreement With Atkins For General Regulatory Agency Matters For FY 22-23 (Sheryl Rozier)

I. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Fiscal Year 2022 August Unaudited Financial Statements (Bryson Frazier)

J. Discuss And Consider Approval For Renewal Of Credit Line And The Certificate Of Deposit At Moody National Bank (Bryson Frazier)

X. Executive Session

The meeting entered Executive Session at 4:22 p.m.

A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Whgich The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter - Legal Matters Concerning Concessionaire Program

XI. Action Item (S) Resulting From Executive Session

The open meeting resumed at 4:54 p.m.

A. Discuss And Consider Action For Any Executive Session Item Listed On The Meeting Agenda

There was no action taken.

XII. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed.

XIII. Announcements

- Jeff Ossenkop announced that he attended the Moody Foundation meeting earlier in the day and that Iceland is opening the upcoming weekend at Moody Gardens.
- Will Wright spotlighted Alex Thomas and his work at the State Fair.
- Kelly de Schaun shared that the Dellanera Beach Nourishment project is starting and that the Washed Ashore display will be starting soon.
- Michael Woody distributed an invite for the 60th anniversary discussion event being held at the Bryan Museum, reviewed the District tours that are scheduled to start December 12th with City Council members to highlight these areas, shared that Visit Galveston hosted the Ball High School Hospitality Students at the new Port Terminal Ribbon cutting and then brought them back to the Park Board offices to share with them about the roles and activities of the Visit Galveston team.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Dave Jacoby
Board Secretary