



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

11/17/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

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

III. Discussion Items

A. Visioning For Stewart Beach Park And Seawolf Park

Jason Hardcastle presented on the current vision for Seawolf Park. He reported that this park is a cultural and historic destination and reviewed several proposed plans for the park which included water taxis connecting the park to downtown, extension of the fishing pier, showcasing the history of immigration on the island, a splash pad and an RV park. Mr. Hardcastle reviewed two options for the RV park which would include a request for proposals for a public, private partnership or for the Park Board to invest in a limited-service RV park. Mayor Brown would like to put this concept on the council agenda for formal approval so this can move forward and asked that the documentation be included for the December 8, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Hardcastle also presented on Stewart Beach Park. He gave a summary of the past activities for improvement of the park and the conclusions of the City and Park Board Task Force which include tearing down the current pavilion, public amenities at the park and commercial development. To solidify this vision, He shared that the first step is to seek a master developer to help develop a plan and funding. Mayor Brown would like to put this forward for formal approval as well by council at the December 8, 2022 meeting.

B. Discussion Of The Capital Improvement Project Approval Process And CIP Projects For 2023

Michael Bouvier initiated the discussion for the capital approval process stating that it should be clarified in the interlocal agreement between the two entities and not an ordinance. Mayor Brown clarified that there are two areas for discussion in this item: what the approval process should be moving forward for the 2023-2024 budget and beyond and what needs to be done to approve the current year projects. Mr. Bouvier shared that the Park Board would submit the list of projects, categorizing them as safety/had to be done and a wish list of things would like to do and the large items would be presented to council as was done in the previous agenda item. He stated that if council chooses to proceed, then the Park Board would research and bring back to council the costs and associated information for approval to proceed. The lists would be submitted in July with the budget to staff for review and recommendations to council as the budgets are being reviewed. It was agreed that this process needs to be delineated specifically and interactive between the entities during the process.

Mayor Brown shared that there are seven items on the capital improvement project list (CIP) for approval by council at this time for the current budget. He asked the City Attorney to clarify if these need to be listed separately on the agenda or handled like the City's CIP approval? Don Glywasky reported that a resolution has been created that lists the seven items and that they can be approved or not approved individually. John Listowski shared that he had hoped that a written process would be presented for discussion that had been reviewed by both City and Park Board staff so that both the council members and trustees could discuss. Mayor Brown believes that the process will be defined moving forward and that the seven items pending for the Park Board CIP will be on the December 8, 2022 agenda.

C. Discussion Of City Ordinances Governing Park Board Deposits And Budget Approval

Michael Bouvier opened the discussion by clarifying what the two proposed ordinances would address: the deposit of the Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) into City Depositories and the approval of the Park Board budget and allocation of HOT funds to the Park Board. Marty Fluke and David Collins discussed the merits of these and disagreed on the need for these ordinances with Mr. Fluke preferring that the specifics of the Park Board Budget and HOT distribution, allocation and deposits be outlined in an interlocal agreement. John Listowski stated that the ordinances were deferred from the previous council meeting so that the many questions raised could be answered. He would like information on the process before approving the ordinances. Mayor Brown asked that Bryson Frazier and Mike Loftin continue to work together on the process for the ordinances and if revisions are needed, to bring that forward. In addition, he asked for clarification on the question of where the reserve funds need to reside if the allocations of funds are based on budget or on the pennies allocated in the charter.

D. Discussion Of Fourth Of July Presentation

There was no time for discussion of this item but it was stated that the fireworks would be a City event paid for by the Park Board as proposed.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Dave Jacoby
Board Secretary