PORT OF GALVESTON
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND
TRUSTEES ACTION

MINUTES

PREPARED BY:  Angelina Ramirez Secretary, Board of Trustees  June 23, 2020

SUBJECT:  Minutes – Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Thursday, June 11, 2020

BACKGROUND:  Attached are the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, June 11, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:  Port staff respectively requests Board approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Tuesday, June 11, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted By:

[Signature]
Rodger Rees, Port Director/CFO

DATE ACTION TAKEN:

Approved:  
Disapproved:  
Deferred To:  
Incorporated into Minutes:  

Motion By:  
Seconded By:  
Unanimous:  Yes ______ No ______
By:  

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves
Thursday, June 11, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves held Thursday, June 11, 2020 virtually in the offices of the Port of Galveston on the 8th Floor of the Shearn Moody Plaza, 123 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas.

Chairman Shannon called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 2020.

The Secretary to the Board called roll.

Presiding Officer: Albert P. Shannon, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Present: Chairman Albert P. Shannon
Trustee Craig Brown
Trustee Harry D. Maxwell, Jr. (A)
Trustee Todd P. Sullivan

Vice Chair Elizabeth Beeton (A)
Trustee Richard DeVries
Trustee E. L. "Ted" O'Rourke

Others: Rodger Rees
Angie Ramirez
Dave Anderson

Anthony P. Brown
Brett Milutin

Chairman Shannon declared a quorum of the Trustees present.

The Board and Port Staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shannon called for the declaration of conflicts of interest on today’s agenda items. Trustee Sullivan declared conflicts under Texas International Terminals, Calen Marine, and DRC Emergency Service.

Chairman Shannon called for Business Items.

C.1. Consider and Approve Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19, Beginning June 13, 2020: The Port Director briefed the Trustees on the extension of the local disaster related to COVID-19, for an additional period of ninety days, beginning on June 13, 2020 and ending on September 10, 2020. This will allow the Port of Galveston to continue to seek State and Federal financial assistance for costs and expenditures related to COVID-19. A copy of the Resolution is attached. After all questions were voiced and answered, Chairman Shannon called for a vote. Trustee DeVries moved, with the second of Trustee Sullivan, to approve the Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19. Motion unanimously carried.
Chairman Shannon called for comments from the Trustees.

After all comments were voiced by the Trustees, Chairman Shannon called for a motion to adjourn.

*On motion duly made and seconded, the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves stood adjourned at 8:25 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 2020.*

Angelina Ramirez, Secretary
Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves
CONTINUATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared, beginning March 1, 2020, a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 viral outbreak in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbot, of the State of Texas, certified that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor James Yarbrough, of the City of Galveston, declared a local state of disaster related to the emergence of COVID-19, which has been extended and remains in effect at this time; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, Governor Greg Abbot, of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation renewing the disaster declaration for all counties in Texas, authorizing the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions reasonably necessary to cope with the COVID-19 viral outbreak, which proclamation was renewed on April 12 and May 12, 2020, and remains in effect at this time; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves issued a declaration of local disaster in response to the COVID-19 viral outbreak, in effect beginning March 13, 2020 and continuing for a period of ninety days, to end on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2, 2020, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported 66,568 total statewide cases of COVID-19, with 1,698 fatalities caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that older adults, people aged 65 years and older, and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications, including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 causes property loss or damage due to its ability to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time; and

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WHEREAS, Galveston Wharves, a separate utility of the City of Galveston, created by Article XII of the Charter of the City of Galveston, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas, manages, controls, maintains, and operates public property on which Galveston Wharves conducts cruise and cargo operations, resulting in over one million people visiting, passing through, and interacting with such property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves, the governing body of the Galveston Wharves, deems it in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare to declare a local state of disaster and to continue such state of local disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves has determined that extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to mitigate the public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the COVID-19 viral outbreak; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, deems it in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare to continue this Declaration of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 for a period of longer than seven days; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustee of the Galveston Wharves hereby deems it in the public interest to continue this Declaration of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 for a period of 90 days from June 12, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVESTON WHARVES, GALVESTON, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY CHAPTER 418 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:

1. This Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 will continue the Declaration and Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19, issued by the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves on March 31, 2020, for an additional period of ninety days, beginning June 13, 2020 and ending on September 10, 2020.

2. This Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 reaffirms the activation of appropriate aspects of Galveston Wharves’ Emergency Management Plan and continues to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in response to COVID-19.

3. This Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 hereby reaffirms the authority of the Por. Director, under Texas Local Government Code § 252.022, to forego competitive bidding procedures, as allowed by law, approve and enter into emergency purchases and related contracts needed, in order to avoid interruption in operations and to provide public health and safety, for goods and services related to the Galveston Wharves’ sanitization, cleaning, and decontamination efforts as well as any other goods and services specifically related to Galveston Wharves’ response to the COVID-19 viral outbreak.
4. This Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 hereby reaffirms the Port Director’s authority to implement and utilize additional emergency procedures as those procedures specifically relate to the Port of Galveston’s response to the COVID-19 viral outbreak in order to ensure continued business operations and to protect the safety of passengers, crew members, staff, partners, and other individuals on or near Galveston Wharves public property.

5. This Continuation of Local Disaster Related to COVID-19 shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves' official records.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this 11th day of June, 2020.

ALBERT P. SHANNON
Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

By: ________________________
Anthony P. Brown
Legal Counsel to the Board of Trustees
of the Galveston Wharves