

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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County	Galveston	USGS Quad	2994/231	Survey site no.	2
City	Galveston	UTMs	325640/3242430		
Name	City Hall	Date:	factual 1915-16; 1965 Est.		
Address	823 25th St.	Architect/Builder	C.D. Hill of Dallas; cont'd *		
			Contractor Gross Construction Co.		
Owner	City of Galveston, P.O. Box 779	Style/Type	elements of Neo-Classical Revival		
	Galveston, 77553	Original use	City Hall		
Address	ATTN: Mayor Gus Manuel	Present use	City Hall		
		Present condition	good		

Block/Lot 265/1-14

Description Four-story buff brick building, rectangular, with low-pitched hip roof; wide eaves shield simple cornice; first floor has rusticated appearance; slight projection to facade plane gives emphasis to entrance; slightly recessed set of triple doors

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area $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres

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2 second level also rusticated; third- and fourth-story windows
1 pilasters from which arches spring; other window openings
details contrast with brick. Later two-story addition to
and is not considered a contributing element to the

as served as the Galveston City Hall since its completion in 1901. The building is the oldest hall in the history of the city. The structure originally served as a city auditorium. The latter was badly damaged by Hurricane Carla in 1961. A new two-story office addition in 1965. Early photographs of the original structure is virtually unchanged. The City Council chambers are located in the building. City Hall is a symbol of local importance and fronts 25th Street, one of the most important streets in the city.

 date or Original site X Describe Entire block filled
 including police and fire facilities; on major street.
Historical Informant Betty Hartmen, researcher
 Recorder Ellen Beasley
 Date Nov 1982

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Significance The building has served as the Galveston City Hall since its completion in 1916. It is the third city hall in the history of the city. The structure originally included a large public auditorium. The latter was badly damaged by Hurricane Carla in 1962 and replaced by a new two-story office addition in 1965. Early photographs indicate that the front portion of the original structure is virtually unchanged. Administrative office and City Council chambers are located in the building. City Hall is a landmark of major local importance and fronts 25th Street, one of the most heavily traveled roads in the city.

Relationship to site: Moved date or Original site X Describe Entire block filled by City Hall building, including police and fire facilities; on major street.
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Foundation files (Hartman) Recorder Ellen Beasley
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

City Hall (Central Business District MRA)
Galveston County
TEXAS

Working No. MAR 29 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/26/84 - 5/13/84
Action: ACCEPT
RETURN 5/2/84
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Quovena
Discipline Historian
Date 5/2/84
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☒ applicable criteria — *It isn't considered significant under criterion C?*
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

X Acreage of nominated property _____ *please provide acreage*
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
☐ Photographs
☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Delores Byers* Date *5/2/84* Phone: _____

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Central Business District Multiple Resource Area
State Galveston County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Building at 1921--1921-1/2
Avenue D

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

Attest

2. Building at 1925--1927 Market
Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

Attest

Substantive Review

3. City Hall

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor - 8/14/84

Attest

4. City National Bank

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

Attest

5. Eiband's

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

Attest

6. First Evangelical Lutheran
Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

Attest

7. House at 2528 Postoffice St.

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 8/14/84

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8. Houses at 2017--2023 Avenue I

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvina Byers 8/14/84

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9. I.O.O.F. Lodge

Entered in the
National Register

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10. Jean Lafitte Hotel

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Working No. 3/29/84
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/6/85
Date Due: 8/19/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8-14-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Recom./Criteria Accept - A, C
Reviewer Grover
Discipline Historia
Date 8/14/84
_____ see continuation sheet

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Galveston Central Business District
Multiple Resource Nomination
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

Photo by Ellen Beasley, April 1983; neg. on file
at Texas Historical Commission, Austin

25th (Rosenberg) Street with City Hall and Post
Office, looking NW

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Photographer: Ellen Beasley, April 1983; neg. on file, Texas Historical Commission, Austin.

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000842