

YOLANDA FORD
Mayor

VASHAUNDR A EDWARDS
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

CHRIS PRESTON
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



REGINALD PEARSON
Councilmember District A
JEFFREY L. BONEY
Councilmember District B
ANTHONY G. MAROULIS
Councilmember District C
FLOYD EMERY
Councilmember District D

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in special session on **Monday, July 1, 2019**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Those also present: Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, First Assistant City Attorney Way, and Director of Financial Services Portis. Absent: City Attorney Iyamu. Mayor Pro Tem Preston arrived at 6:04 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Update regarding the Police Mini Station.

Police Chief Berezin presented on the Police Mini Station relocation to the 2400 block of Texas Parkway. Mayor Ford stated she was aware of residential concerns and asked about police visibility at the Wells Fargo building. Chief Berezin stated the Police Department would have more visibility as parking would be on the north side of the building; and, the location would be safer for the police officers with two exits. Councilmember Maroulis asked about signage. City Manager Snipes stated the City would be able to collaborate with TxDOT to have a sign. Mayor Ford asked if the monument sign was a City issue or the office building issue. Snipes stated the manager would be amenable to what was in the City code. Mayor Ford requested that the signage ordinance be reviewed. Councilmember Boney asked about the officer's security at a bank building. Berezin stated he would think no one would rob the bank due to their increased presence at the location; however, matters were in place to address such issues, should they arise. Boney asked for a community news release about the relocation. Berezin stated they would also notify residents at their Coffee with a Cop event on Wednesday.

(b) Presentation on City special events.

Recreation Manager Thompson presented an analysis on City special events. Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked if mechanisms were in place to recover costs in case of a cancellation. Thompson stated there were, and there were different timelines in place for cancellations. Mayor Ford asked how we justify the cost of all these events and if we would need to scale back. City Manager Snipes noted the roll back does not go into effect until 2021 and that the City collaborates with organizations for many of the events to reduce the cost on our citizens. Snipes stated staff would move forward as Council directed, should they felt the need to eliminate an event. Councilmember Boney asked for a breakdown of the origin of funds. Snipes provided Council with a breakdown.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 6:42 p.m.

- (c) Presentation by Performance Services on 21st century self-funding smart city infrastructure.

Jonathan Blackwell, Performance Services, presented on 21st century self-funding smart city infrastructure.

Councilmember Edwards returned at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Ford asked for examples of ancillary projects. Blackwell stated they were projects that do not have a traditional payback and not funded through utility savings. Councilmember Boney asked Mr. Blackwell how he heard about the City's project since it was not placed for a bid. Blackwell stated he met with Mayor Ford. Councilmember Emery asked if the presentation pertained to the agenda item on tonight's regular City Council meeting agenda. City Manager Snipes confirmed and noted the company was similar and a competitor of NORESCO. Councilmember Boney asked if Blackwell had looked at the City's overall situation and requested that he provide a detailed costs savings. Blackwell stated he had not done so as he did not have further insight. Councilmember Pearson asked if they were circumventing the process in place. Mayor Ford stated that was not the case. Snipes noted three of the vendors initiated this project and through the process of evaluation, it was determined the validity of the firms. Mayor Ford asked why the City did not perform a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to receive the best value. Snipes stated that going through BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing helps as they provide feedback on each vendor. Councilmember Boney asked if they were being asked to delay the approval of the project. Snipes stated staff had made their recommendation and will move forward at the discretion of City Council.

City Council recessed the special City Council meeting at 7:12 p.m. At 9:23 p.m., City Council reconvened the special City Council meeting to discuss agenda item 2d.

- (d) Discussion regarding the City Council budget work sessions and required budget and property tax public hearings.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to hold a special City Council meeting on September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the second property tax public hearing. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (e) Consider concurring with the appointment of an Assistant City Manager.

City Manager Snipes presented on the appointment of an Assistant City Manager. Mayor Ford asked if he was familiar with Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs). Snipes stated he was well versed and would get up to speed to better understand them.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to concur with the city manager's appointment of Glen A. Martel as the Assistant City Manager to begin on July 31, 2019. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **ADJOURN**

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary