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Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

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Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



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Councilmember District B
ANTHONY G. MAROULIS
Councilmember District C
FLOYD EMERY
Councilmember District D

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Preston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Secretary Jackson, and City Attorney Iyamu. Absent: Mayor Ford.

2. The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Fire Chief Campbell.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Councilmember Edwards and Sterling both recognized the Thurgood Marshall High School football team for participating in the Texas 2019 Class 5A Division II State Finals. Director of Communications Walker recognized the Missouri City Municipal Volunteer Program volunteer of the year for 2019. Assistant City Manager Atkinson presented the WCA recognition of a random act of kindness.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Turini, 5019 Southhampton Road, expressed concerned with inaction of city government to enforce Sec. 10-6, Limitation on number of dogs and cats, of the City municipal code.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Snipes invited everyone to the following Black History Month events: 6th Annual Celebration on January 31 and the Celebration on the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 15th Amendment on February 29. Snipes noted the Municipal Solid Waste Program has the option to change the size of trash containers or request additional containers.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special City Council meetings of January 3, 2020, and January 4, 2020, and the special and regular City Council meetings of January 6, 2020.
- (b) Consider an ordinance granting a specific use permit to allow for the location of a place of assembly; describing said 8.59 acre tract of land; providing limitations, restrictions, and conditions on such specific use; amending the zoning district map of the City of Missouri City; providing for repeal; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located north of Olympia Gymnastics & Tumbling, south of Colony Lakes residential subdivision, east of a shopping center, and west of River Pointe Church, along Knights Court.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the Consent Agenda pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTIONS

(b) Public Hearings and related actions

- (1) Public hearing to receive comments for or against an ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Missouri City Code; amending regulations relating to the subdivision of property; amending regulations relating to the approval, disapproval, and approval with conditions of plats, plans, and related applications; providing a penalty; and consider a related ordinance on the first of two readings.

Councilmember Emery moved to open the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Emery moved to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Planning Manager Gomez presented an overview on an ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Missouri City Code.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. APPOINTMENTS

- (a) Consider appointing a City representative to the Groundwater Reduction Plan Oversight Committee pursuant to the Groundwater Reduction Plan participation agreements.

Councilmember Emery moved to appoint Glen Martel as the representative and Shashi Kumar as the alternate to the Groundwater Reduction Plan Oversight Committee. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the purchase of an advanced transportation management system through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program.

Assistant Director of Public Works Brouhard presented on the Centracs software.

City Attorney Iyamu stepped away at 7:49 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

Councilmember Emery asked if the proposed system would cover all traffic signals. Brouhard stated it would. Councilmember Maroulis asked about the hours of operation for the department. Brouhard stated it would be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of an Advanced Transportation Management System software and associated services for \$189,650. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider authorizing the purchase of a signal preemption system for emergency vehicles through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program.

Councilmember Sterling moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of a Signal Preemption System for Emergency Vehicles from Paradigm in the amount of \$409,650. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider authorizing multiple contracts for specialized veterinarian services.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize multiple contracts for specialized veterinarian services. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (d) Consider authorizing the execution of a blanket purchase order for large fleet (fire truck) repair.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the execution of a blanket purchase order for large fleet (fire truck) repair. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (e) Consider authorizing the purchase of a new fire truck (pumper) and associated equipment for the proposed Fire Station 6 through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) cooperative purchasing program.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the purchase of a new fire truck (pumper) and associated equipment for the proposed Fire Station 6 through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) cooperative purchasing program. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (f) Consider authorizing the purchase of replacement Fire Department safety breathing air packs.

Chief Campbell stated the current frontline breathing air packs were reaching their end of life use and the proposed purchase would replace these units. The units were the newest models, which included most recent updates and safety enhancement including the SEMS II GPS tracking system, which would improve firefighter safety and accountability while operating in hazardous environments.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the purchase of replacement Fire Department safety breathing air packs. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (g) Consider authorizing the City to accept competitive offers from retail energy providers (REP's) and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase of electricity.

Assistant City Manager Atkinson stated the City engaged the services of Tradition Energy in 2015, through a cooperative purchasing agreement with Omnia (formally U.S. Communities) national cooperative purchasing program. With Tradition Energy's assistance in 2015, the City secured the current rate of \$0.0463, which started in 2018, and runs through the end of 2023. This current rate represented a 40% savings over the City's previous rate, and has already resulted in annual savings of \$500,000 in 2018 and \$530,000 in 2019. Bob Wooten of Tradition Energy presented an overview on the market.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the City to accept competitive offers from retail energy providers (REP's) and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase of electricity. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **ORDINANCES.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) Consider a resolution finding and determining public necessity for the acquisition of certain real property interests in rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project

known as the Knight Road Extension Project; authorizing such acquisition by donation, purchase, or eminent domain of certain real property interests in and to seventeen parcels needed for the project.

Director of Public Works Kumar stated that on May 15, 2017, the City Council authorized an interlocal agreement between Fort Bend County and the City for the Knight Road extension project. As shown in the project vicinity map, the project would include 1.5 miles of two-lane concrete road with shoulder from McKeever Road to SH6 and include a bridge over the American Water Canal. The proposed roadway would be a 3-lane roadway from the toll road located on the northern limits of the project to just passed Watts Plantation, then it would transition to a 2-lane roadway up to Ellison Road, and then transition back to a 3-lane roadway segment up to the southern terminus of the project (near McKeever Rd). Kumar added that City Council adopted a Traffic Management and Thoroughfare plan in January 2011 to plan for mobility and growth within the City and ETJ. The Knight Road extension project would be identified within this adopted Traffic Management and Thoroughfare plan. Extension and improvement of Knight Road would improve vehicular mobility and reduce congestion and safety hazards in the service area. Kumar noted that additional right-of-way (ROW) would be necessary for this Knight Road extension project. Specifically, 17 parcels of land were required which estimates to approximately 2.1 acres. Councilmember Emery asked about eminent domain as a process. City Attorney Iyamu explained the City was authorized to utilize eminent domain to acquire property. Councilmember Boney asked when they would move forward with negotiations. Assistant City Attorney Quintal stated that if the resolution was approved, they would commence with initial offer letters.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Assistance to Firefighters Program.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett stated the SAFER grant was a three-year cost-share grant that would cover a portion of the salary and benefits during the performance period. Jewett explained funds could only be used for new firefighters. The grant would cover 75% of payroll cost (salary and benefits) of the firefighter's first and second year and 35 percent the 3rd year. The maximum amount of funds that the City could receive in year 1 and 2 would be 75,000 and 35,000 in year 3 per firefighter. The above cost share percentages were from the previous 2 years grant (FY 17 and 18) the FY 19 guidance has not been released yet. The grant would be used to supplement the salary of up to 12 firefighters for Missouri City.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider a resolution authorizing the publication of the notice of intention to issue City of Missouri City, Texas certificates of obligation in a principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the construction of public works and any related items thereto and for the payment of contractual obligations for professional services; authorizing the distribution of a preliminary official statement relating to such certificates; and containing other provisions relating thereto.

Director of Financial Services Portis stated the resolution would authorize the City Secretary to publish a notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation. The notice was required in order to issue the Series 2020 Certificates of Obligation.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Edwards congratulated Thurgood Marshall for their wonderful season; congratulated Ms. Hamilton for her efforts in working with Human Trafficking; and, announced February 22 as the new Park Cleanup date. Councilmember Emery thanked the Fire Department for the wipe down ceremony at Fire Station No. 1. Councilmember Sterling would like to engage City Council in a robust awareness of the 2020 Census; she had the opportunity to have Coffee with a Cop and thanked Chief Berezin; she had a presentation with Houston Realtors Association; and, she attended the TML session for New Members of City Council. Councilmember Maroulis invited everyone out on January 25 to participate in Electronic Recycling; and, he thanked Assistant Chief Partido for the wipe down event. Councilmember Boney gave a shout out to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his sacrifice for fighting for rights; and, he, too, was moved by Ms. Hamilton's story and thanked her for sharing it. Mayor Pro Tem Preston hoped everyone enjoyed MLK Day and took time to reflect on the life and legacy of a great leader.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary