

**YOLANDA FORD**  
Mayor

**VASHAUNDRA EDWARDS**  
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

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



**CHERYL STERLING**  
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, January 6, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Those also present: Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Fire Chief Campbell, Director of Public Works Kumar, Director of Development Services Spriggs, and Planning Technician Edwards. Councilmember Boney arrived at 5:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Preston arrived at 5:35 p.m.

City Manager Snipes discussed the fire apparatus christening and archery and noted they would be stepping outside of the Council Chambers for these items.

Councilmember Emery moved to take agenda items 2c and 2d out of order. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

(c) Presentation of new fire apparatus.

(d) Overview of City collaboration with the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The special City Council meeting moved to the front entrance of City Hall and the Community Center at 5:03 p.m.

The special City Council meeting returned to the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

(a) Demonstration on the Roll Call Pro – Swagit paperless voting and captioning technology.

MCTV Producer McBean presented on the paperless voting technology overview. City Manager Snipes asked if there was going to be a presentation. McBean stated that until they had a determination on the workflow they could move forward with a demonstration. Walker stated the presentation would have to be tailored to fit the needs of the City. Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked if nearby cities using this technology had been contacted. McBean stated there were several cities that use the same system; and, they could go and see it. Councilmember Maroulis asked what Fort Bend Independent School District used. McBean stated he would ask. Councilmember Boney asked when the demonstration would take place on Votelynx. City Manager Snipes stated the item was high priority and should have demonstration within a month. Mayor Ford stated the City needed something that could grow with the City.

- (b) Presentation on market assessment for redevelopment areas.

Director of Economic Development Esch presented the market assessment for redevelopment areas. Mayor Ford inquired about the old movie theatre site and the potential of it being subdivided. Esch stated the consultant was not asked to do a pro forma analysis on a development outside the uses. They have had numerous conversations with the owner but the difficulty was the owner's disinterest.

Mayor Ford stepped away at 5:58 p.m. and returned at 5:59 p.m.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 6:03 p.m. and returned at 6:06 p.m.

Councilmember Boney inquired about eminent domains. City Attorney Iyamu stated eminent domain processes could be placed on a future agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Preston questioned the number of assessments and/or studies conducted on economic development. Snipes stated he recalled three but noted studies do not talk about willing developers.

### **3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

**Texas Government Code, Section 551.074** – Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: the city attorney.

**Texas Government Code, Section 551.087** – Deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: commercial development prospect.

### **4. RECONVENE**

At 6:58 p.m., Council reconvened into open session.

At 7:00 p.m., City Council recessed the special City Council meeting for the regular City Council meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., City Council reconvened the special City Council meeting into closed executive session.

At 8:06 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

### **5. ADJOURN**

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary