

**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 MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, June 15, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

*Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the Mayor, City Council, City Staff members, and members of the public were not physically present during this meeting. The meeting was made possible through the cloud-based video conferencing platform Zoom.*

### 1. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Captain Williams.

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Ford recognized the One Life Fellowship first year anniversary celebration; proclaimed June 14-20, 2020 as Waste & Recycling Workers Week, and, presented the Golden Tree Award to HEB for several contributions towards the City's beautification.

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS**.

### 5. **STAFF REPORTS**

(a) City Manager review of the list of Capital Improvement Projects.

Interim City Manager Atkinson introduced the Capital Improvement Projects. Director of Financial Services Portis spoke and defined the Capital Improvement Program, the programming process, the funding options, authorized but unissued bonds, and how debt capacity was determined. Director of Public Works Kumar presented on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 projects. Utilities Manager Hoover presented on facility proposed Fiscal Year 2021 projects.

(b) Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021 budget overview.

Interim City Manager Atkinson stated they had been preparing the Fiscal Year 2021 budget with City departments and have taken the COVID-19 pandemic into consideration when preparing for next year. Director Portis presented the Fiscal Year 2021 budget timeline, financial overview, general fund budget overview, property tax, potential impacts and budget considerations.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of special and regular City Council meetings of June 1, 2020, and the special City Council meeting minutes of June 5, 2020, and June 8, 2020.
- (b) Consider authorizing the continuation of annual payments for certain website hosting services.

Councilmember Edwards moved to remove agenda item 6b from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6a pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery

Nays: None

Mayor Ford asked if it was possible to clean up the website so that it was easier for the people to navigate and if it was tied to the hosting of the website. Ford also asked if it could be done within the next three months. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated they could look into having the website streamlined. Director of Communications Walker stated 11 home pages were added to the website during the 2016 redesign of the website. She noted webpages were not being utilized and they could look into it and only keep the webpages that were being utilized. Walker noted they were looking into having customized URLs as well. Ford asked if a presentation could be given in July on such information and what it would take to get the webpage cleaned up. Walker stated they would do that. Ford asked if this would affect the payment. Walker stated the payment City Council was voting on was for a year in advance, and that they could request for a credit for the webpages not being utilized next year. Ford asked when the payment was due. Atkinson stated it was due in July.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6b pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery

Nays: None

There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances, Public Hearings and related actions or Appointments** on this agenda.

**9. AUTHORIZATIONS**

- (a) Consider authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County to receive funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Fire Chief Campbell presented on the agreement to receive reimbursement for COVID-19 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Mayor Ford asked if the funding was coming from Fort Bend County. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated it was routed through the state.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County to receive funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None

- (b) Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of approval for Robinhood EMS, Inc., to operate a non-emergency ambulance service in the City of Missouri City.

Chief Campbell presented on private ambulance requests to operate in the City and reached out to other cities to see how they were tracking these requests. Mayor Ford asked how many ambulances were in the City. Campbell stated this would make number nine. Ford asked how they would serve the City for non-emergency services. Campbell stated an example would be to transport citizens to dialysis appointments.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of approval for Robinhood EMS, Inc., to operate a non-emergency ambulance service in the City of Missouri City. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None

- (c) Consider authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston for the Missouri City Police Department's participation in the United States Department of Justice Human Trafficking Grant program.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston for the Missouri City Police Department's participation in the United States Department of Justice Human Trafficking Grant program. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None

There were no **ORDINANCES.**

## 11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution adopting rules governing the investment of funds of the City of Missouri City; and consider other provisions relating to the subject.

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

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None

## **12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sterling asked that Professor Dr. Thomas F. Freeman who passed last week be remembered; thanked Mayor Ford and the American Chamber of Commerce who donated boxes of masks; she stated she was able to accept over 15,000 PPE from Congressman Al Green and Fort Bend County KP George's office; and, she wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. Councilmember Boney wished the fathers a Happy Father's Day; stated he was able to deliver a graduation proclamation to a constituent in a drive by graduation celebration; he gave his condolences to the family of Trey Thomas of Hightower High School; and, ee asked that George Floyd's family be kept in their prayers. Councilmember Maroulis recognized the Brightwater subdivision for representing Flag Day and for their graduation day event; and, he thanked Director Mangum for the work at Legion Park. Mayor Ford said ditto to all of the announcements; and, she thanked the Communications Department with assisting with the discussion she held with leaders from Fort Bend and Harris County.

## **13. ADJOURN**

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary