

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
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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 **Monday, July 20, 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:

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 7:15 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 Assistant City Manager Martel.

There were no **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Ed Lee, 4102 Townsville Circle, asked City Council to revisit Section 9.2 in Municode and investigate whether the limitation could be extended to 8-9 feet instead of 6 feet. He noted most sheds sold at the Missouri City Home Depot exceeds the 6 feet limitations and that many residences have already installed these sheds in their homes.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

(a) Update regarding the City of Missouri City master drainage plan.

Director of Public Works Kumar presented the history on the City's drainage plan. Assistant City Engineer Davis presented the City's drainage plan updates. Mayor Ford asked when the last master plan was completed. Kumar stated it was completed about two decades ago and noted they have completed various individual watershed plans. Ford requested that the last watershed plan be provided to City Council. She also requested what has been done in the past five years. Kumar clarified what had been done was on an individual basis, but holistically it has not been done as a whole.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of July 6, 2020, and the special City Council meeting of July 13, 2020.
- (b) Consider an ordinance amending the personnel policy of the City of Missouri City by establishing a notification process for employment claims against City Council's appointed officials, establishing a time limit for reporting potential paycheck errors for city employees;

- requiring notification to the human resources department for certain employee absences; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
- (c) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 62, Municipal Court, of the Missouri City Code; deleting provisions regarding certain municipal court fees; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
 - (d) Consider a request by the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector to record the City's receipt of the 10/20-year write-offs for personal and real property taxes.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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

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 a lease agreement for copiers.

Director of Information Technology Cole presented on the lease agreement for copiers for the City.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the execution of a lease agreement for copiers. 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

- (b) Consider authorizing the renewal of a software contract for Microsoft products.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the renewal of a software contract for Microsoft products. Mayor Pro Tem Preston 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 a contract for a monitored cybersecurity solution.

Director of Information Technology Cole presented on a contract for a monitored cybersecurity solution. Councilmember Boney asked if the City had fallen to cybersecurity incidents over the last year after everyone had received training. Cole stated they had but not to the point where they had been held hostage for their data. He noted this particular solution would assist in isolating the problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to authorize the execution of a contract for a monitored cybersecurity solution. 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

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

Fire Chief Campbell presented. Mayor Ford asked if there was a limit for ambulances in the City. Assistant Fire Chief Partida stated there was not a limit at this time and there were nine ambulances approved to work in the City. Partida noted the City of Pearland had approved 175 ambulances. Councilmember Maroulis asked if they should set a limit. Chief Partida provided an overview of what other cities were doing.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Edwards

Councilmember Edwards lost connection during the motion for agenda item 9d.

- (e) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for the cleaning, decontamination, and repair of firefighter bunker gear.

Councilmember Edwards moved to authorize the execution of a contract for the cleaning, decontamination, and repair of firefighter bunker gear. 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

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Naming of City Property and City Programs; of the Missouri City Code; reducing the signature threshold to change existing street names; providing a penalty; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance. 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 an ordinance amending Chapter 62, Municipal Court, of the Missouri City Code; eliminating certain panels of the municipal court; providing duties for the presiding judge; providing a penalty; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ford asked if the three panels would be collapsed. City Attorney Iyamu noted that was correct and the amendment allowed a single panel thus empowering the presiding judge. Councilmember Boney asked that Iyamu present an overview on the reasons for how the court procedures were set up. Iyamu presented an overview on the history of the charter pertaining to the judges.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Edwards seconded.

Councilmember Edwards requested to hold off until the judges were asked for their input. Councilmember Sterling concurred.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to withdraw the motion.

Mayor Ford stated the item died and would come back during the next meeting.

There were no **RESOLUTIONS**.

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked for a moment of silence for the late Congressman John Lewis.

Councilmember Edwards echoed Mayor Pro Tem Preston's sentiments. She thanked Councilmember Maroulis, volunteers and City staff who came out to support the Parks Clean-Up Day.

Councilmember Sterling expressed her gratitude to Director Mangum for their meeting with HGAC. She announced a job fair would be held on August 11 and they would send out an official communication soon.

Councilmember Boney sent his condolences for the family of the late Congressman John Lewis. He also thanked City staff members for their efforts in moving the City forward. Boney wished his constituent Sydney Jones a happy birthday.

Councilmember Emery echoed Councilmember Boney's shout out to staff and thanked them for moving the City forward.

Mayor Ford sent condolences to the family of Congressman John Lewis. She reminded everyone to stay safe during the pandemic.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 3rd day of August 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary