

**YOLANDA FORD**  
Mayor

**VASHAUNDRA 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 MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, July 15, 2019**, 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:

### 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Police Chief Berezin.

There were no **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Bruce Zaborowski**, 7915 Chancel, expressed concerns about City funds being allocated towards the golf course, as oppose to the building of a bridge within the Fonmeadow subdivision.

**Brenda Clark**, 3418 La Costa Road, spoke about concerns with the City of Stafford interlocal agreement regarding the animal shelter and how it affected the City.

**Allan Soffar**, 11734 N Nottingham Circle, spoke of concerns regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held last week.

**JC Haigh**, 5407 Raintree Drive, spoke over concerns regarding his property and requested release of a video and minutes.

### 5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Snipes presented the following updates: the bridge on Glenn Lakes Lane would be closed on July 29 for the reconstruction project and the CDBG Post-Secondary Educational & Vocational scholarship deadline was extended to July 31. Snipes asked that everyone mark their calendars for the following upcoming events: 2019 Summer Camp that runs through August 2; Senior Breakfast Bingo on July 18; Teen Pickleball on July 22; Youth Town Hall on July 23; Fire Station 4 open house on July 27; Book Talk on July 30; Clergy Roundtable on August 5; Car Seat Safety Check on August 1; and, the Community Operation Back-to-School Health Fair on August 10.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.

(b) Police Department annual report.

City Manager Snipes stepped away at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

Police Chief Berezin presented the Police Department annual report. Councilmember Boney stated Missouri City was a safe area and that many incidents were committed or originated from non-residents. Mayor Pro Tem Preston requested tips for residents to help minimize crimes in their area. Chief Berezin suggested storing valuables in storage facilities instead of a garage to avoid burglaries. Mayor Ford requested a news release about the Police Department's vacation house watch program and other safety tips. Councilmember Edwards requested an update on the signs for the new Police Mini Station. Berezin stated the contract has not yet been returned to the City. However, plans were to request a sign and promote the new location with the community.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of July 1, 2019.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the Consent Agenda pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Boney 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 the proposed Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Community Development Coordinator Dixon presented on the proposed Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Councilmember Emery moved to open the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Ford asked if micro loans were considered for businesses. Dixon stated staff could look into it and present to the Community Development Advisory Committee.

With no further comments from the public, Councilmember Boney moved to close the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (2) Public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) "2019-2023" Consolidated Plan.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to open the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no comments from the public, Councilmember Pearson moved to close the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (3) Public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

Community Development Coordinator Dixon presented on the proposed Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

Councilmember Boney moved to open the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Boney asked for clarification on emergency repairs and how they came about. Dixon discussed the PY16 Housing Rehab Budget Expense worksheet, which describes homes that were assisted. Dixon noted some rehab homes needed extensive repairs, which were those that exceeded the limit of \$10,000.00. Mayor Ford asked about the left over funds from 2017 and 2018. Dixon noted the unallocated funds or carry over funds were for housing rehabs, and it was also due to only having one contractor. Mayor Ford also asked if staff inspected the work that was being done to ensure completion. Dixon stated a City inspector goes out and completes a final report with the contractor.

With no further comments from the public, Councilmember Emery moved to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **APPOINTMENTS.**

## 9. **AUTHORIZATIONS**

- (a) Consider authorizing the acceptance a special warranty deed from Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 48 conveying Dry Creek Village Lift Station No. 1.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the acceptance of a special warranty deed from Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 48 conveying Dry Creek Village Lift Station No. 1. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider awarding a delinquent property tax collection services contract and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a delinquent property tax collection services contract with the awardee.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on the delinquent property tax collection services contract evaluation process and timeline.

Councilmember Pearson moved to open for discussion. Councilmember Edwards seconded.

Councilmember Edwards asked if goals were established for Linebarger in the previous contract. Assistant City Manager Atkinson stated there were goals set for municipal court fees, but was not sure if any were set for tax collection services. Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked about the changes in the scoring. Portis explained that initially the scores were tabulated with the totals presented by committee members. During the Finance Committee meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Preston requested they be provided scoring by criteria. When such information was compiled on the spreadsheet, they noted an error in manual calculation. Portis stated the recommendation remained the same and the points for Linebarger decreased by ten points. Mayor Ford asked if the City considered allowing both vendors to be tax collection vendors due to the close scores. City Manager Snipes stated it had not been considered as City Staff was following the current process in place. Councilmember Edwards requested that goals be established in the future. Atkinson then confirmed that in 2014, goals were established and stated what those were. Mayor Ford asked if the goals were met. Portis stated that staff would go back and review the numbers to determine that. Mayor Pro Tem Preston requested time to consider the information before voting.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to suspend the rules and address agenda item 9b at the end of the meeting. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

- (c) Consider authorizing the abandonment of a 2.7-acre easement for the Missouri City Management District No. 2.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the abandonment of a 2.7-acre easement for the Missouri City Management District No. 2. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (d) Consider authorizing a 10-year write-off for delinquent taxes on personal property and a 20-year write-off for delinquent taxes on real property in the total amount of \$13,443.05, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.05 "Limitation on Collection of Taxes."

Councilmember Pearson moved to authorize a 10-year write-off for delinquent taxes on personal property and a 20-year write-off for delinquent taxes on real property in the total amount of \$13,443.05, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.05 "Limitation on Collection of Taxes." Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (e) Consider authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the provision of all services related to removal and hauling of bio-solid sludge from City's wastewater and surface water treatment plants.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the provision of all services related to removal and hauling of bio-solid sludge from City's wastewater and surface water treatment plants with K3BMI. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (f) Consider authorizing an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County providing for the funding of bathroom renovations in Missouri City Fire Station No. 1.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County providing for the funding of bathroom renovations in Missouri City Fire Station No. 1. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance amending the general budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019; transferring various appropriations among accounts; appropriating supplemental revenue to various fund accounts; authorizing the appropriate city officials to take steps necessary to accomplish such transfers; making certain findings; and containing certain provisions relating to the subject; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Councilmember Edwards requested a list of wrecked and/or totaled vehicles. Director Portis stated that City Staff would forward the requested list to City Council.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Preston seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider an ordinance establishing a maximum speed limit for the school zone for Elkins High School located on Knight's Court, within the City, including designating a location and times; providing a penalty; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Councilmember Emery moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution amending the schedule of fees for development services.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest an economic development agreement by and between the City of Missouri City, Texas Reinvestment Zone Number One, Fort Bend County, Texas, and the Missouri City Development Authority pertaining to the development, construction and rehabilitation of the historic Missouri City Middle School gymnasium project.

Mayor Ford requested a presentation by Fort Bend County on the project.

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

## 9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (b) Consider awarding a delinquent property tax collection services contract and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a delinquent property tax collection services contract with the awardee.

City Manager Snipes stated that there was not a goal or a performance metric, but a projection set on the previous contract. Snipes noted if the consultant were not meeting projections, they would have to be notified in writing. Mayor Ford requested information on if they met the projections that were set out. Councilmember Boney stated he did his research and trusts staff has done their due diligence. Councilmember Edwards noted the Finance and Services Committee still had questions and were provided with such information after their meeting. She added the committee did not make a positive recommendation. Councilmember Emery noted the committee received the evaluator's information; however, it was irrelevant with making a decision. Councilmember Boney asked if goals could be added to the contract, as Councilmember Edwards requested. City Manager Snipes stated they could.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to accept staff recommendation with a modification to the contract to contain metrics. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Councilmember Pearson, Boney, Maroulis and Emery  
Nays: Councilmember Edwards  
Abstained: Mayor Ford and Mayor Pro Tem Preston

## 12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Preston congratulated the Police Department for their "Coffee with a Cop" event. Councilmember Edwards stated the "Coffee with a Cop" was a great event and admires them for their involvement with the community. Edwards also encouraged the citizens to apply for the CDBG grant scholarship. Councilmember Emery also encouraged citizens to apply for the scholarship. Councilmember Boney stated he also attended the "Coffee with a Cop" event and has seen what the City has been able to accomplish with the many CDBG programs. Councilmember Maroulis stated he did a ride along with the Police Department and thanked them for how well they handle the citizens. Councilmember Pearson stated he also attended "Coffee with a Cop" and it was a great event. Pearson encouraged students to take advantage of the scholarships available.

## 13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary