

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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in special session on **Monday, August 19, 2019**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:15 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, and Maroulis; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Director of Public Works Kumar, Director of Financial Services Portis, Director of Communications Walker, Utilities Manager McGraw, Assistant Finance Director Uwakwe, and Media Specialist III Sanders. Also present: David S. Yanke, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, Philip Gildan and Karen Kennard, Greenberg Traurig. Councilmember Boney and Emery arrived at 5:16 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Presentation of the municipal utility district feasibility analysis.

David S. Yanke presented the municipal utility district (MUD) feasibility analysis. Mayor Ford inquired if the Harris County MUDs could be consolidated. Yanke recommended focusing on consolidating those which have a positive cash flow and see if they make sense operationally.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston stepped away at 5:45 p.m. and returned at 5:49 p.m.

Karen Kennard discussed process to dissolve MUDs through an ordinance or an election.

(b) Discussion of the accounting of certain utility funds related to the Groundwater Reduction Plan.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on the accounting of certain utility funds related to the Groundwater Reduction Plan. Councilmember Edwards asked when staff was aware that \$2.5 million was placed in the wrong account. City Manager Snipes stated they were notified by the Groundwater Reduction Plan in 2019; and, the City received a report on Friday noting the funds were not misplaced. Edwards stated the Finance Committee was not notified about this item. Snipes noted City Council was informed on numerous occasions. Councilmember Boney noted Council voted on an external audit recently and that the narrative that \$2.5 million was misplaced was false. Mayor Ford clarified the audit that was requested was a forensic audit because \$2.5 million dollars was placed into a wrong account.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston stepped away at 6:09 p.m. and returned at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Ford requested that the auditing firm provide a corrected letter stating they reviewed the general ledger, as the presented letter stated the opposite. Councilmember Maroulis stated he sent Mayor Ford a

text message asking for either proof, to speak with City Manager, and/or to schedule a workshop on the email but received no feedback. Councilmember Boney referenced the email the Mayor received about financing misplacing the funds and would like clarification on it.

- (c) Presentation and discussion on proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

City Manager Snipes and Director of Financial Services Portis presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

City Council recessed the special City Council meeting at 6:58 p.m. At 8:21 p.m., City Council reconvened the special City Council meeting to continue discussions for agenda item 2c.

Councilmember Maroulis stepped away at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:51 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 2019.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary