

**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, October 7, 2019**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:35 p.m.** to consider the following:

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Director of Human Resources Russell, Director of Development Services Spriggs, Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum, Director of Communications Walker, HOA Liaison Matte, Media Specialist III Kalimkoottil, and Media Specialist III Sanders.

### 2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Discuss Miracle City Church.

Director of Development Services Spriggs stated the item was requested by the applicant to address City Council. Council moved on to discuss the remaining agenda items as the applicants were not present to discuss item 2a, at this time.

(b) Naming of Parks and Recreation volunteer of the year award.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum presented on the naming of the Parks and Recreation volunteer of the year award. Mangum recommended naming the award after the late Ebony Ghee.

Mayor Ford, Councilmember Maroulis, and Councilmember Emery expressed their support of this request. City Manager Snipes stated the item would come back to approve at a regular City Council meeting.

(c) Consider and discuss a request to video record and post special City Council meetings.

City Manager Snipes presented on Council's request to video record and post special City Council meetings. Councilmember Maroulis inquired about storage issues if they went forward with recording and posting special meetings. Director of Communications Walker stated there would be no issues or additional cost as meetings were stored on the City's YouTube channel. Councilmember Boney inquired if the meetings were edited. Walker stated meetings were not edited.

Councilmember Boney moved to video record and post special City Council meetings. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Manager Snipes clarified that effective today, all special City Council meetings would be video recorded and posted.

- (d) Consider and discuss the City's policy for social media postings.

City Attorney Iyamu presented on the City's policy for social media postings and consequences. Director Walker presented on best practices for social media postings.

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

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

**Texas Government Code, Section 551.071** – Consultation with attorney to seek or receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act: (i) Miracle City Church and (ii) City Council social media policy.

### 4. **RECONVENE**

At 6:25 p.m., Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

At 6:26 p.m., agenda item 2a was addressed.

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

- (a) Discuss Miracle City Church.

Pastor Jeremiah Asomugha, applicant, spoke about the request and his meeting with the community.

Councilmember Emery arrived at 6:27 p.m. Councilmember Boney arrived at 6:29 p.m.

Joe Nixon, attorney, stated he was present to address questions from City Council and the public.

Councilmember Pearson noted flooding was a major concern. Mayor Ford stated flooding concerns would be addressed during the permitting process.

**Jeanette Quimby**, 11814 S. Willowdale Circle, requested to correct a misconception made during the September 3, 2019 regular City Council meeting where Pastor Asomugha stated he reached out to the HOA board and he did not. She added he did attend an HOA meeting where only six people were supportive out of the over 73 in attendance.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 6:40 p.m. and returned at 6:44 p.m.

**Carla Menard**, 15422 Poolview Street, expressed concerns regarding traffic that would be caused by the church.

**Kevin Pever**, expressed concerns regarding the applicant's request.

**Nkemdi Ohalete**, the applicant's engineer, addressed questions from the public.

**Tanya Terry**, 11824 S. Ridgewood Circle, expressed concerns regarding the applicant's request.

Mayor Ford recessed the special City Council meeting at 6:57 p.m. for the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. At 8:27 p.m., City Council reconvened the special City Council meeting.

**3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 8:27 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: Presiding Judge.

**4. RECONVENE**

At 9:09 p.m., Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

**5. ADJOURN**

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary