

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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in special session on **Friday, January 3, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Sterling, and Maroulis; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Director of Economic Development Esch, Director of Human Resources Russell, Director of Communications Walker, Director of Financial Services Portis, Media Specialist III Kalimkoottil, and Community Relations Coordinator Matte. Also present: Anne Peters, Executive Director for the Texas Ethics Commission, and Korita Brown Jones, Senior Consultant for Gallagher. Councilmember Boney arrived at 5:06 p.m. Councilmember Emery arrived at 5:19 p.m. Councilmember Edwards arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Ford requested to postpone agenda item 2e for discussion on a later date.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Seek clarification on video recording and posting of special City Council meetings.

City Manager Snipes requested clarification regarding the video recording of special City Council meetings as he believed City Council's request was to video record the first and third special meetings of each month before regular City Council meetings. Councilmember Maroulis, Councilmember Sterling, and Mayor Pro Tem Preston were supportive of recording the first and third week special meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to allow for the special City Council meetings to be recorded with the regular City Council meetings. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Receive training on general state ethics rules, including rules relating to the use of public resources, gifts, and the use of official information.

City Attorney Iyamu introduced Ms. Anne Peters, Executive Director for the Texas Ethics Commission. Ms. Peters discussed gift restrictions, misuse of government resources, misuse of official information, and addressed questions from City Council.

Councilmember Boney stepped away at 5:42 p.m. and returned at 5:50 p.m. Councilmember Maroulis stepped away at 5:58 p.m. and returned at 6:02 p.m.

- (c) Receive a presentation and discuss the current compensation and benefits study.

City Manager Snipes provided an overview of the City's current compensation and benefits study. Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development Russell introduced Korita Brown Jones, Senior Consultant

for Gallagher. Ms. Brown Jones discussed Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., the project team, the previous study for the City, project objectives, project work plan, project timeline, and addressed questions from City Council.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 6:24 p.m. and returned at 6:26 p.m.

- (d) Receive a presentation and update regarding the implementation of the establishment of Fire Station 6.

Assistant City Manager Atkinson presented the plan for construction and operation of Fire Station Number 6.

- (e) Receive a presentation and update regarding facility usage and co-sponsorship requests.

Agenda item 2e was postponed by Mayor Ford.

- (f) Discuss District and Citywide events.

Councilmember Sterling requested clarification for the City Council protocol or procedures regarding events held in District A. Discussion ensued regarding various events held in the City and current protocol.

Councilmember Sterling asked if the City had an annual calendar of events from which black out spots or open spots would be available for City Council to hold events. The City Secretary stated City Council currently has a master City Council calendar of events. City Manager Snipes stated the challenge was when City Councilmembers receive direct invitations to events in which the City was not made aware of.

Mayor Ford requested placement on a future agenda; and, for City Council to return with suggestions for improvement. She added that all members of City Council may hold up to two district or community meetings per year; and, limiting the use of City resources for community and council initiated community and town halls meetings held within 30 days of city elections.

At this time, City Council agreed to offer each other professional courtesy for meetings held in each district, moving forward.

- (g) Receive an overview and update on the Economic Development and Redevelopment Program.

Director of Economic Development Esch provided an overview of commercial development corridors in Missouri City, recent economic development projects, the economic development plan, redevelopment efforts, summary of current development prospects, and addressed questions from City Council.

- (h) City Council strategic planning.
- (i) Receive a presentation on and discuss the City's Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Agenda items 2h and 2i were not addressed during the January 3, 2020, special City Council meeting as they would be discussed during the January 4, 2020, special City Council meeting.

3. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary