

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 **Monday, February 3, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:30 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Fire Chief Campbell, Director of Financial Services Portis, Director of Development Services Spriggs, Director of Communications Walker, Director of Economic Development Esch, Assistant Director of Financial Services Uwakwe, CDBG Grants Coordinator Dixon, Media Specialist II Sanders, and Media Specialist II Kalimkoottil. Also present: Rick Navarro of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., Karen Kennard of Greenberg Traurig, and Susan Anderson of Valley View Consulting.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Legislative review presentation.

Karen Kennard with Greenberg Traurig, LLP presented an overview on the legislative interim session. Councilmember Emery asked if surrounding cities were collecting tax from internet sales. Kennard stated some were and the Texas Comptroller has setup a system in which they would be remitted under the rules that were being considered. Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked if there was discussion pertaining to Airbnb's. Kennard stated there was a charge related to Airbnb and other rentals but could talk about it in more detail in the future. Preston also asked about information pertaining to oil fields and environmental regulations. Kennard stated that in the 2015 Legislative Session, the legislature placed significant limitation on a city's ability to regulate the oil and gas industry. Preston requested information on what the City was able to do. Mayor Ford asked about the infringement of sales tax. Kennard stated there was nothing specifically flushed out about the proposal but it was out there. Councilmember Boney asked if there was discussions on group homes. Kennard stated the bill to do the study did not pass.

Councilmember Emery moved to address agenda item 2e. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Manager Snipes requested to address agenda item 2b as the consultant was here to address the quarterly investment report.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to address agenda item 2b, at this time, followed by agenda item 2e. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(b) Discuss the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending on December 31, 2019.

Susan Anderson of Valley View Consulting discussed the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending on December 31, 2019.

- (e) Presentation on Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides for civil service (permanent employment) for fire fighters and police officers.

Councilmember Edwards stepped away at 6:18 p.m. and returned at 6:22 p.m.

Rick Navarro of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., presented an overview on the civil service petition.

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 6:23 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) Metro Contract; (ii) Authority of the city manager pursuant to the City of Missouri City Charter regarding certain personnel matters; and (iii) legal rights, duties, privileges and obligations arising out of the adoption of civil service status under Chapter 143, Texas Local Government Code and related legal matters.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: commercial development prospect.

4. RECONVENE

At 7:12 p.m., City Council recessed the special City Council meeting for the regular City Council meeting.

At 7:42 p.m., City Council reconvened the special City Council meeting for closed executive session.

At 9:13 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken in closed executive session.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (c) Provide an update on the assessment of Lakeshore Harbour Section 5, PID 2.

City Attorney Iyamu provided an update on the assessment of Lakeshore Harbour Section 5, PID 2. Iyamu stated a public hearing was held for PID No. 2 assessments on November 18, 2019. The updated service and assessment plans were also presented to City Council for approval on November 18, 2019 and no action was taken. She added that a community meeting was held on January 15, 2020 where the public was able to express their concerns and opinions. Iyamu stated Development Services submitted documents for a second public hearing to take place at the February 17 meeting.

- (d) Presentation of the proposed 2020 Citizen Survey.

Assistant City Manager Atkinson presented on the proposed 2020 Citizen Survey. Atkinson noted the survey would be provided by mail, online and phone to a random sample of 400 city residents. Mayor Pro Tem Preston requested to promote inclusion by requesting and receiving feedback from the youth of the community. City Manager Snipes suggested having the survey at a Youth Town Hall session.

5. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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

Maria Jackson, City Secretary