

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 MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, March 16, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd 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 7:01 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; Interim City Manager Atkinson, City Attorney Iyamu, and City Secretary Jackson. Councilmember Edwards arrived at 7:03 p.m.

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Director of Development Services Spriggs.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The item pertaining to the presentation of the Clean Restaurant Awards was removed from the agenda due to COVID-19.

Councilmember Maroulis proclaimed March 25, 2020, as "Greek Independence Day" in the City of Missouri City. Mayor Ford proclaimed March as "Women's History Month" in the City of Missouri City. Emergency Medical Services medical director Dr. Joe Anzaldua presented a COVID-19 update. Councilmember Boney asked if there would be a COVID-19 testing site in Missouri City. Dr. Anzaldua stated the county would determine the locations of the sites. Councilmember Emery requested that the Mayor send a letter to Fort Bend County so that Missouri City would be considered as a testing site. Mayor Ford asked that staff prepare the letter and she would call the county. Mayor Ford asked if they should hold meetings remotely. Dr. Anzaldua advised to move forward as is; however, he may make an alternate suggestion on a later date as with COVID-19, situations change by the hour and he could make a different recommendation then. Councilmember Emery asked about impact on staff. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated each department was working on their continuity of operations plans (COOP) which provides guidance, by department, in carrying out its responsibilities and ensuring that mission essential functions were continued during an emergency, or threat of an emergency, that would affect normal operations. He noted the City was working to minimize impact. Dr. Anzaldua asked City Council to pay attention to the elderly, as they were the most affected.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Cronin, 902 Pine Meadow Drive, spoke about his retirement and thanked the City for the opportunity to work for Missouri City.

There were no **STAFF REPORTS**.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of March 2, 2020.
- (b) Consider an ordinance amending Section 18, Board of Adjustment, of Appendix A of the Missouri City Code, entitled, "The City of Missouri City Zoning Ordinance;" amending rules and regulations for powers and the hearing of appeals; providing a penalty; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
- (c) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 34, Finance and Taxation, of the Missouri City Code; authorizing form of payment; providing for return check fees; providing for credit card service fees; providing for a repeal and providing for severability; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
- (d) Consider authorizing the purchase of Fire and Rescue Services firefighter protective clothing.
- (e) Consider authorizing the Comcast internet service renewal contract.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the Consent Agenda pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances, Public Hearings and related actions or Appointments** on this agenda.

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for Fire Station No. 1 renovations.

Councilmember Boney requested a list of the renovations. Fire Chief Campbell provided an overview of the renovation to be performed.

Councilmember Emery moved authorize to the execution of a contract for Fire Station No. 1 renovations. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider authorizing the negotiation and execution of certain cost sharing agreements between the City of Missouri City and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District Number 47 and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District Number 48 for the rehabilitation of the Mustang Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the negotiation and execution of certain cost sharing agreements between the City of Missouri City and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District Number 47 and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District Number 48 for the rehabilitation of the Mustang Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance disannexing a 5.36-acre tract of land located north of the Sienna Sports Complex, south of the Sienna Village of Bees Creek residential subdivision, east of the Brazos River, and west of the Brazos Canal Access Road; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

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

- (b) Consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Missouri City, Texas, combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2020 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the construction of public works and the purchase of a fire truck; levying a tax in payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such certificates of obligation, including authorizing the preparation and distribution of one or more preliminary official statements, one or more official statements and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the certificates; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase agreements; authorizing the execution and delivery of a paying agent/registrars agreement; authorizing and confirming the engagement of certain professionals in connection with the issuance of the certificates of obligation; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law; and enacting other provisions relating thereto; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Director of Financial Services Portis, Joe Morrow, Hilltop Securities, and Derek Mitchell, Holland & Knight, presented an overview.

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

- (c) Consider authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Missouri City, Texas, general obligation and refunding bonds, series 2020, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,340,000 for the refunding of certain bonds and for the construction of public works; levying a tax in payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such certificates of obligation, including authorizing the preparation and distribution of one or more preliminary official statements, one or more official statements and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the certificates; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase agreements; authorizing the execution and delivery of a paying agent/registrars agreement; authorizing and confirming the engagement of certain professionals in connection with the issuance of the certificates of obligation; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law; and enacting other provisions relating thereto; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance with recommended amendment in the caption. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (d) Consider an ordinance ratifying and consenting to the declaration of a local state of disaster resulting from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic; and declaring an emergency; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

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

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution approving and adopting the development and planning schedule of fees; providing for severability; providing an effective date; and making certain findings relating thereto.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the resolution with an amendment to the effective date. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider a resolution adopting a schedule of fees pertaining to the regulation, registration, impoundment and handling of animals by the City of Missouri city, Texas.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the resolution with an amendment to the effective date. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider a resolution supporting Project Brazos; providing for severability; and making certain findings relating thereto.

Director of Public Works Kumar presented an overview on Project Brazos.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sterling stated met with several constituents to discuss issues and met with Councilmember Emery to discuss projects with H-GAC. Councilmember Maroulis thanked Dr. Anzaldua for a great presentation; reminded everyone to support local business; and, thanked HEB for helping seniors get their supplies. Councilmember Boney sent out his thought and prayers to everyone affected by COVID-19; he stated he was appointed by the National League of Cities to the Community and Economic Committee and to the subcommittee of Entrepreneurship and New Business in which he hopes to help the City businesses with; and, he wished his wife a happy 23rd anniversary. Councilmember Emery sent prayers to those affected by COVID-19 and asked everyone to support local businesses. Councilmember Edwards encouraged everyone to follow the protocols for COVID-19; and, he thanked women for their service to the City during Women's History Month. Mayor Ford ditto everything and advised citizens to visit MissouriCityReady.com for official updates.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Maria Jackson, City Secretary