

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, May 8, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following.

Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the Mayor, City Council, City Staff members, and members of the public were not physically present during this meeting. The meeting was made possible through the cloud-based video conferencing platform Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, and Emery; Interim City Manager Atkinson, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development Russell, Director of Communications Walker, and MCTV Producer Penalba. Absent: Councilmember Maroulis.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Submit, consider, and discuss city manager candidates for additional screening.

Mayor Ford stated City Council took action during the last City Council meeting to move forward and screen additional candidates, provide the candidate names to City Staff to schedule the screening, and the City Attorney recommended that it be done during a public meeting.

Councilmember Edwards moved to submit and discuss the city manager candidates for additional screening. Mayor Pro Tem Preston seconded.

The Mayor stated each City Councilmember may identify their top five (5) candidates using the alphabet codes previously provided which would be tallied at the end of the meeting by the Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development.

Mayor Ford identified candidates F, AR, AB, H, and S.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston identified candidates S, H, F, AB, and AR.

Councilmember Edwards identified candidates F, S, AB, AR, and H.

Councilmember Sterling identified candidates S, L, AP, J, and F.

Councilmember Boney stated all applicants were to be submitted to the HR department so that all may be equally weighted the same.

Councilmember Emery stated all applicants were to be submitted to the HR department so that all may be equally weighted the same without candidates U, W, X, Y, AE, AF, AI, AJ, and AU as they were not qualified as noted by the Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development.

Councilmember Edwards moved to submit and discuss the city manager candidates for additional screening. Mayor Pro Tem Preston seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, and Councilmember Sterling

Nays: Councilmember Boney and Councilmember Emery

The Mayor stated City Council discussions would continue and Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development Russell would come back at the end of the meeting to tally the votes.

- (b) Consider and discuss the City's board, committee, and commission member appointments and reappointments.

City Secretary Jackson proceeded to provide an overview of the City's boards, committees, and commissions.

Councilmember Boney moved to reappoint the candidates who would like to continue serving and interview candidates for the open and vacant positions. Councilmember Emery seconded.

Councilmember Sterling expressed concerns with reappointing everyone based on interest to continue serving again, especially if you take into account the attendance records. Mayor Ford agreed with Councilmember Sterling's comments and noted this was City Council's protocol. Councilmember Boney stated he was open to discussing candidates. Councilmember Sterling noted she reviewed the attendance policy and attendance list and noted a few candidates missed several meetings and believed they did not have time to serve. Councilmember Emery confirmed candidates who miss three consecutive meetings were reported to City Council for further action, if any. Councilmember Boney suggested to Councilmember Sterling that amendments to the approved resolutions for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks Board bylaws could be further discussed with each board. Councilmember Sterling expressed concerns with serving a board with excessive absences.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston stated he was not in favor of automatically reappointing individuals based on their interest to continue serving each board. He added several residents expressed interested in serving the City and they would never be able to serve if City Council kept on reappointing members.

Councilmember Boney moved to reappoint the candidates who would like to continue serving and interview candidates for the open and vacant positions. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION FAILED.**

Ayes: Councilmember Boney and Councilmember Emery

Nays: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, and Councilmember Sterling

The Mayor requested that the agenda item be brought back during the first meeting in June with the attendance records for all city boards. Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked when the board members would need to be appointed. City Secretary Jackson stated the majority of the positions expire June 30, 2020; however, in the event they were not appointed, members would holdover until positions were appointed or reappointed. The Mayor requested that Communications send out another news release with a May 31st application deadline.

Councilmember Boney stated his motion also included a request to interview candidates for all open and vacant positions. City Attorney Iyamu stated that since his motion was a component of the previous motion, a member who voted against the motion could make that motion now. Councilmember Boney stated vacant and open positions were previously interviewed. Mayor Ford states she was open; however, someone would need to make the motion.

City Council returned to agenda item 2a to tally the votes.

Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development Russell identified the top candidates as F, S, H, AB, and AR. Mayor Ford stated to proceed with contacting the candidates for additional screening within the approved dates noted during the May 4th special City Council meeting from May 12, 2020 to May 15, 2020. Should they agree to move forward, the candidates names may be made public.

The Mayor stated she would provide a book of city manager interview questions to City Council and she would recommend that everyone choose three interview questions. City Council agreed candidates would be screened for one hour and 30 minutes.

3. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of May 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary