

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, December 7, 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:

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. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Jones, City Attorney Iyamu, and City Secretary Jackson.

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

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.**

Judge Sinclair administered the oath of office to Vashaundra Edwards, City Councilmember At-Large, Position 1.

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS** or **STAFF REPORTS**.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 16, 2020, and the special City Council meeting of November 17, 2020.
- (b) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 42, Floodplain Management, of the Missouri City Code; providing for an updated flood insurance study for Fort Bend County; amending certain provisions in accordance with recommendations of the State coordinating agency; providing for repeal; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
- (c) Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a one-time, lump sum payment to employees, other than first responders who will be receiving a one-time lump sum payment for hazard pay reimbursable under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, for current performance or market adjustments.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 6a and 6b, pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on agenda item 6c, the one-time, lump sum payment to all active employees for hazard pay reimbursable under the CARES Act. She noted fulltime employees would receive \$900 while part-time employees would receive \$450.

Councilmember Emery asked if there was a threshold of the hours part-time employees must have worked to be eligible to receive payment. Portis stated part-time employees must work no more than 30 hours and noted seasonal employees would not be included in this group.

Councilmember Boney asked if employees who were full time at the moment would be eligible. Portis stated all active employees would be eligible. Boney asked for the difference between first responders and city employees and asked her to clarify where the funds were coming from. Portis stated payment would be coming from the general fund account and all frontline employees that were not public safety employees would qualify. She noted first responders were firefighters and police officers and that their hazard pay would be coming from the CARES Act. Boney asked if the City would be reimbursed through the CARES Act. Portis stated they would not be reimbursed for city employees.

Councilmember Sterling asked if the funds were available through the general fund. Portis stated that was correct as the City budgeted for this item.

Councilmember Edwards moved to approve the Consent Agenda item 6c, pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTIONS

(a) Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances

- (1) Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request for a specific use permit authorizing a place of assembly use within an approximately 7,000 square foot lease space in The Village Walk shopping center; amending the zoning district map of the City of Missouri City; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the related ordinance on the first of two readings. The subject site is located in the lease space directly west of 3823 Cartwright Rd.

Planner II White presented on the request for a specific use permit authorizing a place of assembly use within an approximately 7,000 square foot lease space in the Village Walk shopping center. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission forward a positive recommendation and that staff recommended approval of the temporary location of the place of assembly for the period not to exceed five years.

Mayor Ford asked how often and at what time they would be meeting. White stated they would be meeting on Wednesdays and on Sundays after hours from the other businesses nearby.

Councilmember Maroulis congratulated David B. Dale, III and Pastor Scott Nichols on the project. He asked if they had contacted LaLa Salon about their operation hours. Dale stated he had a close relationship with all the tenants, the salon was not open on Sundays and they were excited about having a co-tenant.

Councilmember Emery asked how many they anticipate in the congregation. Pastor Nichols stated they have about 80 people and the space maxes out a little over 200 people.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to open the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

With no public comments, Councilmember Maroulis moved to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the ordinance, as presented. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

(b) Public Hearings and related actions

- (1) Public hearing to receive comments for or against an ordinance continuing the rules and regulations pertaining to the establishment of a curfew for minors as provided in Chapter 70 of the Missouri City code.

Councilmember Edwards moved to open the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

Police Chief Berezin presented on the juvenile curfew ordinance and noted it had been effective.

With no public comments, Councilmember Emery moved to close the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

8. APPOINTMENTS

- (a) Consider appointing certain individuals to the Missouri City Management District No. 2 Board of Directors.

Agenda item 8a was pulled from the agenda.

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for the Mustang Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation and expansion project.

Utilities Manager Hoover presented an overview and history on the Mustang Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. Jeff Peters, Ardurra Group, presented an overview on the hurdles they had to overcome with the market condition and he explained the completion schedule.

Councilmember Edwards moved to authorize the execution of a contract for the Mustang Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation and expansion project. Mayor Pro Tem Preston seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: None

(b) Consider authorizing the purchase of a chipper truck for City parks.

Fleet Superintendent Tubbs presented on the purchase of a chipper truck for City parks. He noted a highlight of the truck was that it would be useful to pick up trees after disasters.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to authorize the purchase of a chipper truck for City parks. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: None

(c) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for the smart initiative kiosks.

Director of Information Technology Cole presented on the purchase and installation of three smart initiative kiosks through the CARES Act funding. He noted the kiosks were designed to be approachable and rugged for everyday use. Cole stated the kiosks included locations and wayfinding options for City parks, buildings and surrounding schools.

Mayor Ford asked if residents would be able to pay bills on the kiosk. Cole stated the kiosks would provide access to the City's online payment portals and access to obtain permit statuses.

Councilmember Maroulis asked if it was possible to relocate one of the kiosks to the new Fire Station once it was opened. Cole stated he would like to place one at every fire station. Assistant City Manager Atkinson stated they would have to look into it at a later time. Cole noted the kiosks would be placed at Fire Stations 2, 3 and 4 to provide strategical advantage and optimal coverage at key geographical locations.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to authorize the execution of a contract for the smart initiative kiosks. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: None

(d) Consider authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with a company for the administration of a small business loan program on behalf of the City

Councilmember Emery tagged the agenda item and stated they needed more time to review as there was a recent change to the program. Emery also requested a workshop on the item.

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance establishing a fire fighters' and police officers' civil service commission; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

City Attorney Iyamu presented on the adoption of the civil service and the need to establish a commission.

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

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: None

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution waiving the right of way permit fee for license plate reader cameras installed on behalf of the Riverstone Homeowners Association.

Chase Ferguson, Flock Safety, presented on the request to waive the permit fee for installation of license plate reader cameras.

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

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: None

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Preston congratulated Councilmember Edwards on her re-election to City Council. He reminded everyone about the runoff election.

Councilmember Sterling congratulated Councilmember Edwards on her re-election. She stated she was able to participate in the distribution of turkeys and food before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilmember Boney congratulated Councilmember Edwards on her re-election. He stated he enjoyed participating in the City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Boney also spoke about the Amazon Distribution Center coming to District B and bringing 500 jobs to the City.

Councilmember Maroulis thanked Assistant City Manager Atkinson for his assistance with information on letting business know about CARES Act funding. Maroulis stated that he, along with Councilmember Emery, handed over 3,000 masks and stuffed animals to senior living places.

Councilmember Emery congratulated Councilmember Edwards on her re-election and reminded everyone about the runoff election.

Councilmember Edwards thanked everyone for their well wishes, the residents who voted for her, and Judge Sinclair for her leadership. She stated she attended the Stuff the Squad Car with Mayor Pro Tem Preston

and participated during the Turkey/PPE Drive. Edwards stated she, along with City Manager Jones, the Communications staff and Councilmember Maroulis, attended the First Colony HOA meeting.

Mayor Ford congratulated Councilmember Edwards on her re-election; thanked the DWalsh Foundation, HCC and the Food Bank for helping with the PPE/Food drive; and, she welcomed Amazon to the City and recognized City Manager Jones for helping get the Amazon project done.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of December 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary