

**ROBIN J. ELACKATT**  
Mayor

**VASHAUNDRA EDWARDS**  
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

**LYNN CLOUSER**  
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



**CHERYL STERLING**  
Councilmember District A  
**JEFFREY L. BONEY**  
Councilmember District B  
**ANTHONY G. MAROULIS**  
Mayor Pro Tem  
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, January 11, 2021**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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. ROLL CALL

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

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmembers Emery, Boney, Edwards, Sterling, and Clouser; City Manager Jones, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, City Attorney Iyamu, Assistant City Attorney James Santangelo, Director of Communications Walker and Deputy City Secretary Berglund. Absent: City Secretary Jackson.

### 2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consider authorizing staff to take further actions on the 2020 Charter Review Commission Final Report and additional potential Charter amendments.

Assistant City Attorney presented the Charter Review Commission Final Report recommending six items for voter approval:

- 1) Section 3.05. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem (deleting the provision that states that the mayor shall act as chief administrative officer of the City until a city manager is appointed).
- 2) Section 6.01.B, C, D. Election of mayor; election of two councilmembers at large; election of four district councilmembers (extending the length of terms for mayor and councilmembers from two to four years or two to three years).
- 3) Section 6.01.F. Term Limits (providing for 12 consecutive years of service).
- 4) Section 9.04.D. Transfer of appropriations (changing the amount of time the city manager may transfer unencumbered funds from 60 to 90 days after the end of any given fiscal year).
- 5) Section 9.10 Sale of Bonds (limiting the bidding requirement for bond sales to competitive sales only, allowing for negotiated sale to be excepted from such requirement).
- 6) Section 11.13. Charter Review Commission (changing the appointment month from July to January).

Councilmember Boney moved to approve all Charter Review Commission recommendations except the item extending the length of terms for Councilmembers from two to four years in lieu of that recommendation, the term should be from two to three years. **MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.**

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to approve all Charter Review Commission recommendations with the exception of the length of terms and discuss whether the terms should be three or four years. Councilmember Emery seconded.

Councilmember Emery voiced approval for the term limit to be described in terms of years, not terms, allowing for a better explanation of twelve consecutive years. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis agreed with Councilmember Emery; also agreeing was Councilmembers Sterling, Edwards, and Mayor Elackatt.

Councilmember Sterling moved to amend Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis' motion and adopt the four year term item with consecutive three term limit for Councilmembers to be placed on the ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Elackatt, Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmember Clouser, Councilmember Edwards Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None

At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Elackatt left the meeting.

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Edwards requested clarity regarding the first item concerning deleting the mayor acting as chief administrator until appointment of a city manager and voiced the opinion that this looks to have been brought forth as related to the previous mayor and/or administration. Councilmember Boney explained this was changed due to a conflict of Sections 3.08 and 4.01.E to bring the Charter into consistency with our council-manager form of government.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis motioned to move forward with the Charter Review Commission recommendations for voter approval. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Mayor Elackatt, Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmember Clouser, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: Councilmember Edwards

Councilmember Emery asked for modification on the Section 3.05 Mayor Pro Tem. City Attorney Iyamu stated they would look at what other cities do, but were open to a motion from City Council.

Councilmember Boney asked for clarity under Section 4 administrative services, more specifically the hiring of a city manager. He asked for stronger language for appointed officials and to have uniformity for all three positions. Councilmember Sterling asked about compensation. City Attorney Iyamu stated that because the positions were appointed by Council they generally set the compensation. Pertaining to Councilmember Boney's question, stated that in the summer Council authorized the negotiation and execution of the city manager's contract however if he would like language requiring the contract be presented to Council before execution, staff would bring back such language. Boney confirmed.

Councilmember Boney moved to call a Charter Review election in May 2021. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmember Clouser, Councilmember Boney, and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: Councilmember Edwards and Councilmember Sterling  
Absent: Mayor Elackatt

- (b) Discuss the Mayor's proposed advisory committee related to the development and redevelopment of the Texas Parkway and Cartwright Road corridor.

Discussion ensued with a recommendation from Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis stating the need to include the area from FM1092 at Cartwright Road to Dulles. Councilmember Sterling voiced her concern for priority to remain along Texas Parkway and Cartwright Road. Councilmember Edwards agreed and requested for four instead of just two councilmembers to be added to the advisory committee.

No action taken.

- (c) Consideration and possible action on eliminating the first assistant city attorney position in the City Attorney's Office for budgeting purposes and directing the city manager to submit a related budget amendment.

City Manager Jones presented.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the item. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmember Clouser, Councilmember Edwards  
Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney, and Councilmember Emery  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mayor Elackatt

### 3. **ADJOURN**

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of January 2021.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary