

**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 MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, February 1, 2021**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Elackatt called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Acting Fire Chief Mario Partida.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Councilmember Clouser recognized Dr. Amber Grady, Lake Olympia Middle School Associate Principal, for being selected as the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, Assistant Principal of the Year.

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS**.

### 5. STAFF REPORTS

Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett provided an update on the amount of COVID cases in the City. She spoke about the next steps with the vaccine. Acting Fire Chief Mario Partida presented a COVID-19 update and spoke about first responder vaccinations. He noted they were working on getting C-phase employees on the vaccination list. Assistant City Manager Atkinson presented on COVID-19 safety precautions being taken at different City facilities. Mayor Elackatt thanked Partida, Jewett and the Communications Department for an excellent job on keeping up with COVID-19.

City Manager Jones presented certificates of appreciation to Assistant City Manager Glen Martel and Acting Director of Development Services Jennifer Thomas Gomez as they have been working over and beyond in serving staff and the community.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special City Council meeting of January 14, 2021, and the special and regular City Council meetings of January 19, 2021.
- (b) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, of the Missouri City Code; adopting policies regarding the city manager's contracting authority; providing for repeal; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.

- (c) Consider authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute an IT lease to upgrade and add additional electronic storage to the City-wide backup solution.
- (d) Consider accepting the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending on December 31, 2020.

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

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

There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances, Public Hearings and related actions or APPOINTMENTS.**

**9. AUTHORIZATIONS**

- (a) Consider authorizing the conveyance of a utility easement to CenterPoint Energy

Assistant City Engineer Davis presented on the proposed utility easement to CenterPoint Energy. He stated staff reviewed the easement and determined it would not interfere with services and posed no economic impact to the City.

Councilmember Clouser moved to authorize the conveyance of a utility easement to CenterPoint Energy. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (b) Consider authorizing the city manager to execute a contract for the implementation of the Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal’s Office module in the EnerGov Suite.

Director of Information Technology Cole presented on the implementation of the Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal’s Office module in the EnerGov Suite.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the city manager to execute a contract for the implementation of the Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal’s Office module in the EnerGov Suite. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**10. ORDINANCES**

- (a) Consider an ordinance of the City of Missouri City, Texas, providing for a special election to be held on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Missouri City certain proposed amendments to the existing city charter; stating the subject matter of the proposed amendments to the city charter to be voted upon at said election; providing for joint elections on May 1, 2021, with other entities contracting with Fort Bend County and Harris County, respectively; providing for election precincts and polling places;

providing for repeal; providing for severability; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and to consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

City Secretary Jackson present on the ordinance ordering an election pertaining to the proposed amendments to the existing city charter. Councilmember Emery asked if they would sharing the election date with other entities. Jackson noted the City would be contracting with both Harris and Fort Bend Counties so it was possible there would be other entities having an election.

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

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

- (b) Consider an ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute and the city secretary to attest the Second Amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Services Agreement by and between the City of Missouri City, Texas, and Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility District No. 1; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Utilities Manager Hoover presented an overview on the Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility District No. 1 wastewater plant reuse agreement amendment.

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

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

- (c) Consider an ordinance amending the general budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021; transferring various appropriations among accounts; appropriating supplemental revenue to various fund accounts; amending the authorized staffing for Fiscal Year 2021; authorizing the appropriate city officials to take steps necessary to accomplish such transfers; making certain findings; containing certain provision relating to the subject; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on the budget amendment that pertained to the Fort Bend County for the City Park and the creation of two new Jr. Assistant City Attorney positions.

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

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

## 11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for ballistic vests and helmets.

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

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

- (b) Consider a resolution supporting the new construction of affordable rental housing in the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; making findings of fact; and containing other provisions related thereto.

Acting Director of Development Services Thomas Gomez presented an overview on the request for a resolution of support for the development of affordable rental housing. City Attorney Iyamu stated if there was motion to approve the resolution she recommended qualifying language be subject to the Garrett Companies obtaining a certificate to conduct business in the State of Texas. Jordan Reisman stated they filed paperwork on Thursday and should receive the certificate any day now.

Councilmember Clouser moved to place the item on a workshop agenda for further discussion. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

## 12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis stated the left over hand sanitizer from the Lake Olympia PPE and food drive were dropped off at assisted living facilities by Councilmember Emery and himself.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated Dr. Grady on her accomplishment. She stated that Thurgood Marshall High School track team was hosting a fund raiser and encouraged everyone to participate. Edwards reminded everyone that it was the first day of Black History Month.

Councilmember Clouser stated she and Councilmember Boney attended a colleague's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. She stated she was working with the Communications Department and Acting Director Thomas Gomez to highlight local City restaurants with a grade "A."

Councilmember Sterling she had the opportunity to assist Councilmember Emery at the Lake Olympia PPE drive. She also commended Councilmember Boney on his town hall meeting. Sterling congratulated Dr. Grady and wished everyone a happy Black History Month.

Councilmember Boney wished everyone a happy Black History Month. He said he had the opportunity to recognize Vivienne Singleton at her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Boney stated he attended the 2020 Annual HGAC meeting on January 29 and the National Community Association 2021 Legislative meeting from January 27-29. He thanked and acknowledge staff and the Communications Department for the success of the District B Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Emery gave a shout out to Vivienne Turner from Creekmont who put together a program where kids aged 8 to 11 interview different officials or persons of interest. He also gave kudos to staff and Councilmember Boney on the District B Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Elackatt was happy to join Councilmembers Sterling, Emery and Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis at the Lake Olympia PPE drive. He acknowledge Councilmember Boney and the Communications Department for the success of the District B Town Hall meeting. Elackatt stated he, along with Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis and Councilmember Clouser, met with the First Colony HOA Director. He attended other HOA meetings with Councilmembers Sterling and Edwards. Elackatt attended the Fort Bend County Mayors meeting where they spoke about the COVID-19 vaccine.

**13. ADJOURN**

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary