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Mayor

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Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

LYNN CLOUSER
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



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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 4, 2021**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:30 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 5:31 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmembers Edwards, Clouser, Sterling, Boney, and Emery; City Manager Jones, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Director of Financial Services Portis, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development Russell, and Director of Communications Walker. Also present: Karen Kennard with Greenberg Traurig, Genevieve Good, and Janet Smith with BDO and Bill Helfand with Lewis Brisbois.

City Manager Jones requested to address closed executive session item Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to address closed executive session item Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, at this time. 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

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with attorney to seek or receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act: (i) Mitchell Carter v. City of Missouri City, et al. (Fort Bend County Cause No. 19-DCV-265905 in the 458th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, and Cause No. 19-DCV-265895 in the 268th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas; (ii) Ivy Kenneth, Joy L. Mirafior, and Josefina P. Serrano v. the City of Missouri City, Texas, and Yolanda Ford, in her official capacity as Mayor of the City of Missouri City, Texas (in the United States District Court for the Southern District, Houston Division); (iii) emergency services district infringement on City territory and services; (iv) Janet Fountain

(Equal Employment Opportunity Commission); and (v) agreements with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 47 and District No. 48 for water and wastewater services; and (vi) proposed ordinance creating certain City departments.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: the city attorney.

Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: (i) potential mixed-use projects.

4. RECONVENE

At 6:56 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session and recessed the meeting to being the regular City Council meeting.

At 10:50 p.m., City Council reconvened into the special City Council meeting.

At 10:53 p.m., City Council moved into closed executive session for Texas Government Code, Section 551.087.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Discuss the process to update the City's Strategic Plan.

Agenda item was not discussed.

- (b) Discuss legislative priorities for the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.

Agenda item was not discussed.

- (c) Consider and discuss the BDO Internal Controls Review.

Agenda item was discussed during agenda item 10a of the regular City Council meeting.

- (d) Consider and discuss the Use of Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channel Fee (PEG) Funds.

Agenda item was discussed during agenda item 10a of the regular City Council meeting.

- (e) Discussion on the Comprehensive Financial Policy Statements.

Agenda item was discussed during agenda item 11d of the regular City Council meeting.

- (f) Consider requiring the City Council to activate their video cameras during City Council remote meetings resulting from the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Agenda item was not discussed.

5. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

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

Maria Jackson, City Secretary