

**ROBIN J. ELACKATT**  
Mayor

**VASHAUNDR A 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, April 19, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Police Chief Mike Berezin.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Elackatt administered the oath of office to members of the City of Missouri Texas Parkway/Cartwright Corridor Development Advisory Committee. Councilmember Sterling and Councilmember Edwards proclaimed the significance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan (April 12, 2021, to May 11, 2021) to Muslims in Missouri City, Texas and across the world. Councilmember Boney proclaimed the week of April 18-24, 2021, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in the City of Missouri City, Texas, and proclaimed April 30, 2021, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Missouri City, Texas. City Forester Paul Wierzbicki presented the Golden Tree Award to Home Depot for their outstanding contribution toward American Legion Park.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Johnny Jedkins**, 2010 Mackenzie Way, stated he was pleased to see an initiative to improve the corridor. He stated that fiber optics were being installed in his subdivision causing damage in the infrastructure and creating sink hole. Jedkins hopes this would be taken care of as well as the deteriorating sidewalks.

**Danny Pryor**, complained about the noise decibel at the property line and feels like he was being overlooked.

**Darlette Johnson Bailey**, spoke about agenda item 2e from the April 5<sup>th</sup> special City Council meeting agenda. She wanted to note she did not have a political agenda and had a legitimate concern.

### 5. STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Partida presented a COVID-19 update and an update on the vaccination distribution. He noted Fort Bend County was at the low/moderate community risk level.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special City Council meetings of March 19, 2021, March 20, 2021, and March 29, 2021, and the special and regular City Council meetings of April 5, 2021.
- (b) Consider an ordinance zoning an approximate 75.58-acre tract of land to PD Planned Development District No. 108 to allow for a mixed use development to include retail, commercial and multi-family uses; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located north and east of the Watts Plantation and Knight Road intersection, south of Hightower High School, and east of the Fort Bend Town Center (containing a Kroger grocery store and a Chase Bank) currently located at State Highway 6 and Fort Bend Parkway.
- (c) Consider authorizing the execution of a joint election agreement and contract for elections services with Harris County for the May 1, 2021 special election.

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

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

Nays: None

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

**8. APPOINTMENTS**

- (a) Consider appointing members to the Board of Directors of Missouri City Municipal Management District No. 1.

Councilmember Boney moved to appoint Wilfred Green, Karen Travelstead, and Loveless Mitchell to terms ending on June 1, 2025 to the Board of Directors of Missouri City Municipal Management District No. 1, as recommended by the board. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

**9. AUTHORIZATIONS**

- (a) Consider authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for an Emergency Rental Assistance Grant.

Interim Director of Development Services Thomas Gomez presented on the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for an Emergency Rental Assistance Grant. Councilmember Edwards inquired on the length of the program. Gomez stated the estimated time period suggested would be a month as it would only be \$150,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to authorize the negotiation and execution of a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for an Emergency Rental Assistance Grant, as recommended by city staff. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Nays: None

**10. ORDINANCES**

- (a) Consider an ordinance adding Chapter 17, Arts in Public Places Program, to the Missouri City Code; establishing an arts and culture commission; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum presented a follow-up on Chapter 17, Arts in Public Places Program and the establishment of an arts and culture commission in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (b) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, of the Missouri City Code; providing certain standards of conduct for the city council and city staff; establishing an ethics commission; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Agenda item 10b was removed from the agenda.

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) Consider a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute licenses for locating mobile food units (food trucks) on certain City of Missouri City property.

Assistant City Manager Martel noted the location proposed for food trucks would be in front of City Hall along the parking area during the day time. Councilmember Boney requested more information on logistics. Martel stated there was no particular information on how many food trucks would be allowed on the premises but stated inspections would be conducted according to City guidelines. Boney asked if it would be better to have more details rather than have an open ended resolution. City Manager Jones saw no problem with the resolution being authorized as-is as they would be performing inspections as per City code.

Boney noted his concern was how they would go about choosing which food trucks would participate and which would not. Jones stated they would probably have three spots and rotate trucks and it could be on a first-come first-served basis. Councilmember Edwards was in full support of promoting local businesses. Boney asked if only food trucks based in the City were to be selected. Edwards stated they should not exclude surrounding small businesses. Boney asked if they would receive sales tax or funds for licensing. Jones stated they would receive both.

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

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

- (b) Consider a resolution suspending the May 3, 2021 effective date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Houston Division to implement interim gas reliability infrastructure program rate adjustments for gas utility investments; and containing certain provisions relating the subject.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

## 12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis sent his thoughts and prayers to Councilmember Emery's family. He reminded everyone about Missouri City Green's Shredding Day on May 1.

Councilmember Edwards stated she along with Councilmember Sterling attended a meeting with Congressman Green on the rail line proposed by METRO. She also attended the "Conversation with a Cop" event at iStogies. Edwards attended a food distribution with Representative Reynolds in Stafford and had outstanding Missouri City officers assisting in the distribution.

Councilmember Clouser stated she along with Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis and Councilmember Boney attended the soft opening for Dunkin Donuts and encouraged everyone to support them. She also hosted a vaccination drive along with MoCity Fitness and Voss Family Clinic.

Councilmember Sterling stated she attended the 2021 TML Spring meeting and hopes they would be able to look at House Bill 642 impacting bedroom communities. She thanked Representative Reynolds, Commissioner Presage, Senator Miles and former Mayor Owen who were also at the METRO meeting. She thanked the Police Department who assisted neighboring cities.

Councilmember Boney congratulated all who were sworn into the Texas Parkway/Cartwright Corridor Development Advisory Committee and he looked forward to working with them and Councilmember Sterling. He thanked Representative Reynolds as he was able to get House Bill 149 passed and Chief Berezin who testified in favor of this bill. Boney encouraged everyone to vote as there were important amendments to the City's Charter on the ballot. He invited everyone to get vaccinated on April 25 at Thurgood Marshall High School.

Mayor Elackatt thanked Representative Reynolds, Councilmember Boney and Chief Berezin for taking the time to meet at the Capitol to get House Bill 149 passed. He thanked Chief Partida, Director Mangum, Golf Course Manager Stittleburg and others who joined in the COVID conference. Elackatt thanked Councilmembers Edwards and Sterling for the proclamation celebrating Ramadan.

## 13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2021.

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Maria Jackson, City Secretary