

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, June 21, 2021**, at the Missouri City Community Center, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Elackatt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Director of Financial Services Portis.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Elackatt administered the oath of office to members of the Small Business Advisory Committee, Community Development Advisory Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and Electrical Board. Mayor Elackatt recognized Judge Joel C. Clouser, Sr. for his years of service to Fort Bend County and the City of Missouri City, Texas. Mayor Elackatt and Councilmember Boney proclaimed June 21, 2021, as "Anthony J. Snipes Day" in the City of Missouri City, Texas.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seshadri Kumar, Fort Bend Independent Newspaper, spoke about concerns regarding the abrupt cancellation of his newspaper contract with the City.

There were no **STAFF REPORTS**.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special City Council meeting of June 3, 2021, the special and regular City Council meetings of June 7, 2021, and the special City Council meeting of June 15, 2021.
- (b) Consider an ordinance zoning an approximate 0.67 acre tract of land to PD Planned Development District to allow for the development of a lease space building and to consider flexibility in regulations to allow for such development; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the related ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Fifth Street and FM 1092; north of Murphy Road Church of Christ; south of a Murphy Food Mart; and west of Rothwell Street.
- (c) Consider an ordinance renaming Confederate Drive, a public street, as Prosperity Drive; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.
- (d) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, of the Missouri City Code; providing certain standards of conduct for the mayor, councilmembers, board and commission

members, and certain appointed officials; establishing an ethics commission; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.

- (e) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for the replacement of a citywide datacenter firewall solution.
- (f) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for asset management software.
- (g) Consider authorizing the replacement and upgrade of citywide datacenter multilayer director switch and redundant switch solution.
- (h) Consider authorizing the interim city manager to negotiate and execute a contract for the construction of two park entrance monument signs.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTIONS

(a) Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances

- (1) Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request to grant a specific use permit authorizing the use of a 14.98-acre tract of land in the City of Missouri City as a specific use: places of assembly; providing limitations; restrictions, and conditions on such specific use; amending the zoning district map of the City of Missouri City; providing for repeal; providing a penalty; providing for severability; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the related ordinance on the first of two readings.

Director of Development Services Thomas Gomez presented an overview on the request to grant a specific use permit authorizing the use of a 14.98-acre tract of land in the Fondren Park area. She explained the item was originally considered by Council in September 2019, October 2019 and then in March 2020. Thomas Gomez stated to date the item has not been acted upon by Council and the applicant was seeking resolution. She added that staff recommended going into closed executive session on the item to be brought up to speed on certain issues.

At 8:11 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to go into closed Executive Session pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 8:30 p.m., City Council reconvened into the special City Council meeting.

Councilmember Boney moved to open the public hearing at 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Absent: Councilmember Edwards

Tanya Terry, 11827 S. Ridgeview Circle, asked Council to vote in favor of protecting the safety of their homes and neighborhood.

Karen Siriwa, Miracle City Church, designated time to Jeremiah Asomugha.

Jeremiah Asomugha, Miracle City Church, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

At 8:36 p.m., Councilmember Edwards returned to the meeting.

Karl Guetzow, 11822 S. Willow Circle, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Deb Freilich, 15210 E. Hampton Circle, designated time to Joe Frelich.

Joe Freilich, 15210 E. Hampton Circle, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Alan Soffar, 11734 N. Nottingham Circle, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Carla Menard, 15422 Poolview Street, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Jimmy Quimby, 11814 S. Willowdale Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Betsy Elenbaas, 11803 S. Kathy Ave, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Samuel Renaud, 11839 S. Evelyn Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Mary Jo Wright, 11843 S. Ridgewood Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Penelope Hazlewood, 11819 S. Marianne Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Sherly Orloff, 11802 S. Perry Avenue, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Penelope Jank, 11731 N. Nottingham Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Nellie Burks, 11822 S. Willowdale Circle, designated time to Janette Quimby.

Jeanette Quimby, 11814 S. Willowdale Circle, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Howard Reynolds, 15342 East Hutchinson Circle, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to close the public hearing at 9:20 p.m. Councilmember Clouser seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken.

There were no **Public Hearings and related actions** or **APPOINTMENTS** on this agenda.

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the execution of a professional services contract for the update of the Intelligent Transportation Signal (ITS) and Master Thoroughfare Plan.

At 9:23 p.m., Mayor Elackatt stepped away from the meeting.

At 9:27 p.m., Councilmember Sterling stepped away from the meeting.

Assistant City Engineer Davis presented an overview on the Intelligent Transportation Signal (ITS) and Master Thoroughfare Plan. He noted they would also have public meetings and online presence to collect community input throughout the City. Davis stated the ITS Master Plan key scope items included the evaluation of existing infrastructure and current operations, assessment to accommodate growth and technology, the development of a deployment plan and proving framework for adopting emerging technologies and transportation strategies.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the execution of a professional services contract for the update of the Intelligent Transportation Signal (ITS) and Master Thoroughfare Plan. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Interim City Manager Atkinson stated item 7a1 would be coming back to City Council at a future date. Councilmember Edwards requested information on the next hearing to be disseminated to the HOAs.

At 9:29 p.m., Mayor Elackatt and Councilmember Sterling returned to the meeting.

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance temporarily suspending certain special event regulations set forth in Section 9, Supplementary District regulations, of Appendix A of the Missouri City Code, entitled "The City of Missouri City Zoning Ordinance;" suspending the imposition of certain development fees; providing a penalty; declaring an emergency; providing an effective date; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Director of Development Services Thomas Gomez stated the item was to help businesses during the pandemic recovery and allow them to use the outside of an existing facility to enhance food service operation. Councilmember Boney inquired if staff would bring back the ordinance as permanent. Thomas Gomez clarified the ordinance was a temporary relaxation of existing ordinances and if no action was taken before this ordinance expired, then they would go back to previous ordinance. Boney asked when staff would bring the permanent ordinance before Council. Thomas Gomez stated it would take about three months as it would have to be presented before the Planning and Zoning Commission first. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated they would provide Council with a proposed calendar of the next steps. Councilmember Emery inquired if there would be restrictions on the number of events during this temporary period. Thomas Gomez stated it would limit businesses to no more than three days a week.

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

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution selecting a representative and an alternate to the Houston- Galveston Area Council 2021 Transportation Policy Council.

Councilmember Emery moved to appoint Shashi Kumar as the representative and Todd Hoover as the Alternate to the Houston- Galveston Area Council 2021 Transportation Policy Council. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider a resolution selecting a representative and an alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2021 Technical Advisory Committee.

Director of Public Works and City Engineer Kumar noted an update was requested to the proposed resolution for the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2021 Transportation Advisory Committee, not Technical Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Clouser moved to appoint Shashi Kumar as the representative and Todd Hoover as the Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2021 Transportation Advisory Committee. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider a resolution granting consent to Missouri City Management District No. 1 to issue unlimited tax road bonds.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on granting consent to Missouri City Management District No. 1 to issue unlimited tax road bonds. Councilmember Emery inquired about the transportation areas that would be affected. Portis stated the cost summary was included in the packet and provided a sample.

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

- (d) Consider a resolution supporting the development of economic centers within Missouri City, Texas.

Agenda item was pulled at the request of the Interim City Manager.

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis hoped that everyone enjoyed the Juneteenth festivities and the Father's Day holiday. He attended the grand opening of New Strength Pilates. Maroulis spoke about the FM 1092 medians and believes the project should be rethought.

Councilmember Edwards hoped that everyone enjoyed the Juneteenth festivities and invited everyone to participate in the Park Clean Up at Community Park.

Councilmember Clouser attended the Juneteenth festivities and invited everyone to the Farmer's Market on Saturday. She also stated she has teamed up with Chloe Joiner, Mayor Elackatt, Councilmember Boney, and Sonia Brown-Marshall to host a drive through book drive at City Hall.

Councilmember Sterling participated in the Juneteenth festivities and visited businesses in District A. She gave kudos to Director Kumar and his team for doing a great job in District A.

Councilmember Boney attended the Houston Community College Missouri City roundtable community discussion, the Civil Service Commission meeting, and the Confederate Drive to Prosperity Drive Toast. He gave kudos to former Councilmember Smith for the Juneteenth festivities and thanked legislators for making Juneteenth a federal holiday.

Councilmember Emery gave kudos to Don Smith for the Juneteenth festivities and agrees with Maroulis that it was premature to do medians on FM1092.

Mayor Elackatt attended the Juneteenth festivities and gave kudo to the Police, Fire and Communications Departments, as well as Golf Course Manager Stittleburg, for their hard work during these festivities. He stated he would hope to see more of the Leadership Team at the next Juneteenth Gala, have the lawn mowed property, and have boards and commissions on a float. Elackatt asked Councilmembers to meet Don Smith to discuss other opportunities. He also addressed the reasons item 7a1 was on the agenda.

15. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 6th day of July 2021.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary