

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 **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**, at the Missouri City Community Center, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:30 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Elackatt called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmembers Clouser, Sterling, Boney and Emery; Interim City Manager Atkinson, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Fire Chief Partida, Director of Public Works Kumar, Director of Communications Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum, Director of Financial Services Portis, Budget and Financial Reporting Manager Alexander, Assistant Director of Public Works Hoover, Purchase and Budget Coordinator Harris, Assistant City Engineer Davis, and IT Manager Mathew. Councilmember Emery arrived at 5:38 p.m. and Councilmember Edwards arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to consider item 3 at this time. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 5:32 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: Mitchell M. Carter v. City of Missouri City, Texas (Cause Number 4:21-CV-01674 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas – Houston Division).

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) mixed use developments.

4. RECONVENE

At 6:36 p.m., City Council reconvened into the special City Council meeting.

Councilmember Clouser moved to authorize the execution of a contract for litigation services with Olson & Olson for the most recent Carter litigation up to \$25,000 for the first phase of litigation. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Discuss an improvement project regarding Ridgeview Park.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum presented on the improvement project regarding Ridgeview Park, which involved a splash pad. Mayor Elackatt inquired if this would be the first park to use the new proposed signage. Mangum stated the goal was to change the sign while making improvements to parks. At the moment, there were five parks who have the new signage. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis asked if they would have enough parking spaces at Ridgeview Park. Mangum confirmed and noted the park was chosen because of the parking capacity and its proximity to Quail Valley Fund.

Councilmember Edwards inquired the reasons for Ridgeview Park being chosen to have the splash pad. Mangum stated the park was chosen due to the donation source, which came from the Quail Valley Fund. Councilmember Clouser asked if there were special accommodations at the park. Mangum stated the priority was to make a great percentage of amenities and/or features accessible to everyone. Councilmember Emery provided a background on Quail Valley Fund's donation.

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis stepped away and returned to the meeting.

Councilmember Boney spoke about developing a partnership with the Municipal Utility Districts. He also inquired about the contribution from Quail Valley Fund. Mangum stated Quail Valley Fund donated \$750,000 for the splash pad at this park. Councilmember Edwards inquired if the \$66,000 requested from the City was to be used primarily for Ridgeview Park. Mangum confirmed. Edwards stated she was concerned with spending that amount on one park as opposed to disburse it amongst more parks in need. Mangum noted they were working on many projects around the City such as replacing five different playgrounds, replacing signage in various parks, and working on making improvements in all sectors of the City. Councilmember Boney noted they City was only contributing .07-percent and thanked all entities for investing in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to take item 2c at this time. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider and discuss the City's board, committee, and commission member appointments and reappointments.

City Secretary Jackson presented an overview on various vacancies and candidates who wished to be reappointed on board, committee, and commissions. Jackson also provided names of new applicants interested in serving on boards and asked Council for direction. Councilmember Edwards inquired on the number of applicants who were to be interviewed if they went forth with an interview process. Jackson stated it would be about 18.

Councilmember Boney moved to reappoint all incumbent members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to reappoint all incumbent members of the Parks Board. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Edwards asked that Jackson work with Director Walker and send a newsletter out to District A residents to get them more involved on the Parks Board. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis requested they also promote the Community Development Advisory Committee at HOA meetings.

Councilmember Boney moved to appoint Max J. Montegut as Position 3 and reappoint all incumbents to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to appoint LarKaya D. Gant to the Missouri City Parks Foundation. Councilmember Edwards seconded.

Councilmember Boney requested interviewing new applicants. Councilmember Edwards stated they should be more consistent on how they were appointing applicants.

Mayor Pro Tem withdrew his motion.

At 7:16 p.m., City Council recessed the special City Council meeting.

At 9:32 p.m., City Council reconvened into the special City Council meeting.

(b) Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget overview.

Director of Public Works Kumar presented an overview on the Fiscal Year 2021 accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2022 goals, budget summary, full-time employee history, supplemental requests, fleet/equipment replacement and the special revenue fund. Kumar also presented the utilities funds budget. Mayor Elackatt inquired on \$1.8 million used for the sidewalk program. Kumar noted the funds for the project were a one time transfer from the general fund to the Public Works budget.

At 10:02 p.m., Councilmember Edwards stepped away from the meeting.

Elackatt asked about the LED lights. Kumar explained the LED program from CenterPoint Energy. Elackatt inquired about inspector positions in the Public Works department. Kumar explained that because there was a lot of development planned for the next five years, they needed to have staff ready to inspect and review plans.

At 10:05 p.m., Councilmember Edwards returned to the meeting.

Councilmember Edwards requested a list of sidewalks that the City serviced along with an itemized cost associated with it. Kumar presented an overview and stated he would provide Council with more detailed information. Edwards thanked Kumar and his department for their efforts on repairing sidewalks. Councilmember Emery inquired if funds would be used to replace generators. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated they were evaluating the situation as the federal government was looking into opening up new programs. Assistant City Manager Martel stated the replacement of generators at City Hall was on the list and staff was looking into replacing generators at other city facilities through the American Recovery Plan funds.

Director of Development Services Thomas Gomez presented an overview on Fiscal Year 2021 accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2022 goals, budget summary, full-time employee history, supplemental requests, fleet/equipment replacement and the utilities funds budget.

At 10:16 p.m., Councilmember Clouser stepped away from the meeting and returned at 10:18 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis inquired if the department needed a specific software to help them improve timelines. Thomas Gomez stated the City was using EnerGov and that full implementation was the goal. She added that they were working on finding a position that would help built and finish the system. Mayor Elackatt inquired on third party reviewing services. Thomas Gomez explained the need of the services and the need to support current staff.

5. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

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

Maria Jackson, City Secretary