

YOLANDA FORD
Mayor

VASHAUNDRA EDWARDS
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

CHRIS PRESTON
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



REGINALD PEARSON
Councilmember District A
JEFFREY L. BONEY
Councilmember District B
ANTHONY G. MAROULIS
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, November 4, 2019**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, Assistant City Attorney Santangelo, and City Secretary Jackson. Absent: City Attorney Iyamu.

The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by the Thurgood Marshall High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

There were no **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christopher Stafford-Holden, Thystaff Foundation, LLC, spoke about being a former Fort Bend County and State delegate and ambassador for the Puerto Rican community. He also spoke on promoting culture and diplomacy in Missouri City.

Bruce Zaborowski, 7915 Chancel Drive, spoke about not being able to participate in early voting in the Harris County section of Missouri City within the Fort Bend County polling locations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Snipes reminded citizens about the election on November 5. Snipes announced the following upcoming events: groundbreaking for the Veterans Memorial on November 11 and Stuff the Squad Car on November 16.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of October 21, 2019.

Councilmember Boney moved to approve the Consent Agenda pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Emery 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 zone an approximate 1.4197 acre tract of land, from CF community facilities district to I, industrial district; providing for an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; providing a penalty; and

consider the related ordinance on the first of two readings. The subject site is located on the south side of East Hampton Circle, north of Highway 90A, west of Fondren Road, and east of McClain Boulevard.

Planner I White presented on a request to zone an approximate 1.4197-acre tract of land, from CF community facilities district to I, industrial district. White noted the Planning and Zoning Commission forward a positive recommendation. He stated the industrial district was consistent with the goals and policies of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Plan. The amendment would allow for an industrial business park and cause the overall subject tract to have consistent zoning.

Councilmember Pearson moved to open the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jeanette Quimby, 11814 S. Willowdale Circle, requested that East Hampton be a one-way street to decrease traffic; and, stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission remind the applicant that construction vehicles were not allowed within the subdivision.

Mayor Ford stated they would remind them during the permitting process. Ford asked if traffic on East Hampton could be mitigated. Director of Public Works Kumar stated they would look into the issue and have already asked for a traffic impact study.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to close the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Maroulis moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **Public Hearings and related actions** and no **APPOINTMENTS**.

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute calendar year 2020 medical insurance benefits contracts.

Director of Human Resources Russell presented on the 2020 medical insurance benefits contracts. Russell noted the City would not see an increase. Staff recommended making no plan design changes for 2020 and that the City absorb the two-percent decrease to the medical premium cost. He also noted active employees would not see a decrease in the cost of their benefits for 2020.

Councilmember Pearson moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute calendar year 2020 medical insurance benefits contracts. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider authorizing the city manager to execute an amendment to the janitorial services agreement to include City park trash pickup.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum stated the City had a contract (#18-044) for routine janitorial services for most facilities in the City with Metroclean Commercial Building Services. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to amend the contract to add routine and bi-weekly trash pick-up at some of the City's major parks. The amendment would free employees to complete other, equally significant tasks in our parks. Mangum noted the amendment to the contract included trash pickup at the following parks and would begin on December 1, 2019 for ten months: American Legion Park, Buffalo Run Park, Community Park, Hunters Glen Park, Independence Park, MacNaughton Park, Ridgeview Park, Roane Park and StaMo Sports Complex.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the city manager to execute an amendment to the janitorial services agreement to include City park trash pickup. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (c) Consider authorizing the City to dedicate an access easement in accordance with the Dry Creek Road and drainage agreement.

Director Kumar presented an overview on the existing agreement with Dry Creek Road. He noted that with the approval of this easement, the City would allow the developer to construct a secondary road.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize the City to dedicate an access easement in accordance with the Dry Creek Road and drainage agreement. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (d) Consider authorizing the execution of a letter of approval to operate a non-emergency ambulance service.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the execution of a letter of approval to operate a non-emergency ambulance service. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (e) Consider authorizing the city attorney, or her designee, to initiate civil proceedings for the enforcement of city ordinances at 12622 Grove Park Drive.

Animal Shelter Manager Goffney stated the location has a hive of bees present affecting the adjacent neighbor. Assistant City Attorney Santangelo stated that Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes a City to bring a civil action against a property owner, his representative with control over the premises, or the property itself in a district court or county court at law to enforce a city's ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property and to preserve the good government, order and security of such city and its inhabitants. He added that such remedy was available to enforce ordinances specifically relating to animal care or control.

Goffney stated the residential structure was unoccupied and, despite receiving notice of a City Code violation on or about September 5, 2019, the owner of the property failed to correct such violation and bring the property into compliance. She also noted that Animal Services conducted an inspection of the property on or about September 30, 2019, and observed and photographed an active hive within the structure. Allowing the hive to exist on the property would be a violation of Section 10-69(7) of the Missouri City Code, which provides, "[a]ny person who keeps bees or allows bees to colonize on his property in such a manner as to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of adjacent property or otherwise endangers the health and safety of others" is a public nuisance and an unlawful condition. Such violation was brought to the attention of Code Enforcement and Animal Services authorities by a complaint submitted through SeeClickFix on or about August 30, 2019.

Councilmember Pearson moved to authorize the city attorney, or her designee, to initiate civil proceedings for the enforcement of city ordinances at 12622 Grove Park Drive. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **ORDINANCES** or **RESOLUTIONS**.

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Preston and Councilmember Edwards reminded residents to vote. Councilmember Emery stated the Missouri City Police Officers Association held their annual golf tournament and it was successful.

Councilmember Boney stated he participated at the Let the Fashions Being Men of Substance event that benefits the Texas Children's Hospital Sickle Cell Center. Councilmember Maroulis spoke about an accident off Highway 6 and Glen Lakes. Councilmember Pearson also attended the grand opening of Fleur De Licious Catering. Mayor Ford invited everyone for the October 23 Leadership Luncheon celebrating National Women's Small Business Month.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 2019.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary