

YOLANDA FORD
Mayor

VASHAUNDRA EDWARDS
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

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



CHERYL STERLING
Councilmember District A
JEFFREY L. BONEY
Councilmember District B
ANTHONY G. MAROULIS
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, December 7, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **6:30 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 6:00 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Jones, Assistant City Manager Atkinson, Assistant City Manager Martel, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Director of Communications Walker, and Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum. Also present: John McGovern of WT Group.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) assessment and transition plans.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum stated they would be presenting the findings for the American with Disabilities Act initiative. John McGovern presented on the City's ADA initiative, issues faced, and on the transition plan.

- (b) Discuss and consider board, committee, and commission member appointments.

City Secretary Jackson stated that during the October 5, 2020, special City Council meeting, staff presented the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) board members whose term would expire on December 31, 2020 with the new candidate applications. Jackson noted City Council requested that staff reach out to the current members and applicants to determine if they were interested in serving the TIRZ board.

Jackson reported the responses were as follows: for the TIRZ #1 board of directors, Eunice Reiter, George Ewing, and Farrah Sabouni agreed to continue serving; Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard agreed to be considered for the TIRZ #1 board; for the TIRZ #2 board of directors, Kingsley Idemudia and Roy Gilbert agreed to continue serving; Karen Overton, James Davidson, Jr., Rosalind Thomas, and Mary Ross agreed to be considered for the TIRZ #2 board; for the TIRZ #3 board of directors, Reggie Abraham and Joe Workman agreed to continue serving, and JaPaula Kemp agreed to continue serving however would prefer to serve the TIRZ No. 2 board; and, Karen Overton agreed to be considered for the TIRZ #3 board.

Jackson noted Houston Community College would no longer have appointment authority to appoint Position 10 on the TIRZ No. 3 board of directors for the term beginning January 1, 2021. As such, City Council may choose to reappoint Mr. Heins or appoint a new board member to serve position 10.

Jackson stated that Council was also required to appoint one member of the board to serve as the chair for a term of one year beginning on January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

At 6:53 p.m., City Council recessed the special City Council meeting.

At 8:01 p.m., City Council reconvened into the special City Council meeting closed executive session.

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

- (a) **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: City of Missouri City, Texas v. Fort Bend County, Texas (434th District Court of Fort Bend County, Case Number 20-DCV-278869); and, Janet Fountain (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission).

4. RECONVENE

At 9:31 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session.

Councilmember Sterling moved to ratify the filing of City of Missouri City v. Fort Bend County and the motion to nonsuit Fort Bend County. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Boney,
Councilmember Maroulis and Councilmember Emery
Nays: Mayor Ford and Mayor Pro Tem Preston

5. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of December 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary