

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 **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd 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 7:20 p.m.

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

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Utilities Manager Hoover.

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

City Forester Wierzbicki, Diane Giltner, Nancy Schoepf, Regina Nichols, and Tom Nichols recognized Randy Troxell for his 29 years of service to the City of Missouri City Parks & Recreation Department with the 2020 Golden Tree Award. Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember Emery, Councilmember Boney, and Councilmember Clouser, Councilmember Edwards congratulated and thanked Randy for his dedication and years of service to the City of Missouri City. Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis stated he had had the opportunity to work with Randy and stated he left a lasting impression.

Mayor Elackatt administered the oath of office to certain members of the City of Missouri City's boards, committees, and commissions. The following board members took the oath: Eunice Reiter, Rosalind Thomas, Farrah Sabouni, Kingsley Idemudia, Roy Gilbert, Karen Overton, Joe Workman, James Davidson, and George Ewing.

Councilmember Edwards proclaimed the month of January 2021, as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the City of Missouri City, Texas. She also recognized Nissi Hamilton for creating a platform to enforce and discontinue human trafficking.

Councilmember Sterling and Edwards recognized the Thurgood Marshall High School football team for participating in the Texas 2020 Class 5A Division II State Quarterfinals.

Councilmember Sterling recognized Eagle Scout Ransom Harris for his contributions to the City of Missouri City PPE and Food Drive held on Saturday, January 9, 2021. City Council congratulated Ransom.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Congressman Pete Olson, thanked the Missouri City residents for allowing him to serve the City again.

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis moved to consider agenda item 11a after agenda item 9c. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

Acting Fire Chief Mario Partida presented a COVID-19 update. He noted the second vaccination would be sent out this week. Partida stated they have started working with the Communications Department to inform senior citizens of the vaccinations. Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett provided an update on healthcare facilities who signed up to receive vaccinations. Councilmember Clouser asked if they could make a vaccination information document accessible through the Fire Department's webpage. Partida stated they would work on it with Communications. Councilmember Emery stated that he appreciated them for pursuing the idea of informing the senior citizen community about the vaccine.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meeting of January 4, 2021 and the special City Council meeting of January 11, 2021.
- (b) Consider authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Missouri City for the Knight Road extension project.
- (c) Consider authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Fort Bend County and the City of Missouri City for Sienna Parkway intersection improvements.
- (d) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract with Brenntag Southwest, Inc. for chemicals used in the water and wastewater plants.
- (e) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract with DXI Industries, Inc. for chemicals used in the water and wastewater plants.
- (f) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract with Fort Bend Services, Inc. for chemicals used in the water and wastewater plants.
- (g) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract with Gulbrandsen Technologies, Inc. for chemicals used in the water and wastewater plants.
- (h) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for removal and hauling of bio-sludge from water and wastewater treatment plants.
- (i) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for generator maintenance at water and wastewater treatment plants.
- (j) Consider authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Harris County Flood Control District for flood gauges.

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

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

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

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the execution of an affidavit of no objection for certain Sienna Levee Improvement District projects along the Brazos River.

Assistant City Engineer Davis presented on an affidavit of no objection for certain Sienna Levee Improvement District projects along the Brazos River. He noted there would be no funding required by the City.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the execution of an affidavit of no objection for certain Sienna Levee Improvement District projects along the Brazos River. Councilmember Edwards seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (b) Discuss and consider CARES Act funding from Fort Bend County. .

Assistant City Manager Atkinson presented on the funds allocated from Fort Bend County to the City's CARES Act assistance programs.

Councilmember Boney moved to authorize staff to provide Fort Bend County data for the CARES Act RMU and Small Business Assistance programs for presentation to the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, as recommended. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (c) Consider authorizing the execution of a contract for dispatch radio console services.

Police Technical Support Supervisor Pahl presented on the contract for dispatch radio console services. He noted they were going from a year-to-year contract to a multi-year contract.

Councilmember Edwards moved to authorize the execution of a contract for dispatch radio console services. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the crime victim liaison program to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor through the Houston-Galveston Area Council; and containing other provisions related thereto.

Police Sergeant Cox presented on the grant application for the crime victim liaison program to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor. He noted the requirement changed and they would have to apply yearly.

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

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

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance authorizing the sale of Series 2021 Certificates of Obligation in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on the Series 2021 Certificates of Obligation. She also spoke about projects identified for the debt issuance.

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

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

- (b) Consider an ordinance authorizing sale of General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,430,000; and consider the ordinance on the first and final reading.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Sterling seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (c) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, and Chapter 62, Municipal Court, of the Missouri City Code; establishing certain City departments; containing certain provisions relating to the subject; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- (d) Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, of the Missouri City Code; adopting policies regarding the city manager’s contracting authority; providing for repeal; and considering the ordinance on the first of two readings.

City Attorney Iyamu stated the proposed ordinance required Council authorization for the manager to execute interlocal contracts, employment-related agreements, such as severance and nondisclosure agreements, and any other type of agreement that may be specified in a resolution adopted by the City Council. She noted that pursuant to City Charter Sections 1.02, 2.01, and 4.01 and Resolution No. R-14-22, adopted July 7, 2014, the City Council granted the city manager the authority to authorize contracts valued at \$50,000 or less.

Councilmember Boney desires to provide additional policy stipulations on such authorization. Councilmember Boney proposed an amendment to require Council authorization for the city manager to execute the following categories of contracts regardless of the value of the contract: interlocal contracts, employment-related severance agreements, and any other type of agreement that was specified in a resolution adopted by the City Council and consistent with the city charter. City Manager Jones stated the amendment not only protected the City but the City Manager as well.

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Clouser seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

11. RESOLUTIONS

- (b) Consider a resolution adopting the 2021 Legislative Agenda for the City of Missouri City, Texas; providing for repeal; and providing for severability.

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

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

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis hoped everyone was able to reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr. day; he thanked City Council and staff for all their hard work on this celebration; and, he stated they would be handing out hand sanitizer to those who participate at the Lake Olympia food drive.

Councilmember Edwards hoped everyone was able to reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr. day and she thanked and recognized Thurgood Marshall High School and Nissi Hamilton for their efforts.

Councilmember Clouser thanked Councilmember Emery for inviting her to the Lake Olympia HOA zoom meeting and stated she would be participating in their food drive.

Councilmember Sterling hoped everyone had a happy Martin Luther King, Jr. day; she met with Godspeed gardening and were working to develop the land for residents to have more vegetation; she met with Second

Mile and was excited to partner with them; and, she recognized Ransom Harris for the PPE and food drive held for Missouri City residents.

Councilmember Boney hoped everyone had a happy Martin Luther King, Jr. day; he thanked the Communications Department for putting together a video for MLK Day and Mayor Elackatt for including everyone to get the word out; and, he encouraged everyone to attend the District B Town Hall meeting. Councilmember Emery stated he was honored to bring a message on Martin Luther King, Jr. day and thanked the Communications Department for their assistance and he invited everyone to the Lake Olympia food drive on Saturday, January 23, as the food collected would be then given to Second Mile for distribution.

Mayor Elackatt thanked Councilmember Emery for allowing him to participate at the Lake Olympia HOA meeting; he stated that City Manager Jones, Councilmember Emery and he were able to attend the National Exchange Club of Missouri City meeting; he recognized Acting Fire Chief Partida for his hard work and leadership through the COVID pandemic; he thanked Ransom Harris for the PPE drive and recognized Councilmember Boney and Councilmember Sterling for helping out with the PPE Drive video; and, he gave special kudos to Director Walker and the Communications Department for the MLK Day video.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 1st day of February 2021.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary