

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, July 20, 2020**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **5:30 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. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Sterling, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; Interim City Manager Atkinson, City Attorney Iyamu, City Secretary Jackson, Assistant City Manager Martel, Director of Communications Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum, Director of Court Services Rychlik, Fire Chief Campbell, Director of Economic Development Esch, Director of Development Services Spriggs, Deputy Court Administrator West and Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett. Also present: Lucas Clark of Civic Plus and Spurgeon Robinson with MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) City website updates.

Director of Communications Walker presented history of City website and on upcoming website updates.

(b) Presentation of Sta-Mo Sports Complex conceptual site plan.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mangum presented the Sta-Mo Sports Complex conceptual site plan.

(c) Discuss the City's contract for drivers' license suspensions for certain violations.

Director of Court Services Rychlik presented on the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Failure to Appear program. Rychlik recommended the City discontinue participating in the program and give the required thirty-day notice to DPS.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to accept staff's recommendation. Councilmember Sterling seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Nays: None

- (d) Discussion and possible action on COVID priorities.

Interim City Manager Atkinson provided an overview on COVID priorities. Fire Chief Campbell presented on possible action on COVID priorities. Spurgeon Robinson of MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC discussed the CARES Act versus public assistance. Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett presented on donated resources and CARES Act proposed projects. Campbell ended the presentation with the next steps that would be taken.

Mayor Ford asked if there had been public engagement. Chief Campbell stated they had not done that. Ford requested that a phone line be set up to gauge the community. Chief Campbell stated they would reach out to the Communications Department to see what could be done. Interim City Manager Atkinson stated they were working with Fort Bend County to figure out what type of assistance programs were needed for the community. Ford asked they be provided with that feedback.

Ayo Sanneh discussed concerns with COVID-19.

- (e) Discuss an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Naming of City Property and City Programs; of the Missouri City Code; reducing the signature threshold to change existing street names; providing a penalty.

City Attorney Iyamu presented on the ordinance request by Councilmember Boney, which would change the threshold of existing street names from 90-percent to 70-percent.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston asked for a historical perspective on how they got to the 90-percent threshold. Iyamu stated that in 2017, City Council requested a naming program be established which addressed the process the City would use to name buildings, street and other city facilities. Council determined that 90-percent was the amount of people that agreed the street name should be changed.

Councilmember Maroulis asked what other cities thresholds were. Iyamu stated in 2017, it was about 90-percent.

Councilmember Boney stated he wanted to keep in mind the climate and several requests from residents for a subdivision that has names that were offensive. He stated by lowering the threshold, it would give the ability to the citizens to make such decision.

Councilmember Maroulis stated if the 70-percent would be applied to every street situation or if they were going to have two standards. Iyamu suggested having commercial and residential standards.

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After proper notice was given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council went into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

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: retail shopping center.

4. RECONVENE

At 7:15 p.m., City Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

3. ADJOURN

The special City Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 3rd day of August 2020.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary