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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 **Monday, March 1, 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 7:00 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 Interim Director of Development Services Jennifer Thomas Gomez.

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Elackatt and Interim Director of Development Services Jennifer Thomas Gomez accepted the Scenic City recertification recognition on behalf of the City.

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS**.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Acting Fire Chief Mario Partida presented a COVID-19 update and noted the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remained activated at a level two due to the pandemic. Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett provided an update on the amount of vaccinations that have been brought to the City. She noted that once they received a threshold of 15-percent over a certain amount of days, certain businesses would have to reduce their capacity level. Jewett noted they had a call with the County scheduled to discuss the opening of certain businesses since the City was under the threshold. Councilmember Edwards asked if the vaccination location list was current. Jewett stated she would review the list and provide the most updated information to the Communications Department. Councilmember Boney thanked Chief Partida and Coordinator Jewett for pivoting in the midst of the winter storm and focusing on the COVID19 issue.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of February 15, 2021, and the special City Council meeting of February 21, 2021.
- (b) Consider an ordinance for a specific use permit authorizing a place of assembly use on an approximate 2.97 acre tract of land; amending the zoning district map of the City of Missouri City; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the

related ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located north of Lexington Boulevard, south of the Lexington Grove residential subdivision, east of the Lexington Settlement residential subdivision and west of First United Methodist Church.

- (c) Consider an ordinance amending the regulations and restrictions contained in PD Planned Development District No. 88 (Ordinance O-18-24) to expand BP business park district uses in addition to LC-3 retail district uses within the area currently designated as the Commercial Northeast subdistrict on Exhibit B; providing a penalty; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and consider the related ordinance on the second and final reading. PD No. 88 is located to the east and the west of the Fort Bend Parkway, north of Trammel Fresno Road and south of Lake Olympia Parkway/Lake Olympia Drive. PD No. 88 contains all of the Dry Creek Village residential subdivision and the Amazon Fulfillment Center presently under construction. The Commercial Northeast subdistrict is located to the east of the Fort Bend Parkway, north of the Amazon Fulfillment Center and south of Lake Olympia Drive.
- (d) Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for Emergency Management Services.

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 request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the request by the Exchange Club of Fort Bend to post child abuse awareness signs along Highway 90-A and Present Street. 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

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance temporarily suspending certain regulations regarding temporary display signs as set forth in Section 4, Definitions, and Section 13, Sign Regulations, of Appendix A, of the Missouri City Code, entitled "The City of Missouri City Zoning Ordinance;" providing a penalty; providing an effective date; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

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

There were no **RESOLUTIONS**.

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis thanked the entire City for what it was able to accomplish last week, specifically City Manager Jones, Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett, and Utilities Manager Hoover; and, he recognized Off the Vine Bistro for donating meals to the warming shelter.

Councilmember Edwards echoed Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis' sentiments and thanked the staff's efforts for making sure the citizens were safe; she wanted her constituents to be aware that she may not have been in photo ops but was working tirelessly to make sure they had everything that they needed; she participated in making wellness checks and partnered with the Greatest BBQ to provide meals for residents; she and Councilmember Sterling teamed up with Fountain of Praise to provide cases of water to those in need; she volunteered at the Fort Bend County food drive and the City's water drive; she attended the Fort Bend County's Expose Excellence Youth Program; she made a personal donation to the Thurgood Marshall Track team along with Councilmember Sterling; and, she recognized February 28, 2021 as the first National Woman's Day.

Councilmember Clouser stated she along with Mayor Elackatt were a part of a COVID testing drive thru at Holy Family Catholic Church; she sent her thoughts and prayers to all residents who suffered damages to their homes during the winter storm; she was able to interact with 20 adults whom had special needs that sought shelter; she thanked the Mayor, City Manager Jones, staff members, Niagara Water and BurgerIM for their work during the winter storm; she attended the Fort Bend County's Expose Excellence Youth Program; she invited everyone to the Farmers Market; and, she asked that everyone continue to lift Councilmember Boney and his family in prayer for the loss of his uncle.

Councilmember Sterling thanked City staff who worked during the winter storm; she along with Councilmember Edwards passed out bottles of water at Fountain of Praise; she added she and Councilmember Edwards gave a personal donation to the Thurgood Marshall Track team; she worked with Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis at an assisted living facility; she delivered water to her constituents in need; she stated she was appalled to hear of two huge donations were from her district which she was not informed of and she requested to be informed of any future donations; she addressed other concerns as to why she was not present at the press conference during the storm; she stated she was not aware of the conference but was working for the constituents; and, she asked that they work on team building among the Council.

Councilmember Boney quoted it was better to offer no excuse then a bad one; he commended the entire City staff members who ensured citizens were being taken care of; he specifically thanked Public Works, Police, Fire, Emergency Management Coordinator Jewett and the Communications Departments for their work; he stated he was always aware of everything that was going on internally and relative to the news conferences and meetings that were had and thanked staff for that as well; he thanked everyone for their kind words during his time of need; he stated he was able to deliver cases of water to a disabled couple and bring a plumber to an elderly constituent's house; he thanked the citizens for being able to represent and serve them; and, he thanked Mayor Elackatt, Mayor Pro Tem Maroulis, Councilmembers Emery, and Clouser for working to make an impact.

Councilmember Emery commended City staff members for assisting the citizens in their time of need; he stated everyone that came together represented the City's credo, "Together, We Excel!"; he invited everyone out to the Farmers Market; he spoke with several HOA's and asked them to relax enforcement on deed restrictions pertaining to their yards; and, he noted that Fort Bend County set up a debris pick up program.

Mayor Elackatt echoed everyone's comments and thanked Niagara for helping to provide water to distribute to the community; he thanked the entire City team; he noted they were all elected to serve the citizens and

no blame was to be placed but he rather thanked everyone for working together for the citizens; and, he thanked City Attorney Iyamu for preparing the paper work to place a warming center.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of March 2021.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary