

STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

6:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, AT 06:30 PM AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

MAYOR MIKE FOREMAN
MAYOR PRO-TEM TRISH HANKS
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE ROCKEY
COUNCILMEMBER SALLY BRANSON
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT J. GRIFFON
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN SCOTT
COUNCILMEMBER BRENT ERENWERT
CITY ATTORNEY MARY KAY FISCHER
CITY MANAGER MORAD KABIRI
CITY SECRETARY MELINDA WELSH

1. Call to order

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation – Pastor Nicholas Lammé, Friendswood Church of Christ

The invocation was given by Pastor Nicholas Lammé with Friendswood Church of Christ.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – United States and Texas

(HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE)

Mayor Foreman led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and to the State of Texas.

4. Communications from the Public

Communications from the Public (To comply with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate on items discussed under this agenda item. The Council may refer this item to the City

Manager or direct this item to be placed on the next regular Council agenda. Out of respect for those speaking during public comment, please refrain from any outbursts or interjections to include, but not limited to, applause and/or disparaging noises from the audience. Doing so discourages others from voicing their thoughts and opinions, and disrupts the meeting. Furthermore, any personnel complaints against a City employee aside from the City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney or Municipal Judge cannot be discussed under this section. Please contact the City Manager's office for concerns involving a City employee.)

David Allen, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and held up a book for all to see about Russian Army Officer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn who was fighting the Nazis before becoming a political prisoner. A brief report was given on Former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director John Brennan and things he said after President Joe Biden was sworn into office. Mr. Allen wished to use the history of events from the aforementioned book to remind everyone to keep on guard, and if anything looks suspicious, do not participate in it.

5. WORK SESSION

A. Update on the Public Safety Building Expansion and Fire Station No. 2 Reconstruction Projects

Director of Engineering/City Engineer Jildardo Arias provided an update on the Public Safety Building expansion and Fire Station No. 2 reconstruction projects, and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the architectural engineering for both projects began September 2020 with the PGAL Firm, and preliminary floor plans and exterior elevations have been sent to the city for review as part of the current programming phase. As the floor plans are preliminary, the plans are subject to revision at this stage. The architect is currently developing plans and eventually there will be a floor plan that is going to fit the respective budgets for both projects. Mr. Arias presented a slide that showed the exterior perspective of Fire Station No. 2. On the outside, there are three apparatus spaces as proposed by the latest layout. The tract that the fire station sits on is small, so every single square inch of land will need to be used. One of the highlights to note on the site plan is the gate to the south of the building, which leads to the parking lot near the training facilities in the back. Mr. Arias presented a close-up of the proposed building. The floor plan is the result of a needs assessment that was provided by PGAL after meeting with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Marshal's Office and the City Engineering Department. The floor plan provides for dorm rooms, a day room, kitchen, and other rooms as well. There is still some work to do before they can finish up the conceptual floor plan. This is the first iteration of the floor plan where a cost estimate has been provided. Right now, there is a \$3.7 million cost

estimate for the construction of this building. The project budget is \$4 million, which includes soft costs such as architectural and engineering services, and are projecting about \$400,000 in soft costs that puts the project at about \$4.1 million without a contingency. This does not include a replacement burn building, which would cost about \$650,000. There is work to do there, but are in the ballpark of where this needs to be. Mr. Arias stated this is a conservative estimate, but a good starting point so that the city can start working with a Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) to help refine the cost. Later tonight, Council will have a contract for consideration for a CMAR for this project. The city, architect and the CMAR will work together as a team moving forward, will collectively develop a guaranteed maximum price, which will set the final price tag for this project.

City Manager Morad Kabiri reminded everyone that this is the same process the city undertook when Fire Station No. 1 was built behind the Public Safety Building with the CMAR. It ended up providing a far better product for the city in keeping within budget, and are proposing to do the same with these two projects.

Director of Engineering/City Engineer Jildardo Arias provided an update to the Public Safety Building expansion. The work on this project is ongoing with the architect. In Council's backup material is a current layout and a conceptual layout, which is based on feedback that the architect has gotten from the Police Department, Fire Marshal, and the Municipal Court. It is not where it needs to be cost-wise before the city turns the architect loose on the development of the plans of specifications on this project, so that is something that is coming up in the immediate future. City staff is working hard to evaluate the initial floor plan that was provided, going to ensure that the needs are met and that any necessary renovation to the existing building is balanced with the addition of any new floor space. Also on the agenda tonight is a CMAR for this project, will be engaging the CMAR to help get hard numbers on paper and get this project to its final form. As this project moves forward, the architect will have a final programming presentation within the next month or two.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks asked if there will be any capacity issues at the Police Station while the additions are being made to the building and if the occupants will still have all the usable space that is needed.

Director of Engineering/City Engineer Jildardo Arias stated it is yet to be determined as to what level of capacity there will be and how far it can be projected out. The first iteration of the plan is intended to be a 50-year buildout, have yet to see how far the city can project out what needs are being met.

City Manager Kabiri stated emergency services will not be disrupted during this process.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 9A, Discussion and Possible Action.

6. Public Hearing

To receive comments from the public, both oral and written, regarding:

- A. Proposed amendments to Appendix C Zoning Ordinance to require less dense residential uses in higher dense residential districts to still meet the district regulations of the less dense district by amending "Section 7. B. (R-2 and R-3) MFR-L, Residential, General Purpose and Description," "Section 7.C.(R-4) MFR-M, Residential, General Purpose and Description," and "Section 7.D.(R-5) MFR-H, Residential, General Purpose and Description;" and to amend "Section 7.P.6. Permitted Use Table" to allow less dense residential uses in higher dense residential districts by defining Residential Uses in the table.

Mayor Foreman called a Public Hearing to order to receive comments from the public, both oral and written, regarding proposed amendments to Appendix C Zoning Ordinance to require less dense residential uses in higher dense residential districts to still meet the district regulations of the less dense district by amending "Section 7. B. (R-2 and R-3) MFR-L, Residential, General Purpose and Description," "Section 7.C.(R-4) MFR-M, Residential, General Purpose and Description," and "Section 7.D.(R-5) MFR-H, Residential, General Purpose and Description;" and to amend "Section 7.P.6. Permitted Use Table" to allow less dense residential uses in higher dense residential districts by defining Residential Uses in the table.

Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin stated the Planning and Zoning Commission held their meeting and Public Hearing with consideration of this item at their meeting on January 14. It was a unanimous vote of 6 – 0, with one commissioner absent, to approve the proposed amendments, which are to allow less residential uses in higher dense residential districts. Ms. Harbin reported that prior to 2014, the Single-Family Residential use was allowed in Multi-Family Low Density District. In 2014, all of the residential uses were removed from the Permitted Use Table because there are descriptions of those uses in another part of the ordinance. Inadvertently, the cumulative zoning which allows this to take place was removed. There are approximately four blocks of Multi-Family Low Density that have a number of single-family homes on them, so when the ordinance was changed that created numerous non-conformities, and changing it back will correct those non-conformities. There is also several of those lots for sale in that area of town and people are interested in building single-family homes rather than duplexes in that district. The commission felt that it was favorable to change the ordinance back.

Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against. No one spoke.

- B. Proposed amendments to Appendix C, Zoning Ordinance Section 7.Q.2. "Residential Regulation Matrix" to amend sub note F to allow lots in existence that are zoned Single Family Residential and are less than 90 feet wide to continue with the setbacks that were established when the lot was platted or created.

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Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin stated the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed this item and had their public hearing on January 14. There were a lot of subdivisions in Friendswood that were annexed into the city so were platted and planned out when they were located in the county. Many of those lots do not meet the city's minimum 90-foot lot width requirement. When the homes on those properties are destroyed more than 50 percent are required to meet the current setbacks. A 90-foot lot requires 10 ft. on each side, and for a 50 to 60-foot lot that is a large amount of space. This proposal already has an allowance in the ordinance that allows an existing structure to continue a 5 ft. side yard setback, however if the structure is destroyed there is no allowance for that. This corrects that in the case if they are destroyed, they can continue with the 5 ft. side yard setbacks.

Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against. No one spoke.

7. Communications from the Public

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Municipal Judge cannot be discussed under this section. Please contact the City Manager's office for concerns involving a City employee.)

Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak. No one spoke.

8. City Manager's Report

A. Keep Friendswood Beautiful Tree Giveaway Results

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated two weeks ago the city held its Annual Tree Giveaway at Centennial Park, instead of Stevenson Park where it has been held in prior years. Much like the response the city had when the event was held in Stevenson Park, all the trees were gone very quickly, and 150 trees were given out in a little over an hour. Centennial Park worked so well that staff plans on locating it there again in the future due to improved circulation and movement of traffic.

B. Hurricane Harvey Update

City Manager Kabiri reported on continued efforts regarding Hurricane Harvey and drainage. The city is moving forward with the 25% that was discussed previously. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program afforded the city a 75%/25% grant. The 75% grant was funded by the federal government at the time for those buyouts, city did not have the 25% to match it, so a number of homeowners took a reduced purchase price. The state has since come back, through Senate Bill 7 in the last legislative session, and offered 75% of that remaining 25%, and are now going back to those homeowners that have previously sold properties to the city to make them whole on the acquisition of those lots. With respect to the Community Development Block Grant Program on the Harris County side, the Forest Bend Detention Project is under design for environmental and engineering. The Blackhawk Facility is being looked at right now since the city has now acquired the building and is under city ownership for the emergency shelter component. On the Galveston County side of the Community Development Block Grant, the utility line relocate underneath Clear Creek at Polly Ranch Subdivision is currently under design and environmental. There was a hiccup on the acquisition side where the contractor that the city hired to be its representative in communicating with the homeowners to purchase the building has not followed General Land Office (GLO) requirements and as such the city is parting employment with that individual. However, to keep the process moving forward, the Fire Marshal's Office has taken on some additional responsibilities so that those acquisitions do not get slowed down. The City Manager reported that as the city moves forward, he will keep Council abreast of those findings. In regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) mitigation application, the city has not received word on the application for the \$79 million needed to do terracing across the Whitcomb Property, across the Bay

Area Boulevard property, and the combination of the detention ponds on Bay Area Boulevard. It is anticipated that within the next two or three months the city will hear something. Again, the state received five times the amount of funds available in applications, so it is going to be a fierce competition.

C. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

City Manager Kabiri reported that with respect to COVID-19, the city has received some of its Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the Harris County side of the city, submitted a reimbursement request from the Galveston County side of the city and are awaiting reimbursement, and believes that is forthcoming within the next few weeks. Operations continue throughout all city services with no disruption in service with the exception of a few parks still not having full goals at the basketball facilities, but every facility is open to the public. As a reminder, the City of Friendswood is not a provider of the Coronavirus vaccine, nor a distribution center for the vaccine, are working closely with Galveston County, as well as the Health District, to provide support for the regional hubs for vaccinations. Both Galveston and Harris County have opened up a waitlist approach so those that are eligible in either the state's Group 1A (healthcare workers) or 1B (over the age of 65 and/or have a pre-existing health condition) can sign up for the vaccine, and when an appointment becomes available the person will be notified, as opposed to trying to fight the mass rush of people getting appointments early on. The city continues to operate as usual, have had no citations issued regarding Governor Abbott's orders, nor has the city shut down any businesses related to Governor Abbott's orders.

D. Annual Crime Report

City Manager Kabiri reported that the Police Department continues to do an amazing job, and crime went down this year. Even more telling with the crime rate going down is that the national standards for reporting have changed since last year so one crime previously reported is now reported as multiple crimes, depending on the incident. Even with that additional statistical data point, the city continues to operate just fine and reduced the crime rate.

Chief Wieners stated he provided a hard copy of the crime report to each member of Council. Even with the crime reporting category additions going from 8 categories to 24, crime is still down. Chief Wieners reviewed the report, explaining the data in detail, and further stated there has been a lot of hard work and reorganization by the Police Department to meet the community's needs.

Mayor Foreman stated people move to Friendswood for the lower crime rate and appreciates everything the Police Department does to keep it lower.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 10, Resolutions.

9. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an agreement with Christensen Building Group, LLC, regarding preconstruction services for the Fire Station No. 2 Reconstruction and Training Field Upgrades project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve an agreement with Christensen Building Group, LLC, regarding preconstruction services for the Fire Station No. 2 Reconstruction and Training Field Upgrades project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an agreement with Core Construction regarding preconstruction services for the Public Safety Building Expansion project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve an agreement with Core Construction regarding preconstruction services for the Public Safety Building Expansion project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding an appointment to the following boards, committees, and commissions:

Community & Economic Development – Appoint Susan Asimakis to an unexpired term expiring July 2022 to replace Thomas Hinckley who resigned from CEDC when appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

****Councilmember Branson moved to appoint Susan Asimakis to the Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC) to an unexpired term expiring July 2022.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 13, Consent Agenda.

10. Resolutions

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

- A. Resolution No. R2021-03: A resolution of the City of Friendswood, Texas, authorizing aerial spraying over Friendswood by the Galveston County Mosquito Control District for the County-Wide Mosquito Control Program.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-03 – A resolution of the City of Friendswood, Texas, authorizing aerial spraying over Friendswood by the Galveston County Mosquito Control District for the County-Wide Mosquito Control Program.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- B. Resolution No. R2021-04: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, designating the Mayor as the city's representative in seeking eligible grant funds under General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program; and authorizing the submission of such grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-04 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, designating the Mayor as the city's representative in seeking eligible grant funds under General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program; and authorizing the submission of such grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- C. Resolution No. R2021-05: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas assigning to the City Manager the authority to supervise the City Secretary.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-05 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas assigning to the City Manager the authority to supervise the City Secretary.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- D. Resolution No. R2021-06: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, designating the Mayor as the city's representative in seeking eligible grant funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and authorizing the submission of such grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of Governor.

****Councilmember Griffon moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-06 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, designating the Mayor as the**

city's representative in seeking eligible grant funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and authorizing the submission of such grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of Governor. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

11. Ordinances

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

- A. Ordinance No. T2021-01: Second and Final reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – “Zoning,” by amending the zoning classification for a tract or parcel located at 4321 Friendswood Link Road containing 3.2895 acres, also known as Reserve A5, Block 2, Forest Creek Subdivision, out of the Sarah McKissick Survey, Abstract No. 549, Harris County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Multi-Family Residential-Garden Home District (MFR-GHD) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC); providing for amendment of the Official Zoning Map; providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each day of violation of any provision hereof; and providing for severability.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – “Zoning,” by amending the zoning classification for a tract or parcel located at 4321 Friendswood Link Road containing 3.2895 acres, also known as Reserve A5, Block 2, Forest Creek Subdivision, out of the Sarah McKissick Survey, Abstract No. 549, Harris County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Multi-Family Residential-Garden Home District (MFR-GHD) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC); providing for amendment of the Official Zoning Map; providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each day of violation of any provision hereof; and providing for severability.**
The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- B. Ordinance No. T2021-04: First reading of an ordinance amending Appendix C Zoning Ordinance "Section 7.P.6. Permitted Use Table" to allow less dense residential uses in higher dense residential districts by defining residential uses in the table and amending "Section 7.B. (R-2 and R-3) MFR-L, Residential, General Purpose and Description," "Section 7.C. (R-4) MFR-M, Residential, General Purpose and Description," and "Section 7.D. (R-5) MFR-H, Residential, General Purpose and Description" to require the less dense residential use located in higher dense residential districts to meet the district regulations of the less dense district; providing a penalty for violation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, or as otherwise

provided by law; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; and providing for severability.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No.**

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- C. Ordinance No. T2021-05: First reading of an ordinance amending Appendix C Zoning Ordinance "Section 7.Q.2. Residential Regulation Matrix" to amend sub note F to allow lots in existence that are zoned Single Family Residential (SFR) and are less than 90 feet wide to continue with the setbacks that were established when the lot was platted or created; providing a penalty for violation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, or as otherwise provided by law; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; and providing for severability.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No.**

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- D. Ordinance No. T2021-06: First and Final reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, calling for the holding of a General Election on May 01, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers (Position Numbers 1 and 3); and making other provisions related to the subject.

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-06** – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of

Friendswood, Texas, calling for the holding of a General Election on May 01, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers (Position Numbers 1 and 3); and making other provisions related to the subject.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- E. Ordinance No. T2021-07: First and Final reading of an ordinance amending City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance No. 2020-35, passed and approved September 14, 2020, same being an ordinance approving and adopting the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by approving "Budget Amendment IV" to the "Original General Budget of the City of Friendswood, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2021-07** – An ordinance amending City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance No. 2020-35, passed and approved September 14, 2020, same being an ordinance approving and adopting the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by approving "Budget Amendment IV" to the "Original General Budget of the City of Friendswood, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 14, Executive Session.

12. Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Erenwert stated he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Scott stated he appreciates the clergy that come to pray at Council meetings. Our country would be in a much better place if everybody took God into consideration in everything they do. It is one of the best parts about being up at the dais, so really appreciates that.

Councilmember Griffon stated he had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanks stated on behalf of all of Council, offered condolences to Kaye Corey on the recent passing of her husband Bryan Corey, who served on the Library Board. Kaye Corey is a huge volunteer with Keep Friendswood Beautiful. We are all sad about his passing.

Councilmember Branson welcomed back Councilmember Rockey and is glad he is here.

Mayor Foreman wished a happy birthday to Councilmember Branson.

Councilmember Rockey stated he is glad to be back after being in the hospital for 12 days with COVID, which left him with pneumonia. Many people reached out through calls, texts, and social media posts. When he was in isolation, any contact was precious and it meant a lot, is very happy to be sitting here, was touch and go for a while so is really nice to be here.

Mayor Foreman stated Friendswood's City Secretary, Melinda Welsh, has announced her retirement. Her last day will be March 19. We are going to miss her and will be some tough shoes to fill, and will be a while before we forget her.

City Secretary Melinda Welsh stated she appreciates those words, has been an interesting career, is grateful for all the people that have come and gone, even the difficult ones because you learn from them all, has been a good career, have loved being at the City of Friendswood, appreciates all of the support and kind words, and will miss all of you.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 6, Public Hearing.

13. Consent Agenda

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

- A. Authorizing the acceptance of the City of Friendswood's Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II Package "A" project and initiate the contractor's one year maintenance bond
- B. Approve the ratification of the Mayor's signature on a contract with Galveston County for Election Services
- C. Excusing the absence of Councilmember Steve Rockey from the January 11, 2021, City Council Meeting
- D. Approving the disposal of two decommissioned Police Department vehicles through Houston Auto Auction
- E. Accepting the December 2020 Tax Report
- F. Approving the minutes of the December 7, 2020, City Council Meeting

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Consent Agenda.**

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 12, Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers.

14. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Communications from the public regarding Executive Session Topics.

Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the Executive Session. No one spoke.

- B. Council may convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.074: Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee with possible discussion and action related thereto in open session. (Appointment of the City Secretary)

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:29 PM in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (Appointment of the City Secretary).

15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:49 PM with no action taken later in the meeting.

16. Consideration and possible action regarding the appointment of the City Secretary

No action was taken.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

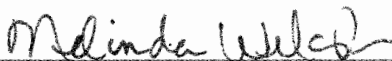


Mayor Mike Foreman

Attest:

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Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary

