

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, AUGUST 2, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in the Kenneth T. Nunn Council Room in City Hall, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem
Abel Garza, Jr. , Commissioner At-Large
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1
Felix Herrera, Commissioner District 2
Dorthea Jones Pointer, Commissioner District 3
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

2. INVOCATION

Led by Jon Branson, Executive Director of Management Services.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Recognizing the Texas City Police Department for achieving "Re-Accreditation Status" from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation.

Chief P. Bacon of the Webster Police Department presented the award for the department achieving re-accreditation. Chief P. Bacon stated that the Texas City Police Department was the first agency in the State of Texas to be accredited under the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Best Practices program, thus making TCPD the first agency to achieve this re-accreditation for the fifth time.

5. REPORTS

- a. Engineering, Transportation, and Planning Annual Report (City Engineer)

Kim Golden, City Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

b. SCADA Demonstration (Utilities)

Corbin Ballast, Utilities Director, gave a demonstration of the SCADA water system software his department utilizes.

6. PRELIMINARY ZONING APPROVAL

- a. Consider and take action on extending applicant's request for additional time for the preliminary rezoning previously granted to Lakeside Bayou, LLC for Lakeside Bayou Subdivision.

Kim Golden, City Engineer, stated that the extension appears warranted because the project is large and complex, and Applicant has diligently continued its development activities and remained in satisfactory contact with city staff. No significant changes have occurred that warrant a reconsideration of any of the infrastructure development. The terms and conditions of the approved PUD remain compliant with current city planning and development policies.

Becky Collins, a Lakeside Bayou, LLC representative, was present for any questions.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark to approve the extension of the applicant's request for additional time.

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Bryant, resident, requested to speak before the Commission.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Convene for Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

§551.074 Personnel Matters
§551.071 Consulting with City Attorney

The City of Texas City Commission convened into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.
The City of Texas City Commission reconvened into the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 5:55 p.m.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for July 19, 2023 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-086, authorizing a grant to HRA/Independence Village for \$5,000.00 to assist the living facility in providing housing for seniors and residents with special needs. (Community Development)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-087, awarding a contract to Generocity Services Inc. for the Bayou Golf Course Bulkhead Addition Project. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-088, awarding Bid No. 2023-434 Sale of Property Located at ABST 72 J GRANT SUR LOT 7 BLK 45 KOHFELDT'S FIRST ADDN. (Legal)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

10. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-28, amending Chapter 150 'Building Regulations; Construction' related to additional authority regarding substandard structures. (Fire Department)

David Zacherl, Fire Chief, stated that the amendment's intent is there must be a triumvirate of these four officials in concurrence before a structure may be abated by emergency demolition.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-29, amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Texas City, Texas, Title III "Administration", Chapter 32 "Law Enforcement and Fire Department", Section 32.009 "Police Department; Classes of Positions," by decreasing the number of positions within the classification of Police Officers by one (1) and increasing the number of positions within the classification of Sergeant by one (1); prescribing the number of positions within each classification of the classified service of the Police Department. (Police Department)

Landis Cravens, Assistant Police Chief, stated that the Patrol Division has been without two (2) Patrol Sergeants for a significant amount of time (one (1) for over a year and the other for over nine (9) months), so there is a need for more supervision and leadership in this area.

Motion by Commissioner District 2 Felix Herrera, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones Pointer

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on proposed tax rate by record vote and schedule public hearings, if necessary. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, stated that due to cost increases due to inflation and contractual obligations, the Finance Department recommends a proposed tax rate of \$0.49 per \$100 of property value, which is the same as the current rate.

Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones Pointer made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate of \$0.49 per \$100 of property value, Commissioner District 2 Felix Herrera seconded the motion.

The record vote was as followed:

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor --- aye

Thelma Bowie, Mayor Pro Tem, and Commissioner At-Large --- aye

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large --- aye

DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1 --- aye

Felix Herrera, Commissioner District 2 --- aye

Dorthea Jones Pointer, Commissioner District 3 --- aye

Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4 --- aye

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:13 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner District 3 Felix Herrera. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

Date Approved: