

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

M I N U T E S

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

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 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 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Matthew T. Doyle.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Phil Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem  
Bruce Clawson, Commissioner At Large  
Dee Ann Haney, Commissioner At Large  
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner District 1  
Dorthea Jones, Commissioner District 3  
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

Absent: Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor

2. INVOCATION

Led by Dorthea Jones, Commissioner District 3.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Dorthea Jones, Commissioner District 3.

Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark asked to give a few remarks before proclamations and presentations were given. She thanked all civil servants, volunteers and their families for their hard work and endless hours during and after Hurricane Harvey.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A proclamation was presented to D'Feet Breast Cancer, a non-profit grassroots organization in Galveston, Texas.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. A public hearing to hear citizens' opinions in favor of or in opposition to the City of Texas City's proposed 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, stated that the 2017/2018 proposed budget is posted online, in time for the September 20, 2017 meeting. At that aforementioned meeting the new tax rate and tax roll will be up for approval as well.

Henry Gomez, citizen, announced his concerns for pages 101-703 of the proposed budget.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark to close public hearing.

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for August 16, 2017, meeting. (City Secretary)
- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-055, nominating person(s) for the Board of Director elections for Galveston County Appraisal District. (Management Services)

Ron Plackemeir, City Attorney, stated that there was a typo on the agenda. This Resolution number item 6b is actually 17-054 not 17-055.

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution 17-055, approving and awarding the Building Material Annual Contract. (Public Works)
- d. Consider and take action on Resolution 17-056, approving a grant for the BG 18 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program. (Police)
- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-057, approving an application with TxDot for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. (Planning)
- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-058, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Grantworks Inc. to apply for disaster recovery funds.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowie to approve Consent items a-f.

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-059, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mainland Children's Partnership to assist citizens in applying for disaster recovery funds.

Item pulled by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney.

Gary Scoogin, President of the Mainland Children's Partnership Board and Linda Perez advocated that the funds are a necessity and they will be used to help families rebuild their lives.

Nick Finan, Director of Management Services, stated that the funds will be coming from the EDC (Economic Development Corporation) due to the recent Hurricane's economic impact.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

7. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Ordinance No 17-22, to amend the City of Texas City fiscal budget to create an additional police dispatcher position. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, articulated the need for this additional position and said the money for it would come from the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Dortha Jones, Seconded by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney

**Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED**

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Henry Gomez, citizen, stated how much he appreciated all of the City's hard work in keeping his home safe during Hurricane Harvey.

Tom Munoz, Emergency Management, stated that he and his team are working hard to bring normalcy back to our City. He hopes to connect many great organizations with people in need.

Bryan Rivera, Emergency Management Assistant, stated that one of his main objectives is to make sure that the people in our great City are fed and being taken care of.

Mike Stump, Solid Waste Manager, gave a quick update on the damage done to the Republic waste facility and apologized that trash service was taking longer than normal. They are working diligently to collect trash and debris as quickly as possible.

Ray Soliz, 12 year old Boy Scout from Troop 124, came to observe with his father as he works towards earning his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Chris Delesandri, United Way Director, reported that the Board of Directors authorized \$500,000 to provide immediate relief to the community. Citizens impacted by Hurricane Harvey can now apply for assistance through this program. He stated that he is also working to help restore churches as soon as possible, so if any are damaged please have them contact United Way.

James Hartshorn, Management Services, reminded those in attendance of the Old Smokey Cook-off on September 16, 2017.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowie reminded everyone that Texas City High School will have a football game on September 9th and to gain admission you must bring one canned good per person. She is happy that a sense of normalcy is returning to Texas City.

Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney stated that she constantly has those affected by Hurricane Harvey in her prayers and she is grateful to the Texas City Fire Dept., all other first responders, and overall is proud of our City.

Commissioner At Large Bruce Clawson reiterated gratitude to our Police and Fire Dept. for their tireless work in and out of City limits.

Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones thanked Tom and Bryan for their dedication and great work. She expressed how much we should also thank the teens and young adults of our community for their volunteer efforts.

Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark reiterated thanks to all involved in keeping Texas City safe during Hurricane Harvey.

Phil Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem/ Commissioner District 2, thanked City Attorney Ron Plackemeier for his example and leadership in the City, and closed the meeting stating "not only are we just Texas Strong; we are Texas City Strong!"

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Land made a MOTION to ADJOURN at \_\_\_\_ p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner At Large \_\_\_\_\_. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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MATTHEW T. DOYLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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James Hartshorn, City Secretary  
Date Approved: