

## REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

### M I N U T E S

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.  
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, September 20, 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: Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor  
Phil Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioner District 2  
Bruce Clawson, Commissioner At Large  
Dee Ann Haney, Commissioner At Large  
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner District 1  
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

Absent: Dorthea Jones, Commissioner District 3

#### 2. INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Franklin of The Connection Church.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Thelma Bowie.

#### 4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

##### a. Service Awards

Jeffrey Winstead	Police	09/10/2012	05 years
Trent Morgan	Parks & Recreation	09/27/2007	10 years
Kenetron Dotson	Police	09/24/2007	10 years
Ernest Robles	Police	09/29/1997	20 years
Louis Medina	Public Works	09/16/1992	25 years
Retirement			
Jeff Pittman	Public Works	19 years	

#### 5. REPORTS

##### a. Fire Services. (Fire Department)

David Zacherl, Fire Chief, gave a power point presentation of their budget, goals they set and have exceeded, and what will be needed for a new fire station as the population on the west side of the city continues to grow.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing for Tejas Patel/Mosaic Hospitality to rezone from "E" (General Business) to "S-P" (Site Plan) to construct a four story hotel with amenities. Being Lots 11, 13, Waterman's S/d. Located at 2900 I-45 North. (City Planning)

Doug Kneupper, Engineer, gave a presentation of the site plans for a La Quinta Hotel. He stated that this rezoning request was approved during a Public Hearing held before the Zoning Commission on August 15, 2017, where, after some deliberation, the members unanimously voted approval of the request to rezone to "S-P".

Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowies asked Mr. Kneupper if there will be access through the neighborhood on 30th ave. Doug replied that the traffic will move in a circulation with an outlet that leads to I-45.

Mayor Doyle asked Mr. Kneupper if this will make hotel/ motel number 2 or 3 for the area. Doug Kneupper replied that this will be number 3.

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

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

## 7. PRELIMINARY ZONING APPROVAL

- a. Approve or deny request to rezone from "E" (General Business) to "S-P" (Site Plan) for a hotel with amenities. (City Planning)

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

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for September 6, 2017 meeting. (City Secretary)
- b. Approve City Commission Minutes for September 6, 2017 Emergency Called Meeting. (City Secretary)
- c. Approve City Commission Minutes for September 11, 2017 Special Called Meeting. (City Secretary)
- d. Approve City Commission Minutes for August 16, 2017 Budget Workshop. (City Secretary)
- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-063, supporting and authorizing a board to coordinate relief and recovery funds for Galveston County, and appointing a member to such board. (Management Services)

Item pulled by Mayor Doyle.

Nick Finan, Director of Management Services, stated that the relief board will help to organize and aid local counties and their citizens in relief efforts from Hurricane Harvey. The board will seek governmental funding with the option to accept private funding. Gary Scoggin and Commissioner Phil Roberts will participate on the board.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowie

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution 17-064, authorizing the Mayor to execute a one year agreement between the County of Galveston and the City of Texas City for Mutual Aid. (Fire Department)

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution 17-065, approving appointments and/or re-appointments of Municipal Court Judges. (City Secretary)

Item pulled by Mayor Doyle.

Tammy Odom, Court Administrator, swore in Judges George Cooley and Charles Dunkel for re-appointment.

Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor, thanked Judge Cooley, Judge Dunkel and Tammy Odom for their hard work and consistent excellence.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney, Seconded by Commissioner At Large Bruce Clawson

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-066 authorizing the sale of Property in Trust properties to the TCEDC in the 400 block of Martin Luther King. (Management Services)
- i. Consider and Take Action on Resolution No 17-068, re-appointing or appointing members to the Galveston County Health District's United Board of Health. (Management Services)

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

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

## 9. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 17-24, amending the City of Texas City's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget to revise the tax levy for tax year 2016. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, advised that this revision is to reflect the revised levy in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund. For tax year 2016 (fiscal year 2016/2017) the original tax levy was \$22,310,356. The most recent revision shows the tax levy for tax year 2016 to be \$24,098,095, an increase of \$1,787,739.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 17-25, amending the City of Texas City's fiscal year 2016/2017 budget to establish a Special Revenue Fund to account for revenues and expenditures related to Hurricane Harvey. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, stated that a budget amendment is needed to establish a Special Revenue Fund to account for revenues and expenditures related to Hurricane Harvey. This will allow City staff to better monitor, control and account for expenditures and reimbursements for amounts due from insurance and FEMA which are related to Hurricane Harvey.

Motion by Commissioner At Large Bruce Clawson, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioner District 2 Phil Roberts

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action, by record vote, on Ordinance No. 17-26, to adopt the City of Texas City's 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, went through the proposed budget and all major line items.

A record vote was taken:

Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor---Yes  
Phil Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem---Yes  
Bruce Clawson, Commissioner At Large---Yes  
Dee Ann Haney, Commissioner At Large---Yes  
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner District 1---Yes  
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4---Yes

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 17-27, levying an ad valorem tax for the year 2017 for the City of Texas City. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, requested approval of the new property tax rate of \$0.577179 per \$100 valuation, \$0.480044 per \$100 valuation for the current Maintenance and Operations (M&O) expenses and \$0.097135 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking (I&S) expenses for the City of Texas City.

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

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 17-067, accepting and approving the 2017 Certified Tax Roll. (Finance)

Laura Boyd, Finance Director, requested the accepting and approving of the 2017 Certified Appraisal Tax Roll. The tax value for the City of Texas City is \$4,228,406,746.00.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney

**Vote:** 6 - 0 CARRIED

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Corbin Ballast, Public Works, commented that the Gulf Coast Water Authority will be shutting down on Monday Sept. 25th and Thursday Sept. 28th, 2017. During this time the City of Texas City will be running groundwater wells to supply water to the potable water distribution system.

Tom Munoz, Emergency Management, gave an update on FEMA progressions. He stated that FEMA has been going door-to-door and helping residents apply for assistance. As of September 20th, 2017, 1,100 homes had been registered and some had already been paid. He asks that anyone that is still waiting to please have patience as they will be here for as long as it takes.

Mike Stump, Solid Waste Manager, stated that debris is still being picked up. Mayor Doyle thanked him and his team for doing their best and working as fast as possible.

Dennis Harris, Recreation and Tourism Director, gave notice that the bikes for the Bike Program are having their locks replaced. The bikes will be returned no later than Friday. He also reminded everyone of the Heart and Sole Breast Cancer Walk/ 5k Run on October 7, 2017.

Mike Skiba, spoke of the upcoming Chamber Tournament.

Chris Delesandri, United Way Director, stated that they are trying to get case management taken care of so that funds can start to be dispersed properly.

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Doyle stated that in the last 17 years the residents of Texas City have had to carry the burden of the City. He explained that it is time for our industrial base to step up because there is a clear problem when only residential values are going up.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner At Large Dee Ann Haney congratulated Chief Burby on hosting a Cyber Security Training.

Commissioner At Large Bruce Clawson spoke to Mike Stump and reiterated that he and his team are doing a good job.

Commissioner District 4 Jamie Clark stated that she is very proud of everyone and thanked them all collectively for their service.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Matthew T. Doyle made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:07 P.M.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Phil Roberts. 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: