

Ronald G. Harris, Jr., Mayor
Rhonda Harrison, Mayor Pro-Tem Place 2
Richard Troth, Council Member - Place 4
Trey Sargent, Assistant City Attorney



Austin Petersen, Council Member Place 1
Melynda Rivers, Council Member Place 3
Mike Strand, Council Member - Place 5
Lisa Dawn Cabrera, City Secretary

MINUTES
VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021
6:30 PM

City Council Present: Ronald G. Harris, Jr., Mayor; Austin Peterson, Place 1; Rhonda Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem; Melynda Rivers, Place 3; Richard Troth, Place 4; and Mike Strand, Place 5

City Council Absent: None

City Staff Present: Terry Hargis, Police Chief; Donna Pierce, Library Director; Ken Swindle, Fire Chief; Adam North, Assistant Fire Chief; Raquela Cornelius, Fire Administration Captain; Erin Clark, Finance Director; and Lisa Dawn Cabrera, City Secretary.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. ANNOUNCE QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Harris announced a quorum was present.

C. INVOCATION

Mayor Harris performed the invocation.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG & TEXAS FLAG

The Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag & Texas Flag were recited.

E. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a Security System and Wi-Fi for West Side Park. Staff Resource: L. Cabrera

A short discussion was held among the members of the City Council and City Staff concerning the bid received last year for this system and Police Department access for the cameras.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison made a motion to approve the Security System and Wi-Fi for the West Side Park, seconded by Councilwoman Rivers.

Motion passed without objection.

2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the FY 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule. Staff Resource: L. Cabrera

A brief discussion was held among the members of the Council and City Staff regarding a general rule for setting the holiday schedule.

Councilman Strand made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Councilman Troth.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the Council Members who shall conduct the interviews for a new Public Works Director. Staff Resource: L. Cabrera

A quick discussion was held among the members of the Council and City Staff regarding who should conduct the interviews for the Public Works Director.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Rivers and Councilman Strand as the Council representatives to conduct the interviews for the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilman Petersen.

Motion passed without opposition.

F. BUDGET WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. Review & discuss proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

- a. Police Department
- b. Fire Department

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the FY 2021-2022 Budget regarding the overview of the budget binder, the proposed tax rate, debt tax rate, general fund windfall, 90 day reserve, updating the budget policy, recurring needs to be sustainable, salary compression issue, longevity adjustment, number of officers on each shift, and pest deterrence system for the fire bays.


G. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.



Ronald G. Harris, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Dawn Cabrera, TRMC
City Secretary