

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 31, 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: Ed McRoy, Development Services Director; Terry Hargis, Police Chief; Carrie Burkey, Human Resources Director; Donna Pierce, Library Director; Ken Swindle, Fire Chief; Adam North, Assistant Fire Chief; Erin Clark, Finance Director; Kevin Koiner, Public Works Superintendent; Nate Winchester, Crew Leader; David Kruger, City Attorney; and Lisa Dawn Cabrera, City Secretary.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

B. ANNOUNCE QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Harris announced a quorum was present.

C. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison 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 regarding the approval of a budget amendment for the audio/visual system for the Council Chambers and pest deterrence for the Fire Department.
Staff Resource: L. Cabrera

A brief conversation was held among the members of the City Council and City Staff regarding the updated quotes for the audio/visual system and the pest deterrence systems.

Councilman Strand made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the audio/visual system and the pest deterrence system, seconded by Councilman Troth.

Motion passed without objection.

2. Discuss, consider and take action regarding acceptance of the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and approving the City's matching portion of \$6,149.34. Staff Resource: K. Swindle

A short discussion was held among the members of the City Council and City staff concerning the FEMA Grant for the Fire Department and the matching portions of the grant.

Councilman Strand made a motion to accept the grant and the matching requirements, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harris convened into Executive Session at 6:36 pm.

The City Council shall convene in Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code § Section 551.071 to obtain advice from the City Attorney and in accordance with Texas Government Code as follows:

1. § Section 551.072 for deliberation regarding possible purchasing real property for the city.
2. § Section 551.074 to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Public Works Director.

G. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Harris reconvened into Regular Session at 6:58 pm.

The City Council shall convene into Open Session and may take action related to discussion in Executive Session.

1. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the discussion in accordance with the Executive Session deliberations concerning possible purchasing real property for the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison made a motion to authorize the Mayor to proceed as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Strand.

Motion passed without objection.

2. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the discussion in accordance with Executive Session deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Public Works Director.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to appoint Councilman Troth as an alternate to the members assigned to conduct the interviews for the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilman Petersen.

Motion passed without opposition.

H. BUDGET WORK SESSION ITEMS

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

A lengthy discussion was held among the member of the City Council and City Staff regarding the FY 2021-2022 being retention struggles, cost of living adjustments, salary ranges, compression issues with all departments, eliminating salary compression, certification pay, longevity increase, and various changes in departments.


I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.



Ronald G. Harris, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Dawn Cabrera, TRMC
City Secretary