

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Byron Sanford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Byron Sanford	Mayor
	Carol Langley	City Council Place #1
	Casey Olson	City Council Place #2
	T.J. Wilkerson	City Council Place #3
	Cheryl Fox	City Council Place #4
	Patricia Easley	City Council Place #5

Also Present:	Dave McCorquodale	Assistant City Administrator & Planning Development
	Nici Browe	City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services
	Alan Petrov	City Attorney

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### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson provided the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS**

### **VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

Citizens are invited to speak for three (3) minutes on matters relating to City Government that relate to agenda or non-agenda items. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Presiding Officer. All speakers should approach the podium to address Council and give their name and address before sharing their comments. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item, but may place the issue on a future agenda.

No members of the public addressed City Council.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Minutes of City Council meeting 07-12-2022
2. Consider and accept excess collections for 2021 Debt Service and certification for Debt Service Collection Rate for 2022/2023.
3. Consideration and possible action on Departmental Reports.

Councilmember Carol Langley moved to have Mr. Muckleroy of Public Works introduce the new representatives from H2O. Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

Mr. Muckleroy stated that Mike Williams was no longer with H2O, therefore, he wanted City Council to meet the representatives that will be working with the City. He introduced Mr. Howard Wilhide and Mr. Creston Minter.

Both representatives thanked Council for the opportunity to meet with them and stated that they look forward to a good and long working relationship with the City of Montgomery.

Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Cheryl Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

#### **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

4. Consideration and possible action to approve the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation's expenditure of \$11,700 for an archaeological survey of a portion of 21050 Eva Street, Montgomery, TX 77356.

Mr. Dave McCorquodale introduced this item and provided a recap of events and discoveries thus far at the location of 21050 Eva Street. The exact location of the two infants graves are as yet undetermined, however, Cadaver dogs have pinned down a location. This approval to expend in excess of \$10,000 requires City Council Approval. The expenditure is for ground penetrating radar. Experts have said even with that technology, back in the 1800's not all burials were in a casket so remains may well of disintegrated over time. He also noted that the seller of the property noted that they had someone who could do this for less. The Engineers have spoken to this individual and what they do is archival research. Through official records and ancestral records, sometimes exact location can be discovered. The thought here is to go with that approach first before the large expense of \$11,700 for the ground penetrating radar.

Councilmember Carol Langley enquired what happens if the graves and their remains are discovered.

Mr. McCorquodale responded that the City would insure they were properly marked and maintained, this would also impact the cost of the property and we would go back to the seller and renegotiate terms.

Councilmember Carol Langley moved to approve the MEDC expenditure of \$11,700 for the purpose of locating infant graves at the property located at 21050 Eva Street. Councilmember Patricia Easley seconded the motion. Motion Passed (4-0).

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas, including the recruitment process of a City Administrator.

**COUNCIL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT: 6:16 P.M.**

**COUNCIL RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION AT: 8:03 P.M.**

**POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

551.074 (personnel matters)

No items were required to have a motion.

Mayor Byron Sanford stated that he had been made aware that there was a member of the public who had been waiting to talk and had not realized there was a sign in sheet at the front of the room.

He recognized: Rachel Cobor – A Civil Engineer from Texas A&M.

Ms. Cobor discussed the previously requested and denied use of polypropylene piping. She introduced the product and provided specifications and the uses for which it is manufactured. She provided projects throughout the United States that use the pipes and provided a large sample of the product for the Council to look at.

She stated that during the Executive Session she was able to meet with representatives of both the City and the Engineering company and promised to continue to work with them to provide trust and faith in this product.

She thanked Council for the opportunity.

**COUNCIL INQUIRY:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

Mayor Sanford informed Council and Staff that he had a conversation with Abraham Guzman of TXDOT and discussed the Right Hand Turn Lane, and other TXDOT projects ongoing in the City. He further concluded that he is requesting a follow up meeting with the Commissioner about the Lone Star Parkway and the bridges, in the hope of concessions coming our way.

Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson moved to Adjourn. Councilmember Patricia Easley seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

**ADJOURNMENT 8:11 PM**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Nici Browe, City Secretary

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Byron Sanford, Mayor