



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Be It Known That the City Council of the City of Converse Will Meet for a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Commission, Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commission.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. INVOCATION: *Fire Chief Luis Valdez*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Mayor Suarez

MPT Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 5

Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1

Councilwoman Deborah James Place 2

Councilwoman Shawn Russell, Place 3

Councilwoman Kate Silvas, Place 4

Councilman Marc Gilbert, Place 6

Ms. Le Ann Piatt, City Manager

Mr. Manny Longoria, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary

Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Minutes of City Council Budget/ Tax Rate Workshop Meeting of August 3, 2019.

B. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of August 6, 2019.

C. Accept Minutes of Building & Standards Commission Meeting of May 22, 2019.

D. Accept Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of July 15, 2019.

Councilwoman Silvas pulled Item 5 A. The minutes are missing the end time to the meeting.

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to approve Items 5 A-D with amendment, MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Presentation of the Recovered Converse City Flag. (City Manager) (Fire Chief)

Presented by Fire Chief Luis Valdez and Nancy Droneburg.

B. Recognition of Eric Brightsen, Fire Lieutenant, for 10 Years of Service to the Converse Fire Department.
(Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

C. Recognition of Ben Collier, Fire Lieutenant, for 10 Years of Service to the Converse Fire Department.
(Mayor Suarez)(City Manager)

D. Recognition of Odie Martinez, Code Compliance Supervisor, for 10 Years of Service to the City of Converse.
(Mayor Suarez)(City Manager)

- E. Recognition of Sergeant Richard Radiski, for 10 Years of Service to the Converse Police Department.
(Mayor Suarez)(City Manager)
- F. Recognition of Derik Samuelson, Building Inspector, for 5 Years of Service to the Converse Building Department.
(Mayor Suarez)(City Manager)
- G. Recognition of Matthew Grimley, Police Officer, for the Employee of the Quarter. (Mayor Suarez)(City Manager)

7. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Report by Police Chief, Fidel Villegas
- B. Report by Library Director, Sandy Underwood
- C. Report on Public Works Director, Mark Velasquez
- D. Report by Utilities Director, Jonathan Smith
- E. Report by Community Development Director, John Quintanilla
- F. Report by Fire Chief, Luis Valdez
- G. Report by Converse Economic Development Corporation Director, Jimsi Kuborn
- H. Report by Finance Director, Ashley Grimes
- I. Report by Odie Martinez, Code Compliance Supervisor

Recess 8:39 PM

Reconvened: 8:49 PM

8. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record. No personal attacks shall be allowed.

Please note you will be videotaped for the record and as a reminder this meeting is streamed "Live" on the Converse Website.

Joan Lindgren

Bonnie Foster

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 878-2019 of the City of Converse, Texas to Voluntarily Annex Adjacent and Contiguous Territory for Full Purpose; Consisting of 11.036 Acres of Land Situated At 5160 Martinez-Converse Road in Bexar County Texas; Extending the Boundaries of the City to Include the Land; and to be Zoned B-3 Commercial; Approving A Service Plan; and Providing an Effective Date. (Second Reading)
(City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 878-2019. MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman James against. (6:1)

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 102-2-2019 Amending Chapter 2- Boards, Committees, and Commissions adding Sec. 2-130 (2) e. Exemption of Commission Residency Requirements for Military Households. (Second Reading) (Mayor Suarez)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 102-2-2019, Councilwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Alamo Area Metro SWAT Team. (City Manager) (Police Chief)

MPT Beehler made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Alamo Area Metro SWAT, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bexar County Sherriff's Office and the Converse Police Department for Custodial Death Investigations as required by SB 1849 (Sandra Bland Act). (City Manager) (Police Chief)

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to approve the MOU with Bexar County Sherriff's Office and the Converse Police Department for Custodial Death Investigations, Councilwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 807-2019 to Allocate Votes for the 2020-2021 Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors. (City Manager) – DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 APPLIES.

No action taken.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Lee Ann Ferguson as a Member to the Converse Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to appoint Lee Ann Ferguson as a member to the Converse Historic Preservation Commission, MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Agreement for Legal Services with City Attorney Felix Arambula. (Councilwoman Russell) (Councilwoman Richel)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve the legal services agreement with City Attorney Felix Arambula. Councilwoman Russell seconded the motion, the motion passed with Councilwoman James abstaining.

- F. Presentation and Discussion concerning Crime, Crime Statistics, and Efforts to Combat Criminal Activity in the City of Converse. (Councilwoman Silvas)

Presentation ensued. No action taken.

11. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

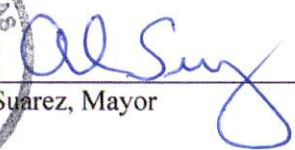
12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:34 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 3rd day of September, 2019

ATTEST:


Holly Nagy, City Secretary




Al Suarez, Mayor