



MINUTES

CITY OF CONVERSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 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, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Commission, Keep Converse Beautiful, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and the Ethics Review Board.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

2. **INVOCATION:** *Fire Chief Luis Valdez*

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** To the U.S. & Texas Flag led by Mayor Suarez

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

Mayor Al Suarez

MPT 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

Le Ann Piatt, City Manager

Manny Longoria, Assistant City Manager

Holly Nagy, City Secretary

Felix Arambula, City Attorney

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of August 20, 2019.

B. Accept Minutes of the Converse Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of August 7, 2019.

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to approve Items 5 A-B. Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Recognition of Michael Roberts for 10 Years of Service to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Mayor Suarez)

B. Presentation/Recognition by Bill Lisenby. (Mayor Suarez)

7. **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.

-Gisele Cruz

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. Public Hearing on a Proposal to Increase Total Tax Revenue from Properties to the Tax Roll in the Preceding Year by 7.05% (Percentage by which Proposed Tax Rate Exceeds Lower of Rollback Tax Rate or Effective Tax Rate Calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code).

*Opened: 7:20 PM
Closed: 7:30 PM*

- B. Public Hearing on a request by the property owner Mr. John Muhick, 403 Spinnaker Cove, Austin, Texas 78231 to rezone 14.907 acres of land from B-3 Commercial District to I-1 Light Industrial District for use as a Self-Storage Business. The property is located at 5550 FM 1516 N, Converse, Texas 78109 -- Legal Description: CB 5065C (FM 1516 SELF STORAGE), BLOCK 1 LOT 1 & CB 5065 P-1G ABS 971).

*Opened: 7:31 PM
Closed: 7:36 PM*

*Public Comments:
Joan Lindgren
Nancy Droneburg*

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a request to rezone 14.907 acres of land from B-3 Commercial District to I-1 Light Industrial District for use as a Self-Storage Business. The property is located at 5550 FM 1516 N, Converse, Texas 78109 -- Legal Description: CB 5065C (FM 1516 SELF STORAGE), BLOCK 1 LOT 1 & CB 5065 P-1G ABS 971).

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to deny the request to rezone. MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Presentation on Donation of Retired Fleet Vehicle to Judson ISD Criminal Justice Program. (City Manager)
- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Set Time, Location and to Approve Dr. Robert Yowell as the Moderator for "Meet the Candidates" Event to be held on October 17, 2019. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to approve Dr. Robert Yowell as the Moderator for "Meet the Candidates" on October 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Designate the Herald Newspaper as the Official Newspaper of Record. (City Manager)

MPT Beehler made a motion to designate the Herald newspaper as the official newspaper of record. Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Adrian Collett as a Member to the Converse Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Russell made a motion to appoint Adrian Collett. MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Richard Caton as a Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

MPT Beehler made a motion to reappoint Richard Caton. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Award a Contract to Wauters Engineering for Construction Services Related to the Center Street Drainage Project. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to award the contract to Wauters Engineering. Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Update on Rocket Lane Expansion Project. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

- I. Update on Sidewalk Installation in Quail Ridge Subdivision. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

- J. Update on National Endowment for the Arts Grant for the Fourth of July Event. (City Manager)

10. 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.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Entered: 8:29 PM*

- A. Executive Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act 551.074, CLOSED MEETING. PERSONNEL MATTERS: (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. City Manager. (Mayor Suarez) (City Attorney)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: *Reconvened: 8:55 PM*

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Executive Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS: CLOSED MEETING (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. City Manager. (Mayor Suarez) (City Attorney)

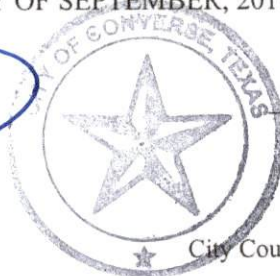
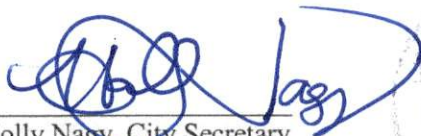
No action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT: *8:55 PM*

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Secretary



Al Suarez, Mayor

