



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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, October 15, 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 Al Suarez
MPT Jeff Beehler, Place 5
Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1

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

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah James, Place 2
Councilwoman Shawn Russell, Place 3

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of September 17, 2019.
- B. Approve Minutes of Ethics Review Board Meeting of May 6, 2019.

MPT Beehler made a motion to approve Items 5 A-B, Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Recognition of Frank Salazar, David Chavez, Isaiah Becker, Philip Guerrero, and Lawrence Harris of the Utility Department as Employees of the Quarter.

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

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.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Water/Wastewater Utility Cost of Service and Rate Design Study. (City Manager) (Utilities Director)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve the water/wastewater utility cost of service and rate design study. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 808-2019- Accepting the Bexar County Cooperative Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds That Provides Funding for Phase One of the Conversion of the Old Municipal Building to a Senior Center. (City Manager) (Grant Administrator)

MPT Beehler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 808-2019. Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint a Chairperson to Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to appoint Larry Everman as Chair, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Bennie Wilson from Alternate Member to Full Member on the Ethics Review Board. (City Manager)

MPT Beehler made a motion to appoint Bennie Wilson as a Full Member from Alternate Member, Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance 620-10-2019, an Ordinance Amending an Existing Ordinance and Adopting Revised Building Permit Fees for Residential Construction Projects. (First Reading) (City Manager) (Director of Community Development)

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 620-10-2019, MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Richel against. (6:1)

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Issue a Notice of Contract Award to Gonzales-De La Garza for Services Related to the Construction of the Converse Greenway Trail. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve award of contract to Gonzales-De La Garza. MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 690-2019G Year End Budget Amendment. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 690-2019G. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Contract for Fire Protection Services for Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 1. (City Manager) (Fire Chief)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve the renewal of contract for fire protection services for Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 1. MPT Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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:

- 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)

10 Minute Recess: 8:52 PM

Entered Executive Session after Recess: 9:02 PM

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

- 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)

Reconvened: 10:07 PM

MPT Beehler made a motion to approve as discussed in executive session. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)

13. ADJOURNMENT: 10:08 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 19th day of November, 2019

ATTEST:


Holly Nagy, City Secretary




Al Suarez, Mayor