



**MINUTES**  
CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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:** *Mayor Suarez*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

*Mayor Suarez*

*MPT Kathy Richel, Place 1*

*Councilwoman Deborah James Place 2*

*Councilwoman Nancy Droneburg, Place 3*

*Councilwoman Kate Silvas, Place 4*

*Councilman Richard Wendt, Place 5*

*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 Meeting of October 15, 2019.
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of October 22, 2019.
- C. Approve Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of November 1, 2019.
- D. Accept Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of August 19, 2019.
- E. Accept Minutes of Building and Standards Commission Meeting of August 28, 2019.
- F. Accept Minutes of Converse Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of September 18, 2019.
- G. Acceptance of Final Subdivision Plat # 2018-183, H&H Subdivision.

*Councilwoman James abstains from Items 5 B, C & G.*

*Councilwoman Silvas abstain from Item 5 B and asks to pull Item 5 C.*

*Councilwoman Droneburg abstains from Items 5 A-G due to not being on the Council at the time.*

*Councilman Wendt abstains from Items 5 A-G due to not being on the Council at the time.*

*Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the items*

*Councilwoman Silvas stated that for Item C, she would like her comments made during the hearing to be incorporated into the minutes.*

*Discussion ensued regarding written meeting minutes.*

*MPT Richel made a motion to approve Item 5 C as presented. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)*

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Recognition of John Cyphers on his Retirement After 24 Years of Service to the City of Converse.

**7. CITY STAFF REPORTS:**

- A. Report Police Chief, Fidel Villegas
- B. Report by Grants Administrator, Stella Calvillo
- 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 Library Director, Sandy Underwood

**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.

- *Jeff Beehler*

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

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 620-10-2019, an Ordinance Amending an Existing Ordinance and Adopting Revised Building Permit Fees for Residential Construction Projects. (Second Reading) (City Manager) (Director of Community Development)

*Councilwoman Droneburg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 620-10-2019; Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion dies with Councilmembers James, Wendt, Gilbert and MPT Richel against. (4:3)*

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion on the Status of the Greenway Trail Project. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
- B. Briefing on an emergency request to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to build a pedestrian bridge at/near the intersection of FM 78 & FM 1516 to allow for the safe crossing of all students attending Judson High School, Judson Middle School, Judson Academy, and Converse Elementary. (Mayor Suarez)
- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the First Amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of San Antonio and the City of Converse on Annexation and Municipal Boundary Adjustments (MBA). (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

*MPT Richel made a motion to approve the first amended ILA between COSA and COC on annexation and MBA Adjustments. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman James against. (6:1)*

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Award a Bid and Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Construction Services Related to the Gibbs-Sprawl Road Drainage Project. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

*Councilwoman James made a motion to approve, Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Converse and Judson Independent School District Implementing the Handle with Care Program. (City Manager) (Police Chief) (Fire Chief)

*Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the MOU between JISD and City of Converse Handle with Care Program. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for EMS Student Rider/Observer Between the United States Army for the Combat Paramedic Course and the City of Converse. (City Manager) (Fire Chief)

*Councilman Wendt made a motion to approve the MOU for EMS Student Rider/Observer between the U.S. Army and Combat Paramedic Course and the City of Converse. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Acceptance of a Grant for a Crime Victim Advocate Position. (City Manager) (Grants Administrator)

*Councilwoman James made a motion to accept the grant for Crime Victim Advocate position, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG). (City Manager) (Fire Chief)

*Councilman Wendt made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with AACOG. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution #695-2019 to Allocate Votes for Nominations for the 2020-2021 Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors. (City Manager) – DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 15, 2019 APPLIES. (City Manager)

*Councilwoman Droneburg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 695-2019 and to allocate all ten (10) votes to Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez. MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **11. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:**

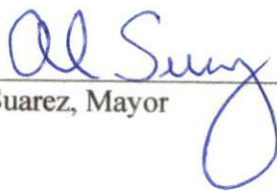
- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 PM**

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

ATTEST:

  
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Holly Nagy, City Secretary

  
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Al Suarez, Mayor