



CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2020 – 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, January 7, 2020 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** Mayor Suarez

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

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 December 3, 2019.

B. Approve Minutes of Ethics Review Board Meeting of September 30, 2019.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve items 5 A-B. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **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.

- Jeff Beehler

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 620-08-2019, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 Section 8-103 and Adopting Revised Building Permit Fees for Residential Construction Projects. (Second Reading) (Mayor Suarez) (MPT Richel) (Councilman Wendt)

Councilman Wendt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 620-08-2019, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 406-44-2019 Amending Chapter 44- Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article II. Truck Traffic. (Second Reading) (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 406-44-2019 with the amendment that the weight limit be 20,000 lbs. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with MPT Richel abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 926-24-2019 Amending Chapter 24, Miscellaneous Offenses Section 24-145 Library Fines and Fees for Library Services Offered or Materials Issued, or not Returned per Due Date. (Second Reading) (City Manager) (Library Director)

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 926-24-2019. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation on Proposed Plans for the New Converse Senior Center. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for EMS Student Rider/Observer Between the Windcrest Emergency Medical Academy and the City of Converse. (City Manager) (Fire Chief)

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

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 621-36-2020- Amending Chapter 36- Solid Waste, - Section 36-3 (f), Adopting Revised Solid Waste Rates for Residential Customers. (City Manager)

Councilman Wendt made a motion to amend the proposed rate from \$22.95 to \$22.75, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Reappointment of Robert Raney as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Robert Raney. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Reappointment of Ray Garcia as member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to reappoint Ray Garcia. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Reappointment of Donnie West as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Councilman Wendt made a motion to reappoint Donnie West. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Appointment of Dorothur O'Donnell as a member from Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to appoint Dorothur O'Donnell. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Appointment of Jeff Beehler as an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)
Councilman Wendt made a motion to appoint Jeff Beehler. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)
- I. Reappointment of Bill Lisenby as a member to the Ethics Review Board. (City Manager)
MPT Richel made a motion to reappoint Bill Lisenby. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. Reappointment of Mary Riley as a member to the Ethics Review Board. (City Manager)
Councilwoman James made a motion to reappoint Mary Riley. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mayor Suarez against. (6:1)
- K. Reappointment of Bill Nupp as a member to the Ethics Review Board. (City Manager)
Councilwoman James made a motion to reappoint Bill Nupp. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas abstaining due to not knowing Mr. Nupp.
- L. Appointment of Stephanie Haley as a regular member from an alternate member of Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)
Councilwoman Droneburg made a motion to appoint Stephanie Haley. MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Appointment of Terry Bourland as an alternate member to the Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)
MPT Richel made a motion to appoint Terry Bourland. Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- N. Appointment of Shawn Russell as an alternate member to the Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)
Councilman Gilbert made a motion to appoint Shawn Russell. MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Silvas against. (6:1)
- O. Appointment of Michael Potter as a regular member from alternate member to the Parks & Recreation Commission. (City Manager)
MPT Richel made a motion to appoint Michael Potter. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- P. Appointment of Christopher Drown as an alternate member to the Parks & Recreation Commission. (City Manager)
Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to appoint Christopher Drown. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.
- Q. Appointment of Shawn Russell as an alternate member to the Building & Standards Commission. (City Manager)
MPT Richel made a motion to appoint Shawn Russell. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers James, Wendt and Silvas against. (4:3)

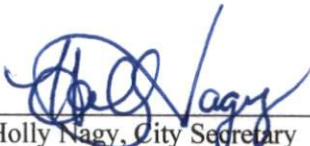
9. **CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:**

- 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.

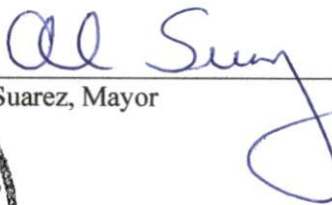
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:11 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 21st day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:


Holly Nagy, City Secretary




Al Suarez, Mayor