



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, and in conjunction with the guidance and provisions provided by the Governor of Texas in the declaration of disaster and subsequent executive orders altering the Open Meetings Act requirements and ordering that gatherings of more than 10 people shall be avoided, notice is hereby given that the Regular City Council Meeting for the Converse City Council to be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7:00 PM via telephone conference** (from City Council Chambers/402 S. Seguin) in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face to face meetings to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.(COVID-19) **There will be no in-person public access to the meeting, however, citizens may call the toll free number below for access or view the live broadcast at WWW.CONVERSE.TX.NET .**

Toll-Free: 1-800-717-4201 Conference ID: 869-8434

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**

** Present via teleconference*

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2020 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of February 1, 2020 City Council Meeting
- C. Accept Minutes of December 2, 2019 Ethics Review Board Meeting
- D. Approve Final Plat # 2020-203, Converse Addition- Dollar General Subdivision.

Councilwoman Silvas pulled Items 5 A & B. Councilwoman Droneburg pulled Item 5 A.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Items 5 C and D, Councilman Wendt seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Silvas stated that there were typos on Items A and B.

- Item A: Typo under Item I. The motion tabling the item should read motion failed.
- Item B: Typo under Item E. The motion was made by Councilwoman Silvas and seconded by Councilwoman Droneburg.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Items A & B with corrections. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Recognition of Holly Nagy, City Secretary for 6 Years of Service to the City of Converse.

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.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation of 2019 Insurance Refund by Pat McMahan, Alamo Insurance Group. (City Manager)

Presentation ensued.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the FY 2019 City of Converse and Converse Economic Development Corporation Audits. (City Manager)

MPT Richel made a motion to approve the FY 2019 City of Converse and Converse EDC Audits, Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Frank Dickson as Municipal Court Judge. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to reappoint Judge Frank Dickson, Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Charles Stubblefield as Alternate Municipal Court Judge. (City Manager)

MPT Richel made a motion to reappoint Judge Charles Stubblefield as alternate judge, Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 103-2-2020 Amending Code of Ordinances, City of Converse, Texas, Chapter 2 Administration, Article III. Boards, Committees, And Commissions, By Deleting Division 9. Keep Converse Beautiful Commission and Establishing an Effective Date. (First Reading) (Councilwoman Droneburg)

Councilwoman Droneburg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 103-2-2020, MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Silvas and James against. (5:2)

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 309-38-2020 Amending Code of Ordinances, City of Converse, Texas, Chapter 38 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article II. Streets and Rights-Of-Way, Division 2. Construction in Right-Of-Way, Subdivision III. Construction Standards, Section 38-109 Street and Sidewalk Cuts. (First Reading) (City Manager) (Public Works Director)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 309-38-2020, Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 401-44-2020A Amending Code of Ordinances, City of Converse, Texas, Chapter 44 Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III. Specific Street Regulations Division 4. Stop Streets, Section 44-155. (First Reading) (City Manager)

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 401-44-2020A, MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Presentation of 2019 Racial Profiling Report. (City Manager) (Interim Police Chief)

Presentation ensued.

- I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Bennie Wilson as a Member to the Ethics Review Board or appoint a new member. (City Manager)

MPT Richel made a motion to reappoint Bennie Wilson as a member to the Ethics Review Board, Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- J. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Melissa Alvarez to the Converse Economic Development Corporation as recommended or appoint a new member. (City Manager) (EDC Director)

Councilwoman James made a motion to reappoint Melissa Alvarez, Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- K. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Reappoint Ethel Willard-Crews to the Converse Economic Development Corporation as recommended or appoint a new member. (City Manager) (EDC Director)

Councilman Wendt made a motion to reappoint Ethel Willard-Crews, Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- L. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Juan G. Rodriguez, P.E. to the Converse Economic Development Corporation as recommended or appoint a new member. (City Manager) (EDC Director)

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to appoint Juan G. Rodriguez, Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- M. Briefing and Updates on COVID-19. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

Briefing ensued.


9. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

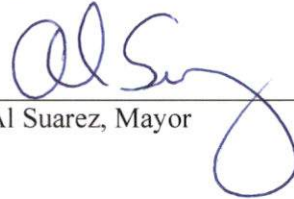
- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.

D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

PASSED and APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST: 


Al Suarez, Mayor