



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 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 19, 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:**

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**

Ms. Le Ann Piatt, City Manager

Mr. Manny Longoria, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Ruben Saucedo, Police Chief

*Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney**

Absent: Councilman Marc Gilbert, Place 6

**Present via teleconference*

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **Approve Minutes of May 5, 2020 City Council Meeting**
Mayor Pro Tem Richel made a motion to approve item 5A. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **STAFF REPORTS:**
 - A. **Report by Library Director, Sandy Underwood**
 - B. **Report by Converse Economic Development Corporation Director, Jimsi Kuborn**
 - C. **Report by 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 Finance Director, Ashley Grimes
- H. Report by Human Resources Director, John Rudd
- I. Report by Assistant Police Chief, Pam Hunt
- J. Report by Animal Care Manager, Chad Ensign

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. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 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. (Second 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. (4:2)
- B. 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. (Second Reading) (City Manager) (Public Works Director)
Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 309-38-2020. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. 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 and Section 44-156. (Second Reading) (City Manager)
Councilwoman Silvas made a motion to approve Ordinance 401-44-2020A. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Presentation of the 2018/2019 Economic Development Corporation Audit. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)
Presentation ensued
- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Economic Development Corporation Resolution No. 818-2020 Identifying and Designating the COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grant Program as a Project Pursuant to Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code. (First Reading) (City Manager) (Economic Development Director)
Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Resolution No.818-2020. Councilman Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 771-2020A Amending Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget of the Converse Economic Development Corporation. (City Manager) (Economic Development Director)
MPT Richel made a motion to approve Resolution No. 771-2020A. Councilwoman Silvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

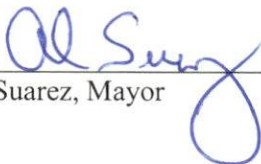
- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve an On-Call Engineers List for the Provision of Engineering Services on As Needed Basis to Include: Young Professional Services, Mendez Engineering, M&S Engineering, Kimley-Horn Engineering, Isro Engineering Services, Garza EMC Engineering Services, LEMC Engineering Services, Poznecki-Camarillo Inc., Freeland-Turk Engineering, ECS Southwest, LLP, and Rock Engineering (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
Councilwoman James made a motion to approve On-Call Engineers List. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Discussion and Appropriate Designating Leonard D. Young of Young Professional Services as City Engineer. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
No Action Taken. Discussion ensued.
- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Award a Contract for Demolition Services Related to the Repurposing of the Old City Hall to a Senior Center (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
Councilwoman Droneburg made a motion to approve Contract for Demolition Services. MPT Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 690-2020A Budget Amendment-Radio Read Meter Replacement Project. (City Manager) (Finance Director)
Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Resolution No. 690-2020A. Councilwoman Droneburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Briefing on the Toepperwein Road Realignment Project. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
Briefing ensued.
- I. Briefing on the Painting/Maintenance of the 1604 Water Tower. (City Manager) (Assistant City Manager)
Briefing ensued.

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. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 02 day of June, 2020.



Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Samantha Lee Interim City Secretary