



**MINUTES**  
CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Be It Known that the City Council of the City of Converse will meet for a Regular Meeting at the Council Chambers at 402 S. Seguin Street on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Parks & Recreation, Ethics Review Board, Economic Development Corporation, Planning & Zoning, and Historic Preservation Commission. Watch meeting live broadcast at [www.conversetx.net](http://www.conversetx.net).

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **INVOCATION:** By Fire Chief Luis Valdez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** To the U.S. & Texas Flag led by Mayor Suarez

4. **ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

City Council Present:

Mayor Al Suarez  
Councilwoman Shawn Russell, Place 1 (Mayor Pro-Tem)  
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

Staff Present:

Ms. Le Ann Piatt, City Manager  
Mr. Joshua Jones, Assistant City Manager  
Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney  
Ms. Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary  
Mr. Luis Valdez, Fire Chief  
Mr. Bobby Lane, Police Chief  
Mr. Mark Velasquez, Public Works Director  
Ms. Jimsi Kuborn, EDC Executive Director  
Mr. Jonathan Smith, Utilities Director  
Ms. Stella Calvillo, Grant Administrator

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of May 10, 2021 Special City Council Meeting.
- B. Approve Minutes of May 18, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
- C. Accept Minutes of April 19, 2021 Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.  
Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving the consent agenda; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote, with Councilman Wendt abstaining from Consent Item B.

6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. Members of the Public wishing to address the City Council must Sign-up to speak prior to the start of the meeting. 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. **None.**

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 711-2021; Amending the City of Converse Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16. Emergency Services, Article II. Emergency Medical Services, Division 2. Charges and Operational Responsibilities, Section 16-33 Fees. *Second Reading.* (Fire Chief)  
Councilwoman Russell made a motion adopting Ordinance No.711-2021; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 4 For, 2 Against (Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Silvas), 1 Abstained (Councilman Wendt), 0 Absent.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Briefing by Emergency Management Director on COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. (Mayor Suarez)  
**No action.**
- B. Presentation by Mr. Scott Wilson/Principal of Elolf Elementary School on the new STEAM Academy for Converse Judson ISD residents. (Mayor Suarez)  
**No action.**
- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Resolution No. 837-2021; Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program; and Authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the Application. (Grant Administrator) (Police Chief)  
**Councilwoman James made a motion approving Resolution No.837-2021; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- D. Presentation on the San Antonio River Authority Rate Increase. (Rick Trefzer, SARA Representative)  
**No action.**
- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 339-2021B; Amending Sewer Rates for Residential and Commercial Customers. (Assistant City Manager) (Utilities Director)  
**Councilman Wendt made a motion approving Ordinance No.339-2021B; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 2 Against (Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Silvas), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Award of Bid to Sole Source Contract with Andale Construction to Perform Pavement Preservation Services for the Cimarron Country, Rolling Creek, and Northampton Subdivisions. (Assistant City Manager) (Public Works Director)  
**Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving the Award of Bid to Andale Construction in the amount of \$188,109.55; Councilman Wendt second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Katharine Gibbs as an Alternate Member to the Building & Standards Commission. (City Manager)  
**Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving the reappointment of Katharine Gibbs; Councilman Wendt second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Leon Stubbs as a Full Member to the Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)  
**Councilman Wendt made a motion approving the reappointment of Leon Stubbs; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Howie Marbach as a Full Member to the Historic Preservation Commission. (City Manager)  
**Councilwoman James made a motion approving the reappointment of Howie Marbach; Councilwoman Russell second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.**
- J. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Rosa Gary as a Full Member to the Economic Development Corporation. (City Manager)  
**Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving the reappointment of Rosa Gary; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 1 Against (Councilwoman Silvas), 1 Abstained (Councilwoman James), 0 Absent.**

K. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Kentreal Alexander as a Full Member to the Economic Development Corporation. (City Manager)  
Councilman Gilbert made a motion approving the reappointment of Kentreal Alexander; Councilwoman Silvas second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.

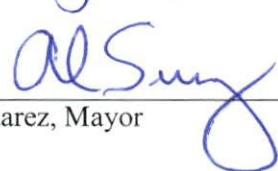
L. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider the Reappointment of Daniel Castellanos as a Full Member to the Economic Development Corporation. (City Manager)  
Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving the reappointment of Daniel Castellanos; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent.

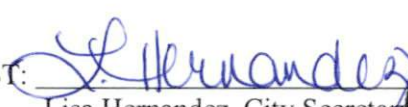
9. **CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:**

- 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:** Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

PASSED and APPROVED this 6 day of July, 2021.

  
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Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary

