



**MINUTES**  
CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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). (Please silence all Cell Phones)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **INVOCATION:** Led by Police Chief Lane.
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 Marc Gilbert, Place 6

City Council Absent:

Councilman Richard Wendt, Place 5

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  
Mr. Jonathan Smith, Utilities Director  
Ms. Stella Calvillo, Grant Administrator  
Ms. Jimsi Kuborn, EDC Director  
Mr. John Quintanilla, Community Dev. Director  
Ms. Christine Green, Finance Director  
Mr. Chad Ensign, Animal Care Manager  
Ms. Sandy Underwood, Librarian

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of July 6, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.  
Councilwoman Silvas made a motion approving the consent agenda; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained (Councilwoman James), 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).

6. **PRESENTATIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:**

- A. Recognition of Eagle Scout Matthew Christian Wilson.  
Mayor Suarez, City Manager LeAnn Piatt, and Fire Chief Luis Valdez recognized the accomplishments of Eagle Scout Matthew Wilson, and recognizing his project dedicated to United States Veterans.
- B. Presentation by Pat McMahan, Alamo Insurance Group.  
Pat McMahan from Alamo Insurance Group in conjunction with Texas Mutual presented a dividend check of \$66,488.42 back to the City of Converse for the implementation of new safety requirements, policies, and procedures.

**7. CITY STAFF REPORTS:**

- A. Report by Converse Economic Development Corporation Director, Jimsi Kuborn
- B. Report by Public Works Director, Mark Velasquez
- C. Report by Utilities Director, Jonathan Smith
- D. Report by Community Development Director, John Quintanilla
- E. Report by Fire Chief, Luis Valdez
- F. Report by Library Director, Sandy Underwood
- G. Report by Police Chief, Bobby Lane
- H. Report by Animal Care Manager, Chad Ensign
- I. Report by Finance Director, Christine Green
- J. Report by Human Resources Director, John Rudd

**8. 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.

- 1) Celeste Morris, 9014 Arabian King
- 2) Michael B. Meyer, 8919 Nature Trail

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 401-44-2021; Amending Chapter 44, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III. Specific Street Regulations Division 4. Stop Streets, Section 44-154 and Section 44-155.

Councilman Gilbert made a motion adopting Ordinance No.401-44-2021; Councilwoman Silvas second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 1 Against (Councilwoman James), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 313-2021A; Amending Chapter 46, Utilities, Article II. Sewage Disposal, Section 46-20, Use of Public Sewer Required.

Councilwoman Silvas made a motion adopting Ordinance No.313-2021A; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 1 Against (Councilwoman James), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 330-2021; Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, Article III. Rules and Regulations, Sec. 30-64 – Applicability, Sec. 30-66 – Regulations & Sec. 30-67 – Facility Charges and Use Regulations.

Councilwoman Russell made a motion adopting Ordinance No.330-2021; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 4 For, 2 Against (Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Silvas), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No.101-2021; Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article III. Boards, Committees and Commissions, Division 2, Section 2-130(a)(2). Provisions Applicable to all Commissions.

Councilwoman Russell made a motion adopting Ordinance No.101-2021; Councilman Gilbert second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 5 For, 1 Against (Councilwoman James), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Briefing by Emergency Management Director on COVID-19 Emergency Declaration & Emergency Management Operations. **No action.**

- B. Briefing and Updates on the Rocket Lane Roadway Expansion Project. Assistant City Manager briefed the City Council on recent delays of project and activities in progress. No action.
- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Ordinance No. 339-2021C; Amending Chapter 46 – Utilities, Article II. Sewage Disposal, Section 46-28 Sewer Impact Fees. Councilwoman Russell made a motion approving Ordinance No.339-2021C; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).
- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint a Full Member to the Converse Economic Development Corporation. EDC Board of Directors reviewed applicants and recommends Lars Nielsen for the position. Councilwoman James made a motion nominating Christopher Clark; Councilwoman Russell second the motion. Motion Failed by a Roll-Call Vote of: 2 For, 4 Against (Councilwoman Droneburg, Councilman Gilbert, Councilwoman Silvas, Mayor Suarez), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt). Councilwoman Russell made a motion nominating Lars Nielson; Councilwoman Droneburg second the motion. Motion Passed by a Roll-Call Vote of: 5 For, 1 Against (Councilwoman James), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilman Wendt).
- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Consider Agreement with Bexar County to Include City of Converse Population in Submission of “Urban County” Applications to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2024. Item failed for lack of a motion.

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

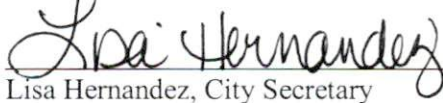
- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager’s Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- C. Councilmember’s Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor’s Report/Items of Interest.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.

PASSED and APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2021.

  
 Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary

