



**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Citizen Comments:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes in length. If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Council form. All in attendance are required to remove hats and/or sunglasses (dark glasses) during meetings and to also silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than to individual council members or staff. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks will be given a warning before losing the privilege to speak or may be removed from the room. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, and similar demonstrations/distractions will not be permitted. No placards, banners or signs will be permitted in the Chambers or in any room in which the Council is meeting. In accordance with the Texas State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda.

**Proclamation and Award**

- 5. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Texas First Bank for 50 years of community banking.**
- 6. Presentation of the FBI-LEEDA's Trilogy Award plaque.**

## **7. Consent Agenda Items (A-E):**

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

- (A) Approval of minutes for Regular City Council Meeting dated December 19, 2022.
- (B) Approval of minutes for Special City Council Meeting dated January 6, 2023.
- (C) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending December 31, 2022.
- (D) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending December 31, 2022.
- (E) Approval of the 4<sup>th</sup> Q FY 2022 Financial Report ending September 30, 2022.

## **Items for Individual Consideration:**

- 8. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution supporting the abolition of the Office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. (Hank Dugie, Galveston County Treasurer)
- 9. Presentation, discussion, and appropriate action adopting the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. (Tyler Robert, HEDC Director)
- 10. Presentation, discussion, and appropriate action on the Downtown Design Guidelines. (Tyler Robert, HEDC Director)
- 11. Discussion and appropriate action on a Resolution authorizing a Downtown Redevelopment Program for purposes of redeveloping Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) land located within the City's downtown district by demolishing two existing structures, rebuilding commercial structures for business incubation, the development of a public plaza, and the repurpose of a structure for commercial purposes in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 as more generally described. (First Reading) (Tyler Robert, HEDC Director)
- 12. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 150 entitled "Building Regulations", Article VI entitled "Substandard Buildings or Structures", and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)
- 13. Discussion and appropriate action regarding and Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 156 entitled "Zoning Regulations", by amending Section 156.47 entitled "Establishment of Board of Adjustment" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

14. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 152 entitled "Flood Hazard Areas" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)
15. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Order calling a General Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on Saturday, May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing one Mayor of the City of Hitchcock and one Council Member in District 1, and one Council Member in District 2. (Ruth Ann Sandino, City Secretary)
16. Discussion and appropriate action approving a contract with Galveston County Election Administration to hold the May 2023 General Election and authorizing the City Secretary to sign the agreement. (Ruth Ann Sandino, City Secretary)
17. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (ISD). (Ruth Ann Sandino, City Secretary)
18. Discussion and appropriate action regarding board appointments to the Board of Adjustments. (Christopher Armacost, Mayor)
19. Discussion and appropriate action regarding board appointments to the Building Standards Commission. (Christopher Armacost, Mayor)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

20. Executive Session: Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A) to consult with the City Attorney to seek his advice on contemplated litigation and settlements, and Section 551.074(a)(1) Personnel Matters, and Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property.
21. Reconvene into Open Session.
22. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.
23. Adjourn

**In order to best facilitate actions by the City Council items may be taken out of order as posted.**

**\*If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the City Council of the City of Hitchcock reserves the right to conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, including but not limited to the following provisions: (1) Section 551.071 – consultation with attorney, (2) Section 551.072 – deliberation regarding real property, (3) Section 551.074 –**

deliberation regarding personnel matters, and/or complaints against city personnel, and (4) Section 551.087 – deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

I, RUTH ANN SANDINO, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL IN THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023 AT 4:00 P.M. AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.



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Ruth Ann Sandino, City Secretary