



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order by Chris Armacost at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek
Councilmember Morris Tuck
Councilmember Andre Perkins
Marie Gelles, City Manager

Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney
Arnold Cross Jr., Comm. Dev. Director
Leroy Thomas, Public Works Director
Wilmon Smith, Police Chief

Members Absent:

Councilmember Mary Combs Demby

2. Invocation by Sam Collins

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments: None

5. Public Hearings:

The Public Hearing opened at 6:02 pm.

Richard Genecke – voiced his concerns about Galveston Area Ambulance Authority being in a residential area, with the noise, traffic, number of calls, safety of children in the area around the local schools and maintenance of the property, and why couldn't they relocate in a commercial area, not residential.

- a. **Public Hearing on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned property located at 7002 Smith Drive City of Hitchcock, Galveston County Texas. Legal Description: ABST 13 W H Jack SUR LOT 2 MAINLAND SUB City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156771.**

- b. **Public Hearing on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Irma Gill, for the placement of a manufactured home on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lot that is .137 acres addressed as 5817 Florida Ave.**

Legal Description: ABST 26 PAGE 6 LOT 4 BLK 6 WITTJEN ADDN #8, City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas. Property ID 170070.

With no additional comments, the public hearing closed at 6:11 pm.

Proclamations & Recognition:

6. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Appreciation Week to Police Chief William Smith and eight officers.
7. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week to Public works director Leroy Thomas Ivan Rubidoux and staff.
8. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth Day to Sam Collins and Sister Wood Fox representatives of the Hitchcock Juneteenth Committee.
9. Chief of Police William Smith recognized Officer John Reese for being named 2022 Officer of the Year by the Galveston County 50's Club.

10. Consent Agenda Items (A-G):

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 April 17, 2023.
- (B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending April 30, 2023.
- (C) Approval of Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2023.
- (D) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending April 30, 2023.
- (E) Accepting the resignation of Travis Kauffman from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- (F) Approving a Resolution supporting the City of Hitchcock's application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program: Highway 6 Sidewalk Improvement Project.

- (G) Reappointing Eduardo Salvador, Place 1, Chandra Womack, Place 2, David Buckley, Place 5, and James Cox, Place 1 alternate, to the Board of Adjustment for a term ending May 30, 2025.

Place 1 - Eduardo Salvadore, for a term ending 5/30/2025.

Place 3 - Chandra Womack, for a term ending 5/30/2025.

Place 5 - David Buckley, for a term ending 5/30/2025.

Alternate, Place 1 - James Cox, for a term ending 5/30/2025.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-G. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

11. Swearing in of Mayor and City Council Members by Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry:

- a. Christopher E. Armacost, Mayor
- b. Mary Combs Demby, Council Member District 1
- c. Shawn Kadlecek, Council Member District 2

Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry swore in Chris Armacost as Mayor and Shawn Kadlecek as Councilman District 2, Mary Combs Demby was absent and will be sworn in at the next regular City Council meeting on June 26, 2023.

12. Discussion and appropriate action on the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore for the City Council of the City of Hitchcock.

Morris Tuck made the motion to appoint Andre Perkins as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed 4 - 0.

13. Discussion and appropriate action on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned property located at 7002 Smith Drive City of Hitchcock, Galveston County Texas. Legal Description: ABST 13 W H Jack SUR LOT 2 MAINLAND SUB City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156771.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve the Specific Use Permit requested by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located at 7002 Smith Drive, Hitchcock Texas. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed 4 - 0.

14. Discussion and appropriate action on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Irma Gill, for the placement of a manufactured home on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned lot that is .137 acres addressed as 5817 Florida Ave. Legal Description: ABST 26 PAGE 6 LOT 4 BLK 6 WITTJEN ADDN #8, City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas. Property ID 170070.

Morris Tuck made the motion to approve the Specific Use Permit requested by Irma Gill to place a manufactured home on a single family residential (SFR)

zoned lot located at 5817 Florida Ave. Seconded by Andre Perkins. Motion passed 4 - 0.

15. Presentation and discussion on the Gulf Coast Water Authority's (GCWA) Shannon Pumping Plant Replacement Project and the cost impact on the City.

Dave Davis, Assistant General Manager with Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) reported on the progress of Phase one of the Shannon Pumping Plant Capital Improvements Project and the estimated cost to the city of \$94,287.42 or the annual debit payment of \$9,092.69, for Phase two of the project the estimated cost would be \$226,412.47 or an annual payment of \$21,834.30, the city may pay cash or choose the payment options to pay it's portion of the cost.

16. Report on the first annual Lone Star Gumbeaux Festival.

The update on the Lone Star Gumbeaux Festival was tabled for next month.

17. Discussion and appropriate action on a preliminary consolidation plat request for Starfire Landing GS Speedway submitted by David Zubick and Richard Hatfield, Apex Engineering, located on FM 2004 and adjacent to Blimp Base Blvd., to consolidate 5 lots into 1 lot totaling 82.383 acres of land being out of those certain tracts of land described by deed record under G.C.C.F. No. 2007038801 and out of the Daniel Buckley Survey No. 36, A-43, Lemuel Crawford Survey No. 38, A-48, and W.H. Jack Survey, Block 3, Sec. 3, A-13, in the City of Hitchcock, County of Galveston, Property ID 388804 ABST 43 D BUCKLEY SUR & ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR TR 2-11 10.417 ACRES (AUCTION TR 46) *SBPCL: 004300020011100/004800230059200* Property ID 388905 ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR & ABST 43 D BUCKLEY SUR TR 23-68 7.838 ACRES *SBPCL: 004800230068100/004300020013100* Property ID 388910 ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR & ABST 13 W H JACK SUR TR 23-70 & PT OF LOTS 36 & 37 L M HITCHCOCK WEST SUB *SBPCL: 004800230070100/401900000036100* Property ID 388796 ABST 43 D BUCKLEY SUR ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR ABST 13 W H JACK SUR TR 2-7 PT OF LOTS 37,40,41,44 & 45 LM HITCHCOCK WEST SUB (AUCTION TRS 12,45,47 & 61) *SBPCL:0043-0002-0007-100&0048-0023-0059-100 Property ID 439973 ABST 13 W H JACK SUR PT OF LOTS 41 & 44 (41-1) L M HITCHCOCK WEST SUB.

Shawn Kadlecek made the motion to approve the replat requested by David Zubick with Starfire Landing to consolidate five (5) lots into one located on FM 2004. Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed 4 - 0.

18. Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending Ordinance No. 2019-1021 pertaining to altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, upon certain streets and highways, of parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Hitchcock, as set out in this Ordinance; and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200 for the violation of the Ordinance.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve amending Ordinance No. 2019-1021 pertaining to altering the speed limits on certain streets and highways, of parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Hitchcock, as set out in this Ordinance, and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for the violation. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed 4 - 0.

19. Discussion and appropriate action rescheduling the June 19, 2023, City Council Meeting to June 26, 2023, due to Juneteenth Holiday.

Andre Perkins made the motion to reschedule the June 19, 2023, regular City Council meeting to June 26, 2023, in observation of June 19, 2023, being a federal holiday. Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed 4 - 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

20. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Chris Armacost at 7:02 pm.



Chris Armacost, Mayor



Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary