



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

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

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost	Stacey Baker, Comm. Dev. Specialist
Councilmember Wayne Newton	Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police
Councilmember Andre Perkins	Jeffery Evans, Police Captain
Marie Gelles, City Manager	Dustin Pruitt, Police Sergeant
Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary	Leland Kelley, Crew Chief
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney	Miguel Delgado, WWTP Operator II
Arnie Cross, Comm. Dev. Director	Ivan Robidoux, Water Plant Operator

Members Absent:

Councilmember Mary Combs Demby
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek

2. Invocation by Mike Kidwell.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Richard Smith addressed his concerns with the drainage in the Commander Roland area. He advised that the water is not draining in the direction it should and that his neighbor's stormwater is draining onto his property.

Michael Rodriguez expressed his concern of the drainage in the Commander Roland area. He stated that he had met with the City Engineer, Llarance Turner a few years ago and Llarance Turner told him the water should be draining into the auxiliary ditch. Mr. Rodriguez also advised that the culvert installed at the new construction site in the area is too small and is obstructing drainage.

Proclamations:

5. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce.
6. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2022, as National Police Week.

7. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2022, as Public Works Week.
8. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Day.
9. Mayor Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 21 – May 27, 2022, as National Safe Boating Week.
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 Special City Council Meeting dated April 6, 2022.**
- (B) **Approval of minutes for Regular City Council Meeting dated April 18, 2022.**
- (C) **Approval of minutes for Special City Council Meeting dated May 4, 2022.**
- (D) **Approval of Investment Report for the month ending April 30, 2022.**
- (E) **Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending April 30, 2022.**
- (F) **Approval of 2nd Quarter Financial Report.**
- (G) **Approval of a Resolution authorizing participation in the TexPool Investment Pools and Designating Authorized Representatives.**

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-G. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

11. **Canvassing the returns of the Special Election held on May 7, 2022, and declare results (Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary).**
Ruth Ann Sorrell presented the results of the May 7, 2022 Special Election of the City of Hitchcock.

**Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation
Proposition A**

For	222 early votes	94 election day votes	341 total votes
Against	82 early votes	39 election day votes	146 total votes

12. **Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution declaring the results of the May 7, 2022, Special Election of the City of Hitchcock. (Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary)**
Andre Perkins made a motion to approve a Resolution declaring the results of the May 7, 2022, Special Election of the City of Hitchcock. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **City Council Members were sworn in by Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry:**
 - a. **Wayne Newton, City Council Member District 3**
 - b. **Andre Perkins, City Council Member District 4**
14. **Discussion and appropriate action on the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore for the City Council of the City of Hitchcock.**
Mayor Chris Armacost suggested Andre Perkins for Mayor Pro Tempore.
Wayne Newton made a motion to appoint Andre Perkins as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City Council of the City of Hitchcock. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
15. **Report on the April 30, 2022, E-Cycle Event.**
Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police reported 23 vehicles dropped off various electronic items at the April 30, 2022 E-Cycle Event.
16. **Discussion and appropriate action approving the Amended and Restated Municipal System Customer Contract between Gulf Coast Water Authority and the City of Hitchcock; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)**
Brandon Wade, GCWA General Manager, Jake Hollingsworth, GCWA Assistant Manager and Dave Davis with GCWA gave a presentation explaining the operations of the GCWA.
Marie Gelles explained that this contract will be for a period of 40 years.
Wayne Newton made a motion to approve the Amended and Restated Municipal System Customer Contract between Gulf Coast Water Authority and the City of Hitchcock; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
17. **Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Title III entitled “Administration,” Chapter 32 entitled “Departments, Boards and Commissions”, adding Article V entitled “Youth Advisory Commission” providing for publication and an effective date. (Mayor Chris Armacost)**
Mayor Chris Armacost explained that this Ordinance is to develop a Youth Advisory Committee that will begin in the 2022-2023 school year. He stated that he would like to see the youth more involved in local government.
Andre Perkins made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Title III entitled “Administration,” Chapter 32 entitled “Departments, Boards and Commissions”, adding Article V entitled “Youth Advisory Commission” providing for publication and an effective date. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

18. **Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 156 entitled "Zoning Regulations", Article IV entitled "Supplemental Regulations" adding Section 156.108 entitled "Maintenance of Trees and Shrubs and Section 156.109 entitled "Accumulation of Weeds, Rubbish, or other Objectionable Matter; and providing for publication and an effective date. (Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist)**

Stacey Baker explained that this Ordinance is addressing the need for regulating the trimming of trees above walkways and streets.

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 156 entitled "Zoning Regulations", Article IV entitled "Supplemental Regulations" adding Section 156.108 entitled "Maintenance of Trees and Shrubs and Section 156.109 entitled "Accumulation of Weeds, Rubbish, or other Objectionable Matter; and providing for publication and an effective date. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

19. **Discussion and appropriate action adopting the Galveston County, Texas Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Arnold Cross Jr., Community Development Director)**

Andre Perkins made a motion to adopt the Galveston County, Texas Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

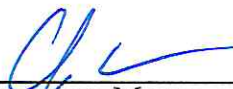
20. **Discussion and appropriate action approving the Street Name Change Policy for the City of Hitchcock. (Arnold Cross Jr., Community Development Director)**

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve the Street Name Change Policy for the City of Hitchcock. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

21. Meeting was Adjourned by Mayor Chris Armacost at 6:50pm.

22. Reception



Chris Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary

