



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Armacost at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost	Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby	Kyle Dickson, City Attorney
Councilmember Morris Tuck	Arnold Cross Jr., Comm. Dev. Director
Councilmember Andre Perkins	Leroy Thomas, Public Works Director
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek	Wilmon Smith, Police Chief
Marie Gelles, City Manager	

Members Absent:

None

2. Councilwoman Mary Combs Demby lead the Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Heather Gardner: 8410 Center Street - Expressed her frustration with the condition of Center Street and the damage it is causing to vehicles.

5. Public Hearing:

The public hearing opened at 6:01 pm.

- a. Public hearing on a zone change request submitted by Michael Rodriguez to rezone property located at 7507 Pigeon Drive, Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas 77563 Property ID 518210. Legal Description: ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR TR 23-2-5, ACRES 1, from Agriculture Residential (AR) to Single Family Residential (SFR). (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

With no comments, the public hearing closed at 6:02 pm.

Proclamation:

6. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing the officers who successfully worked in the search and rescue of a missing teen.

Mayor Armacost presented the officers involved in the recovery and rescue of a Hitchcock missing teen.

7. Consent Agenda Items (A-I):

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 May 15, 2023.
- (B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending May 31, 2023.
- (C) Approval of Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2023.
- (D) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending May 31, 2023.
- (E) Accepting the resignation of Judge Mike Nelson as Municipal Court Judge.
- (F) Accepting the resignation of Paul Roach from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- (G) Accepting the resignation of Tyler Robert as the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Director.
- (H) Accepting the report on the first annual Lone Star Gumbeaux Festival.
- (I) Accepting the proposal from Earthscapes of Texas, Inc. to provide landscaping and irrigation services for the new City Hall building and parking lot.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve the consent agenda items A-I. Shawn Kadlecek seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

8. Swearing in of Mary Combs Demby by Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry:

- a. Mary Combs Demby, Council Member District 1**

Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry swore in Mary Combs Demby as Council Member District 1.

9. Discussion and appropriate action appointing Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term.

- a. Swearing in of M. Douglas Rotenberry, Municipal Court Judge by City Secretary**

City Secretary, Debbie Nesbitt swore in M. Douglas Rotenberry as the City of

Hitchcock's Municipal Court Judge.

10. Presentation on the FY 2022 annual financial audit and acceptance. (Patrick Simmons, Whitley Penn).

Morris Tuck made the motion to approve the financial audit for FY 2022 completed by Whitley Penn. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

11. Presentation by Jared M. Williams, CEO of Family Services for Mental Health & Wellbeing. (Jared M. Williams and Keith Henry).

Members of Family Services for Mental Health & Wellbeing presented a short program informing every one of the benefits, services, and discounts they offer to the community.

12. Discussion and appropriate action on a zone change requested by Michael Rodriguez to rezone his property located at 7507 Pigeon Drive, Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas 77563 Property ID 518210; Legal Description: ABST 48 L CRAWFORD SUR TR 23-2-5, ACARES 1, from Agriculture Residential (AR) to Single Family Residential (SFR). (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve the zone change requested by Michael Rodriguez from agriculture residential (AR) to single family residential (SFR). Morris Tuck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

13. Performance Services Inc. project progress report. (David Craig, Performance Services, Inc.)

David Craig updated the council on the progress of the infrastructure projects, and they have 96% of new meters installed.

14. Discussion and appropriate action appointing Jackson Walker LLP as bond council; authorizing the City Manager to execute certain documents relating to the engagement of Jackson Walker: LLP; and other matters in connection thereto. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Shawn Kadlecek made the motion to continue services with Jackson Walker, LLP as bond council. Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

15. Discussion and appropriate action appointing Jackson Walker LLP as special counsel to the City for services related to the negotiations and documentation for the Gulf Breeze Public Improvement District (PID); authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents relating to the engagement of Jackson Walker LLP; and other matters in connection thereto. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Andre Perkins made the motion to appoint Jackson Walker, LLP as special counsel to the city to negotiate documents for the Guld Breeze Public Improvement District (PID). Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

16. Discussion and appropriate action appointing/re-appointing Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) Board Members.

Morris Tuck made a motion to appoint and re-appoint members of the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) Board Members. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

Place 1 – Jack Click, President – Term ending 5-30-2025.

Place 2 – Randy Strickland – Term ending 5-30-2024.

Place 3 – Ted Robinson, Jr. – Term ending 5-30-2024.

Place 4 – Kathy Marullo – Term ending 5-30-2024.

Place 5 – Chris Armacost – Term ending 5-30-2025.

17. Discussion and appropriate action regarding adopting an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas creating a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to adopt an Ordinance creating a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

18. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the renewal of insurance rates for employee group health, dental, life, accidental death and dismemberment, and vision care for Plan Year 2023-2024 with TML Health Benefit Pool. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve renewing the employee health, dental, life, accidental death, dismemberment, and vision care with TML for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Seconded by Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed unanimously. 5-0.

19. Discussion and appropriate action canceling the July 17, 2023, regular City Council meeting and rescheduling the meeting to July 31, 2023. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Morris Tuck made the motion to approve rescheduling the July 17, 2023, regular scheduled meeting to July 31, 2023. Seconded by Shawn Kadlecek. Motion passed unanimously. 5-0.

20. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, approving the purchase by the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation of approximately .25 acres of real property located at 8117 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, Texas; and providing for signatory authority. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve a Resolution approving the purchase of approximately .25 acres of real property located at 8117 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, Texas by Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). Seconded by Morris Tuck. Motion passed unanimously. 5 - 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

21. 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.

NONE

22. Reconvene into Open Session:

23. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.

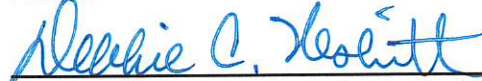
24. Adjourn:

Mayor Chris Armacost adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.



Chris Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary