

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
JUNE 10, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Stricklind, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Chris Armacost, and Mark Cook

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator Marie Gelles, Assistant City Secretary Janie Avila, City Attorney Kyle Dickson, Police Chief Wilmon Smith, Bill Garvin

Call to Order

Mayor Stricklind called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Invocation

Pastor John Elliott gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

We all recited the pledge of allegiance.

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 Commission 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 commissioners 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 Commission is meeting. In accordance with the Texas State Open Meetings Act, the City Commission is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda.

As authorized by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, the Presiding Officer may direct a City Official to make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry made by a member of the public or the City Commission or a recitation of existing policy in response.

None

Consent Agenda Items:

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Commission 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) Adopt Resolution confirming the appointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health as nominated by the Galveston County Commissioners' Court.
- (B) Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 20, 2019.
- (C) Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue and Expense Report Unaudited for the period ending March 31, 2019.
- (D) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the period ending March 31, 2019.
- (E) Approval of Investment Report ending March 31, 2019..

Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Items for Individual Consideration:

- (A) Approval of a Resolution to fill the vacancy of Commissioner District 3 for the unexpired term and until their successor is duly elected and qualified.

Mayor Stricklind would like to appoint Wayne Newton to fill the vacancy of Commissioner District 3. Commissioner Armacost moved to approve the appointment of Wayne Newton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

- (B) Swearing-in of District 3 City Commissioner.

Mayor Stricklind swore in Wayne Newton for District 3 Commissioner for the remaining year of the term.

- (C) Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Stricklind appointed Wayne Newton as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

- (D) Presentation on Texas Target Cities update by Walter M Peacock, Planning Specialist Texas Sea Grant.

Walter will present the comprehensive plan at the end of September. The city will get an outline of the next steps and timeline on how to implement the plan. Texas Sea Grant will be here to help assist in the project.

- (E) Discussion and appropriate action awarding the bid for the Sanitary Evaluation and Rehabilitation Project to RL Utilities, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$62,575.05; and, authorizing the City Administrator to execute contract with said contractor. (Anthony Schulle, P.E., Project Engineer, Kaluza, Inc)

Anthony Schulle explained how the smoke testing will work to determine the point of issue that is to be located. He and Kaluza, Inc recommend going into contract with R.L. Utilities. The city will send a notice to the citizens to advise them of the problem and they will have about 60 days to have the problem resolved. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the awarding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (F) Discussion and appropriate action regarding a setback variance submitted by Leon Evans, from the General Commercial (GC) rear setback from 25 feet to 10 feet for the property at 6400 Highway 6, the current site of the Classic Car Wash. Galveston County CAD Account Number 218591.

Joe Wood recommends having a setback variance for the property. Mayor Strickland asked if we have a motion to award the 10 foot to replace the 25 foot setback on the site plan. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the variance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (G) Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance by the City Commission of the City of Hitchcock amending the Code of Ordinances by replacing the existing language in Section 150.48 (Entitled "Grease Traps") and Section 150.49 (Entitles "Interceptors and Separators at Vehicle Wash Facilities") in its entirety; providing a repealing section; providing for enforcement and penalties; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date. (Joe Wood, Zoning)

Joe Wood mentioned that Bill Garvin is certified to monitor the grease traps. We have nothing in place regarding grease traps. Bill Garvin spoke on how the grease traps have not been inspected at all. They should be inspected at least twice a year. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the Code of Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newton and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (H) Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by revoking the existing language in Section 150.19 (Entitled “Waiver of Permit Fees for Not-For-Profit Organizations”) and providing for publication and an effective date. (Kyle Dickson, City Attorney)

City Attorney Kyle Dickson explained the new Ordinance that makes everyone pay the same fee schedule for the permits for Not-For-Profit. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newton and passed with a 4 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Cook voting against

- (I) Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by revoking the existing language in Section 150.17(B) (Entitled “Contractor’s License and Bond required”) and providing for publication and effective date. (Kyle Dickson, City Attorney)

City Attorney Kyle Dickson explained how we charge every trade that has a required license a Registration Fee. The electricians were successful in passing to not charge them a fee because they have a license with the state. Commissioner Armacost moved to approve the ordinance by revoking the existing language in Section 150.17(B). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newton and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (J) Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding language to Section 150.34 (Entitled Trade Licenses required Exception”) to exempt electricians licensed by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation from complying and providing for publication and effective date. (Kyle Dickson, City Attorney)

City Attorney Kyle Dickson explained that Section 150.34 adds language to the end of the Ordinance for all state laws. Commissioner Abdullah moved to approve the new Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newton and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

- (K) Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending the existing language in Section 30.01 (Entitled “Meetings”) and providing for publication and an effective date. (Kyle Dickson, City Attorney)

City Attorney Kyle Dickson explained how the City Charter states on when the commission meetings to be held. Mayor Strickland explained how this will help to change the dates to fit the commission needs. Commissioner Newton moved to approve the new Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.

Commissioner Abdullah – none

Commissioner Armacost – none

Commissioner Newton – none

Commissioner Cook – would like to thank Marie on all the information she is sharing with the commission that in the past we never gotten. And to the Chief regarding Delany road and Hwy 6 the timing of the lights has changed they stay way too long from Delany to Hwy 6.

Mayor Strickland – I know people have been saying that the police are more visible, but he saw a truck doing about 60 on Delany. And on Schiro and Robinson Road people are flying from FM 2004 to get to Hwy 6. Also like to thank Chris for the things he's doing.

Announcements: none

Adjournment to Closed or Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074, the Texas Open Meetings Act*.


Did not adjourn to closed session – No matters

Reconvene into Open Session and possible action necessary related to the Closed or Executive Session.

Did not adjourn to closed session – No matters

Adjourn

Commissioner Abdullah moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 5 to 0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.


Randy Strickland, Mayor

Attest:


Janie Avila, Assistant City Secretary