



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
January 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Randy Stricklind.

Members Present:

Mayor Randy Stricklind

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby

Commissioner Chris Armacost

Commissioner Wayne Newton

Commissioner Mark Cook

Marie Gelles, City Administrator

Kyle Dickson, City Attorney

Ruth Ann Sorrell, Interim City Secretary

Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police

D. Joe Wood, Community Development

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Deborah Thomas spoke in regards to drainage issues caused by the new subdivision being developed by her home.

Sam Collins addressed the Charter Review that is occurring. He advised that he supported the changes that are being suggested and requested that the Commission approve the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee that will be presented at the Special Called Meeting on February 13, 2020.

Harry Robinson expressed concern that the Library, Fire Department and museum are starting to be charged for their water usage. He also addressed that this year is the 60th Anniversary of incorporation of Hitchcock and wanted to know what the City plans to do to celebrate.

Cathy Bankston spoke in regards to drainage issues caused by the new subdivision being developed by her home.

Zoe Abdullah expressed how grateful she and her family were to the City for the support they received in response to the passing of her husband Fard Abdullah. She spoke about how much the City Commission ment to Mr. Abdullah

5. Proclamations/Recognitions:

a. Proclamation

Memorial Proclamation Rhonda Renea Robbins Bolden Day was read by Mayor Randy Stricklind

Consent Agenda Items (A-D):

All consent items listed are considered 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) Minutes for Regular Commission Meeting dated December 16, 2019.

(B) 2019 Investment Report for the month ending December 31, 2019.

(C) Accounts Payable Report for the month ending December 31, 2019.

(D) Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to approve all consent items. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

7. Discussion and appropriate action appointing a District 1 City Commissioner to fill the vacancy due to the death of City Commissioner Fard Abdullah.

Mayor Randy Strickland recommended appointing Mary Combs Demby to fill the vacancy of District 1 Commissioner. Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to appoint Mary Combs Demby as Commissioner District 1. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Swearing In of newly appointed District 1 City Commissioner.

Mary Combs Demby was sworn in by Interim City Secretary Ruth Ann Sorrell.

9. Discussion and appropriate action adopting a Resolution designating authorized signatories for the Hurricane Harvey-Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract # 20-065-042-C128.

Sylvia Davila with Grant Works explained the authorized signatories for the Hurricane Harvey-Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to adopt the Resolution designating authorized signatories for the Hurricane Harvey-Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract # 20-065-042-C128. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and appropriate action on a Resolution required adopting CDBG Civil Rights Policies.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to adopt the Resolution adopting CDBG Civil Rights Policies. Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Randy Strickland read the proclamation. Commissioner Chris Armacost made the motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance calling a General and Special Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on the first Saturday in May, 2020 for the purpose of electing a one Commissioner in District 3, one Commissioner in District 4, and to fill the unexpired term for District 1 Commissioner; providing for notice, fixing the place, and providing the method in holding the election pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to approve the Ordinance calling a General and Special Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on the first Saturday in May, 2020. Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Discussion and appropriate action approving a contract with Galveston County to hold City election.

Commissioner Mark Cook made the motion to approve the contract with Galveston County to hold City election. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

14. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (ISD).

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (ISD). Commissioner Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

15. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution to purchase three police vehicles and associated equipment.

Mark Cook made the motion to approve the Resolution to purchase three police vehicles and associated equipment. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

16. Discussion and appropriate action on an Ordinance amending Ordinance 98-729 designating the following intersections as stop intersections: Schiro @ Matranga (eastbound and westbound); and, Schiro @ Stewart (westbound and eastbound).

Mayor Randy Strickland made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance 98-729 designating the following intersections as stop intersections: Schiro @ Matranga (eastbound and westbound); and, Schiro @ Stewart (westbound and eastbound). Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

17. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance adopting 2018 International Codes.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to approve an Ordinance adopting 2018 International Codes. Commissioner Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

18. Discussion and appropriate action appointing/reappointing/removing board member(s) to the Hitchcock Industrial Development Corporation for the unexpired term(s) ending December 31, 2024.

No Action

19. Appointment of Commissioner Chris Armacost to fill the vacant position on the Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Randy Stricklind made the motion to appoint Commissioner Chris Armacost to fill the vacant position on the Charter Review Committee. Commissioner Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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, Section 551.074 (a) (1) Personnel Matters.

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 6:42pm.

21. Reconvene into Open Session.

Open Session reconvened at 7:05pm.

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

No Action

23. Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.

Mayor Randy Stricklind addressed the drainage concerns that were discussed during public comments. He advised that an engineer is required to have and present a drainage plan. He also reassured those concerned that their voices are being heard.

Commissioner Mark Cook stated that he would like to see the City look into annexing Freddiesville.

Commissioner Mary Combs Demby stated how honored she was to be appointed as Commissioner District 1 and that she will not take this position lightly.

24. Announcements: None

25. Adjourn.

Commissioner Wayne Newton made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mark Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Randy Stricklind, Mayor

Ruth Ann Sorrell, Interim City Secretary