

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Randy Stricklind, Commissioners Fard Abdullah, Monica Cantrell, and Mark Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Dorothy Childress

OTHERS PRESENT: City Secretary Lucy Dieringer, Rusty Plackemeier for City Attorney Kyle Dickson that could not be present, Police Chief Wilmon Smith

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Stricklind called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Abdullah gave the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: We all recited the pledge of allegiance.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2019

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES, REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT & INVESTMENT REPORT (BANK STATEMENTS INCLUDED)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Comments were made by:

1. Tammi Barreras – 8301 2nd St. – Potholes/gravel road
2. Robert Nebout – 8321 Robinson – Meeting schedule
3. Matt Van DerHeide – 6328 Main – Charter, sidewalks, stop light at school

PUBLIC HEARING:

(A) PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO HEAR FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS CONCERNING A ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY TERRY HOLLAND, FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) FOR PROPERTY AT 7800 BLOCK OF 2ND STREET. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 156652 (CASE ZC-2019-01)

No comments were made. Mr. Holland was not present. Mayor Pro Tem Stricklind asked Joe Wood, Planning & Zoning Official to explain what happened at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting. Mr. Wood stated Planning and Zoning declined the request 5 to 0.

BUSINESS:

(A) BEAUTIFICATION TASKFORCE PRESENTATION BY HITCHCOCK SCOUT TROOPS ON FIRST BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO JOE MOORE PARK.

1 Girl Scout leader, 3 Girls, 2 Cub Scout leaders, and 4 Boys gave a presentation explaining what they wanted to do at the Joe Moore Park. They also explained briefly the merit badges they would earn for doing the project. They received a round of applause from the audience and Commissioners.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY TERRY HOLLAND, FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) FOR PROPERTY AT 7800 BLOCK OF 2ND STREET. GALVESTON COUNTY CAD ACCOUNT NUMBER 156652 (CASE ZC-2019-01)

Commissioner Cantrell made a motion to honor the Planning & Zoning Boards 5 to 0 vote and disapprove the zone change request. The motion to disapprove was seconded by Commissioner Abdullah and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(C) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ADDING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 2ND STREET AND ROBINSON ROAD, TO ENABLE A THREE WAY STOP INTERSECTION AS REQUESTED BY POLICE CHIEF SMITH.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve adding the stop signs as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM PAUL DEITZ, SOUTHERN BROADBAND, REGARDING WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE.

Mr. Deitz was not present. Commissioner Abdullah made a motion to postpone the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

Mayor Childress: Not present

Commissioner Abdullah: Wanted to commend the Scouts, they are a tremendous group.

Commissioner Cantrell: Had asked dog issue be put on this agenda. Having major issues with dogs and mail carriers, and issues with dogs running loose. Chief Smith said he will get ordinance samples from surrounding cities. Wants item on next agenda. Need traffic light on FM 2004 at school. Mayor Pro Tem Strickland asked if the HISD Board could start process by presenting request to City Commission, Hitchcock police chief and HISD police chief could get together and work on presenting to school and city. "School Zone" on Neville needs to be repainted.

Commissioner Strickland: Aware of potholes, after rainy season maybe we can start doing some work. Explained why meeting day was changed; due to attorney not being able to be present, unfortunately Kyle got called to California and thanked Rusty Plackemeier for filling in for Kyle. Next Texas Target Communities Meeting is March 5, 2019.

Commissioner Cook: Asked Chief Smith to check Stewart Road from Barry to Schiro to see if stop signs are needed. Appreciates Scouts beautifying park but whole city needs to be cleaned up. City is full of debris, we need a dump site and need code enforcement to ride and check debris piles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMORIAL PROCLAMATION MADE PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 05, 2019 AS “JOSEPH ANTHONY “TONY” MATRANGA DAY IN THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071, 551.072, AND 551.074, THE 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 4 to 0 vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:10 P.M.

Randy Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Lucy Dieringer, City Secretary