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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Be it known that the City Council of the City of Converse met for a Regular Meeting a the City Council Chambers located at 402 S. Seguin St. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Beautification & Environmental, Building & Standards, Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commissions and Economic Development Corporation, Ethics Review Board.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION**

Invocation was announced by Pastor Donnie West.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** To the U.S. Flag led by Mayor Suarez
To the Texas Flag led by Mayor Suarez

Mayor announced we now have a new program with the local elementary students to participate with the City Council in leading the prayer. He introduced Kaytlin Carter a fourth grade student of Copperfield Elementary School who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Al Suarez
Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Place 2
Councilwoman Deborah James, Place 3
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Lindgren, Place 4
Councilman Rick Davis, Place 5
Councilman Steve Brown, Place 6 – **Absent/Excused**

Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney
Mr. Lanny S. Lambert, City Manager
Ms. Le Ann Piatt, Assistant City Manager
Odie Martinez, Recording Secretary for Holly Nagy

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Former Superintendent of Judson ISD Dr. Willis Mackey,
Judson ISD Superintendent Carl Montoya,
Judson ISD Operations Milton Fields,
Principal of Copperfield Elementary Gerrie Spellman and Kaytlin Carter fourth grade student of Copperfield Elementary

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
   A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of April 7, 2015.
   B. Accept Minutes of Parks and Recreation Meeting of February 9, 2015.
   C. Accept Minutes of Parks and Recreation Meeting of March 9, 2015.
   D. Approve Ordinance 620-2015A, Chapter 8 – Buildings and Building Regulations. (Second Reading)
   E. Approve Ordinance 617-2015A, Chapter 50, Zoning, Division 2. R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District, Section 50-137, Area Regulations, by amending the width, depth of lots and side setbacks. (Second Reading)
   F. Approve Ordinance 209-2015A, Ordinance 209, Renewing the Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Phase-In and Establishing Reinvestment Zones for a Two Year Period ending June 3, 2017.
   G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Ordinance 339-2015A- Utility Rates. (Second Reading)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Items 5A, 5C, 5D, 5E and 5G; Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lindgren. Motion passed.

Councilwoman James requested Item 5B - Parks and Recreation Minutes be pulled for corrections. This item will be returned to Parks and Recreation Commission for review and be brought back to Council.

6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record. No personal attacks shall be allowed.

Jeff Beehler and Daniel Serrano

7. **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

   A. Recognition of Dr. Willis R. Mackey for his Eight Years (8) of Service to the Converse Community and students of Judson Independent School District. (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez gave a brief history of Dr. Willis Mackey while he was Superintendent for the Judson District. He was recognized and presented with a plaque by Mayor and Council.
Mayor also introduced the new Superintendent of Judson Independent School District Mr. Carl Montoya.

Mayor called for a 10 minute recess at 7:35 p.m.
Mayor called the meeting back from recess at 7:45 p.m.

   B. Recognition of Stephanie Ritter, for her Five Years (5) of Service to the Police Department. (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez and Council recognized and congratulated Stephanie Ritter for her five years to the city.
Mayor Suarez and Council also recognized and presented a certificate to Kaytlin Carter, fourth grade student of Copperfield Elementary School. Mayor also thanked Ms. Gerrie Spellman for her assistance in making it possible to have Kaytlin Carter present.

C. Recognition of Employees of the Month Sandra Bueno and Betty Haas from the Library Department (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

City Manager Lanny Lambert and Council recognized and congratulated Sandra Bueno and Betty Hass as Employees of the month.

Mayor announced to move to Item 9 - City Staff Reports

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on a Request from Ministerio Pacto De Amor for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on a parcel of land located at 9150 FM 78, Suite 2, within Legal Description: CB 5063H (BLK 2 LOT 1 Thru 4, (PID#311394). The applicant is requesting this SUP to allow for this suite to be used for educational purposes.

Public Hearing opened at 8:14 p.m.
Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

9. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

A. Report by Executive Director of Converse Economic Development Corporation, Kate Silvas
B. Report by Director of Community Development, John Quintanilla
C. Report by Director of City Library, Derika Bailey
D. Report by Police Chief, Rick Jamison
E. Report by Director of Human Resources, John Rudd
F. Report by Fire Chief, Richard Wendt
G. Report by City Engineer, Bob Browning
H. Report by Director of Utilities, Lupe Perez

Returned to Item 8A – Public Hearing

Any item on this posted agenda could be discussed in executive session as long as it is within one of the permitted categories under section 551.071 through 551.076 and section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Request from Ministerio Pacto De Amor for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on a parcel of land located at 9150 FM 78, Suite 2, within Legal Description: CB 5063H BLK 2 LOT 1 Thru 4, (PID#311394). The applicant is requesting this SUP to allow for this suite to be used for educational purposes.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve item 10A to allow a Special Use Permit for the use of educational purposes; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed.

B. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Authorizing the Purchase of Body Cameras for the Police Department. (City Manager)

Mayor Pro-Tem Lindgren made a motion to approve item 10B to allow the purchase of Body Cameras for the Police Department; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 690-2015E in the amount of $35,000 for Body Cameras. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve item 10C, Resolution No. 690-2015E in the amount of $35,000 for Body Cameras; Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lindgren. Motion passed.

D. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Ordinance 220-2015A, establishing Chapter 42, Taxation, Article V. Hotel Occupancy Tax. (First Reading) (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve item 10D, Ordinance 220-2015A; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed.

E. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Ordinance 617-2015B, Chapter 50, Zoning, Division 8, B-3 Commercial District, Section 50-306, Use Regulations, by including Hotels as an authorized use. (First Reading) (City Manager)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve item 10E, Ordinance 617-2015B; Seconded by Councilwoman James. Motion passed.

F. Discussion of the Financial and Investment Report as of February 2015. (City Manager)

Ms. Liz Saegert Finance Director, briefed the Mayor and Council of the Financial and Investments Report for February 2015

G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 690-2015F in the amount of $6,000 for a Newsletter. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve item 10G, Resolution 690-2015F in the amount of $6000 for a Newsletter; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed.

H. Discussion and Appropriate Action on awarding a proposal for employee medical, dental, vision, Life and disability insurance and authorizing the City Manager to execute all associated documents. (Assistant City Manager)

Mr. Pat McMahon and Stacy Chavez insurance brokers of Alamo Insurance briefed council on United Health Care Insurance.
Councilwoman James made a motion to approve item 10H awarding an insurance proposal for the city employees; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed.

11. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:38 p.m.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Converse on this 5th Day of May 2015.

Mayor Al Suarez

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Secretary

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