

CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2010  
7:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Converse met in a regular meeting at the Converse Municipal Complex on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez	MPT Carlton Degenhardt, Place 4
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Place 1	Councilman Bruce Cannon, Place 2
Councilman John Shadron, Place 3	Councilman Jon Lindgren, Place 5
Councilwoman Mary Riley, Place 6	Mr. Grant Lopez (CC Place 2 Elect)
Mr. Randy Pannell, (CC Place 4 Elect)	Mr. Steve Brown (CC Place 6 Elect)
Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager	Mr. John Quintanilla, Assist. City Manager
Mr. Jerry Wilson, Finance Director	Mr. Mark Luft, EDC Executive Director
Ms. Judy Gutierrez, Administrative Secretary	Ms. Patty Horan, EDC Executive Secretary
Ms. Deborah McKenzie, Police Entry Clerk	Ms. Trisha Neeley, Court Clerk
Mr. Kie Sagan, Information Technician	Mr. Ray Ortiz, City Attorney
Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary	

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:00 PM, Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Pastor Bryant of Redeeming Grace Christian Church gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: To the U.S. Flag led by Mayor Suarez  
To the Texas Flag led by Mayor Pro Tem Degenhardt

Mayor Suarez led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

MPT Degenhardt led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

4. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

Mayor Suarez stated all Council members are present.

Mayor Suarez recognized our elected officials Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 4 Tommy Adkisson, Chief Executive Officer of the SA Police Dept. Capt. Anthony Trevino, JISD Board members Mr. Arnold Salinas, Mr. Johnny Harris, Mr. Wayne Harper & Mr. Jose Macias, JISD Superintendent Dr. Willis Mackey,

5. Consent Agenda. All Of The Following Items May Be Acted Upon By One Motion. No Separate Discussion Or Action On Any Of The Items Is Necessary Unless Desired By A Council Member
- A. Approval of City Council Minutes Conducted on April 22, 2010 (Meet the Candidates)
  - B. Approval of City Council Minutes Conducted on May 4, 2010
  - C. Receive Park and Recreation Commission Minutes for Meeting Conducted on April 12, 2010
  - D. Receive Economic Development Corporation Minutes for Meeting Conducted on April 13, 2010
  - E. Receive Zoning Commission Minutes for Meeting Conducted on April 26, 2010
  - F. Receive Park and Recreation Commission Minutes for Meeting Conducted on April 28, 2010
  - G. Action to Approve a Request to Continue the Self Funded Health Insurance Plan for the City Employees at a Change in Cost of \$10 Per Month Per Employee for the City and a Change in \$5 Per Payroll for the Participating Employees (City Manager and Finance Director)
  - H. Action to Approve City of Converse Resolution #634; a Resolution of City of Converse Authorizing the City Manager to Act for the City of Converse in Making a Claim to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Unclaimed Property Division for Unclaimed City of Converse Property in the Amount of \$1,691.44 (City Manager)
  - I. Action to Approve an Emergency Notification System Use Agreement Between the Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network District (Bexar Metro) and the City of Converse (City Manager)
  - J. Action to Approve City of Converse Proclamation #259; a Proclamation Recognizing Recreational Boating, and Designating the Week of May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 as National “Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear It” Week (Mayor Suarez)
  - K. Action to Approve City of Converse Proclamation #260; a Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Foster Care Month (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez pulled agenda item #5 I for an explanation by the City Manager.

Councilwoman Riley & Councilman Cannon asked to pull agenda item #5 B.

MPT Degenhardt made a motion to approve agenda item #5 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, J & K. Councilwoman Paschall seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Riley stated after the May 4, CC mtg., several people had approached her on clarification on the report that Councilwoman Paschall gave on the Zoning Commission; they heard that she said everything passed, but on the Zoning Commission agenda, the agricultural SUP was not approved. Everything passed on CC but not the Zoning & she just wanted that clarified.

The City Secretary will review the tapes.

MPT Degenhardt made a motion to approve as amended on agenda item #5 B, with the correction noted. Councilwoman Paschall seconded the motion. It passed with 6 members (Suarez, Degenhardt, Lindgren, Paschall, Riley & Shadron) voting for the motion and 1 member (Cannon) abstaining due to not being at the meeting.

Agenda item #5 I:

Mr. Hughes stated one of the high priority projects has been the Reverse 911 system, the ability for us to rapidly notify our citizens of an emergency situation so they might take appropriate action. This agreement will allow us to establish such a system at no cost. Mr. Hughes explained the process & this is for emergencies only. The City of SA & Bexar County are already up on the system & we will be next. Recommend approval.

Councilwoman Paschall made a motion to approve agenda item #5 I. Councilman Shadron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6. Special Consideration Items

A. Action to Canvass City Election Votes and Certification of Results

Mayor Suarez read the canvass of the General Election results held on May 9, 2010 (official tabulation):

**VOTES**

CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2:

Bruce J. Cannon	243 Votes
Grant Lopez	345 Votes

CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4:

Randy Pannell	358 Votes
Jim Sherman	225 Votes

CITY COUNCIL PLACE 6:

Steve Brown	362 Votes
Mary Riley	226 Votes

MPT Degenhardt made a motion to approve agenda item #6 A. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B. Recognition of Departing City Council Member, Mayor Pro Tem Carlton Degenhardt

Mayor Suarez presented MPT Degenhardt with a plaque & City coin. The Mayor thanked MPT Degenhardt for his service on the Council & EDC for the past 2 years.

MPT Degenhardt thanked everyone & has 3 points for the new CC:

- 350 Voters put you in office, which is 3 ½ %of the registered voters; you must make your decision on what is best for the whole & not the few
- The policies that CC sets or ignore will affect our City for years to come, not until the next Election
- Listen, communicate & do your homework

C. Recognition of Departing City Council Member, Councilman Bruce Cannon

Mayor Suarez presented Councilman Cannon with a plaque & City coin. The Mayor thanked Councilman Cannon, who was appointed Aug. 2009 to fill this Seat from Aug. 2009 & Chaired the Zoning Commission for many years.

Councilman Cannon stated this has been an honor & thanked the Lord, he did so with integrity & honesty. He implores that the new CC to do with integrity & honesty & you will always be able to hold your head up.

D. Recognition of Departing City Council Member, Councilwoman Mary Riley

Mayor Suarez presented Councilwoman Riley with a plaque & City coin & thanked her for all of her contributions.

Councilwoman Riley thanked her husband & everyone that voted & supported her for the past 2 years. She has learned a lot, served humbly, professionally, with dignity, integrity & honor to have served. She wishes & prays the new CC will do the same.

With kind words Mayor Suarez welcomed Commissioner Adkisson.

Commissioner Adkisson stated it is a real pleasure to be here tonight, have the support of education (JISD Board members), has great memories of Converse & Converse stepping up to the plate with the Emergency Service District (ESD) #1.

E. Action to Swear in Councilman Grant Lopez, City Council Place 2 by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson

County Commissioner Adkisson swore in Councilman Lopez.

F. Action to Swear in Councilman Randy Pannell, City Council Place 4 by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson

County Commissioner Adkisson swore in Councilman Pannell.

G. Action to Swear in Councilman Steve Brown, City Council Place 6 by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson

County Commissioner Adkisson swore in Councilman Brown.

Mayor Suarez allowed the new CC members to say a few words.

Councilman Lopez thanked the City & his supporters.

Councilman Pannell thanked his wife, Diana, Jesus Christ & many people individually. Every action the people see will be for the benefit of this City.

Councilman Brown thanked his wife, Stephanie, many people individually & the citizens. He thanked Dr. Mary Riley for her service to the City & a fair campaign. The citizens want to be heard & listened; they want results & accountability. He will never give up on the citizens.

H. Presentation of City of Converse Proclamation #259; a Proclamation Recognizing Recreation Boating, and Designating the Week of May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 as National “Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear It” Week (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez presented Ms. Darleen Cherry & the Coast Guard Auxiliary with Proclamation #259

- I. Presentation of City of Converse Proclamation #260; a Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Foster Care Month (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez presented Ms. Ann Zbinden, Vice President of Community Relations with Proclamation #260.

- 7. 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.

-Mr. Jeff Beehler of 112 Norris Drive East is challenging the new CC & to start a tree Ord. – save some of the trees.

-Mr. Burt Clark of 818 Meadow Peak signed the wrong sheet.

-Ms. Diana Pannell of 818 Meadow Peak signed the wrong sheet.

-Mr. Reginal Harris of P.O. Box 382 congratulated the new CC members. He stated the people are sincerely wanting people to represent them & their concerns on what they want to see improve in our City. He trusts the new CC to act on their behalf & what is in their best interest.

-Mr. John Woolery of 10064 Spruce Ridge stated he would defer to another time.

-Dr. Willis Mackey, Superintendent of JISD congratulated the new members. He spoke on the past & future relationship & commitments to working together. On behalf of JISD, they want to continue the commitment to working together. He presented the City of Converse with a Judson & Wagner helmet.

- 8. Public Hearings

- A. None

Mayor Suarez stated there were no Public Hearings.

- 9. Old Business

- A. None

Mayor Suarez stated there was no Old Business.

- 10. New Business

- A. Action to Select Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Suarez nominated Councilman Shadron as MPT, although all are qualified.

Councilwoman Paschall made a motion to accept the nomination of Councilman Shadron as MPT. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. It passed with 6 members (Suarez, Brown, Lindgren, Lopez, Pannell & Paschall) voting to approve the nomination & 1 member (Shadron) abstaining due to it being him.

B. Assignment of City Council Liaison Responsibilities by the Mayor

Mayor Suarez announced:

Building & Standards Commission – Councilman Pannell  
Park & Recreation Commission – MPT Shadron  
Planning Commission – Councilwoman Paschall  
Zoning Commission – Councilman Brown

11. Reports

A. None

Mayor Suarez stated there were no Reports

12. Adjournment

At approximately 8:00 PM, Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

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Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Adriana I. Hieronymus, City Secretary