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RESULTS / MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 – 7:00 PM

The City Council of City of Converse met in a regular meeting at City of Converse Council Chambers located at 402 S. Seguin Street on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:p.m. to discuss various items on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

2. INVOCATION:

Invocation was announced by Pastor Kenneth Davison, New Life Church, Converse, Texas

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

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of May 5, 2015.

B. Accept Minutes of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting of April 14, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 5A and 5B; Seconded by Councilwoman James. Motion passed.

6. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

- A. Recognition of David Rendon for his Five (5) Years of Service to the City of Converse Street Department. (Mayor Suarez)

David Rendon was recognized and presented with a Certificate.

- B. Recognition of John Cyphers for his Twenty (20) Years of Service to the City of Converse. (Mayor Suarez)

John Cyphers was recognized and presented with a Plaque.

- C. Recognition of Delmiro Soliz, the Employee of the Month for May. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

Delmiro Soliz was recognized and presented with a Plaque.

- D. Recognition of Council-Woman Renee Paschall (Mayor Suarez)

Councilwoman Paschall was recognized and presented with a Plaque.

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.

Ms. Celeste Morris and Dr. Reginal Harris were both heard during Citizens to be heard.

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.

8. 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

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to excuse Councilman Steve Brown in accordance with the City Charter Part I, Article II Council, Section 2.12 Forfeiture of Office. A Council person or the Mayor shall forfeit his office if he: C. Fail's to attend three (3) consecutive regular Council meetings without being excused by the majority vote of the City Council. (Mayor Suarez) (City Attorney)

Mayor Suarez made a motion to excuse Councilman Steve Brown for his last three (3) absences from the previous Council meetings; Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren. Motion passed.

B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to defer with approval of City Council pursuant to Section 2-46 (b) of the City of Converse Code of Ordinances/Municode proposed agenda item Discussion and Appropriate Action on City Charter Section 5.03 City Attorney. (Mayor Suarez) (City Attorney)

Note: Item 9C, “City Charter Section 5.03 City Attorney” was a previous item on the January 6, 2015 meeting.

City Attorney Felix Arambula suggested either withdrawing item #9C or deferring until the July 2015 meeting.

Councilwoman James made a motion NOT TO DEFER Item 9C and go into executive session, (City Charter Section 5.03 City Attorney) Seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion passed to Not to Defer Item 9C and go to executive session.

Councilman Brown stated, “that the motion needs to be retracted to go into executive session”.

Councilwoman James made a motion to listen to the audio recording of January 6, 2015 meeting in open session; Seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion passed.

Mayor announced a five minute recess before listening to the audio. Mayor reconvened the meeting and Council listened to the audio recording of January 6, 2015 meeting.

Councilman Brown made a motion to defer items 9B and 9C to July meeting to satisfy the six month as stated at the January 6, 2015 meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren seconded the motion. Motion failed.

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action on City Charter Section 5.03 City Attorney. (Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren)

Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren made a motion to go to executive session; Seconded by Mayor Suarez. Lindgren, Suarez, Davis, Paschall and James voted for the motion. Richel and Brown opposed the motion. Motion passed 5/2.

Council convened to Executive Session at 9:19 p.m.

Council reconvened to open session at 9:52 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren made a motion to defer Item 9C, to July time frame when compensation is reviewed and at that time move forward with review of current contract and solicitation as necessary for new contract; Seconded by Paschall. Motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren abstaining.

D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance 401-2015B. Amend Code of Ordinance, Article III. Specific Street Regulations; Division 7-Stopping, Standing, Parking, Section 44-218; Prohibited Parking. (City Manager) (First Reading)

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance 401-2015B Section 44-218 Prohibited Parking; Seconded by Councilwoman James. Motion passed.

E. Discussion on Financial and Investment Reports as of March 2015. (Liz Saegert Finance Director)

Ms. Liz Saegert, Finance Director, briefed the council on the March 2015 Financial and Investment report.

F. Discussion and Appropriate Action adopting Resolution 724, A Resolution Establishing a Converse Citizens Capital Improvement Committee (CCCIC). (City Manager)

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 724, Converse Citizens Capital Improvement Committee with the request to revise Section 1 of the resolution; Seconded by Councilwoman Paschall. Motion passed with modifications

G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution 728, A Grant Application with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program for Three (3) Police Officers. (City Manager)

Item deferred until next Council Meeting, June 2, 2015. Requested by City Manager, Lanny S. Lambert.

H. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Accepting the Bexar County Appraisal District Proposed Budget for 2016. (City Manager)

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the Bexar County Appraisal District Proposed Budget for 2016; Seconded by Councilman Brown. Motion passed.

I. Discussion of Center Point Energy 2015 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Adjustment for the South Texas Division. (City Manager)

City Manager, Lanny S. Lambert, recommended an additional 45 days to research and see if any other city would like to participate in an opposition case due to high rates. No Action required.

J. Discussion and Appropriate Action adopting Ordinance 122, Establish the Converse Area Youth Advisory Council (CAYAC). (City Manager) (First Reading)

Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren made a motion to approve Ordinance 122 with the correction (the word **Resolution** should read **Ordinance**); Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Motion passed with corrections as stated.

K. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Chapter 2 Administration; additional requirement by Parks and Recreation. (Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren)

Councilwoman Paschall requested a change on page 9, Parks and Recreation, Section 2-166-Responsibilities; fourth Monday should be changed to second Monday. (currently reads, second Monday) Councilwoman James requested a change on Parks and Recreation, page 10 F – to not be specific on the weekend that NIOC is to be held.

Councilwoman James had some concerns on page 21, 4 - Terms of office. After numerous concerns that council addressed, City Attorney Arambula recommended to defer the item for a thorough review.

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to defer Chapter 2-Administration as requested by the City Attorney, Mr. Arambula; Seconded by Councilwoman James. Motion passed to defer Chapter 2-Administration.

L. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Chapter 40 Subdivisions; Final Review.
(Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren)

Mayor Pro Tem Lindgren requested to defer item 9L, Chapter 40 Subdivisions.

M. Discussion on Notice of Violation by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
(City Manager)

The violation addressed the need for painting at Bob Grubb Storage Tank No action required for this item.

10. 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.

Councilman Brown stepped out of the meeting during this time.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:16 p.m.

A. Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.072. DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. Scheel Donated Property
(City Manager)

Councilman Brown left the meeting during this time.

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 11:40 p.m.

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. Scheel Donated Property (City Manager)

Mayor Suarez announced, "No Action was required at this time"

13. ADJOURNMENT:

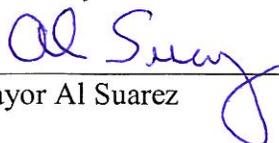
Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:41 p.m.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Converse on this the 16th day of June 2015.

Attest:



Holly Nagy, City Secretary



Mayor Al Suarez