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MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Be It Known That the City Council of the City Of Converse Will Meet for a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Beautification & Environmental, Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Park and Recreation and Planning and Zoning.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION - Led by Mr. John Quintanilla, Director of Community Development

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

Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 2

Councilwoman Deborah James, Place 3

Mr. Lanny S. Lambert, City Manager

Ms. Le Ann Piatt, Assistant City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Lindgren, Place 4

Councilman Rick Davis, Place 5

Councilman Steve Brown, Place 6

Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary

Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney

Visitor: Dr. Craig T. Follins, President, Northeast Lakeview College

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of June 16, 2015.
- B. Accept Minutes of Economic Development Corporation Meeting of May 12, 2015.
- C. Accept Minutes of Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting of February 9, 2015.
- D. Accept Minutes of Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting of April 13, 2015.
- E. Accept Amended Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of March 30, 2015.
- F. Accept Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of May 18, 2015.
- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Ordinance 339-2015C- Utility Rates (Second Reading)
- H. Action to appoint Irvin Hollowell as a member of Planning & Zoning.

*Councilmembers James and Beehler abstained from voting on Item A.
Councilman Beehler abstained from voting on Item H.*

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Item A; the motion was seconded by MPT Lindgren, the motion passed with two abstentions.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Items B-G, Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion; the motion was unanimous.

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Item H, Councilman Davis seconded the motion; the motion passed with one abstention.

6. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

A. Presentation by Dr. Craig T. Follins, President, Northeast Lakeview College. (Mayor Suarez)

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.

Celeste Morris

Penny Hieronymus Re: Retiree Health Benefits.

Tracy Campos Re: Retiree Health Benefits.

Clarence Scheel Re: Donation of family land (Item 10B)

Earl Boutelle Re: Converse Citizens Capital Improvement Committee (CCCIC)

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. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing by the City Attorney regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act.
(Mayor Suarez)(City Attorney)

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding tickets written by the Constable inside of Converse City Limits (Councilwoman James)

- No motion was made.

C. Discussion and appropriate action on a proposed speed hump policy. (Councilwoman James)

- Item deferred, CM will bring back a proposal on red light cameras.

H. Discussion and appropriate action amending Ordinance No. 119- Ethics Review Board.
(First Reading)(City Manager)

** Due to time and lengthy agenda Item H was moved up in place of Item D to accommodate the ERB members being in the audience. **

-Mr. Sherman was present. Mayor Suarez had questions regarding terms. Councilman Beehler abstained from the vote as his wife sits on the Ethics Review Board.

- Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the amendments made to Ordinance 119; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

- D. Briefing and update on the proposed San Antonio River Authority (SARA) CB-9 Drainage Project on the Martinez Creek Floodplain adjacent to Cimarron South & Silverton Valley Subdivisions. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

- No action taken.

- E. Discussion regarding proposed Ordinance No. 123-2-2015 for the establishment of a Converse Broadcast Commission. (Councilman Brown)

- Discussion item only.

- Councilman Brown would like to add a section regarding reimbursement to Commission members for travel.

- F. Briefing and update on the proposed VIA Sidewalk Project on Toepperwein Road from the intersection of Meadow Forge to FM 1976. (Mayor Suarez)

- No action taken.

- G. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Ordinance No. 707-12-2015 establishing a Program for Comprehensive Emergency Management. (First Reading)(City Manager)

- MPT Lindgren made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 707-12-2015; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- I. Discussion of a proposed Water Conservation/Incentive program. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

- No action taken.

- J. Discussion and appropriate action regarding amending Converse Code of Ordinances- Chapter 14- Courts (First Reading)(MPT Lindgren)

- Councilwoman Richel made a motion to amend Chapter 14- Courts; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- K. Discussion and appropriate action to recommend approval of Preliminary Plat (No. 152) Unit 1 of Converse Heights Addition Subdivision. (City Engineer)

- Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Preliminary Plat No. 152 Unit 1 of Converse Heights Addition Subdivision.

- L. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the use of 4C volunteers for houses.
(Councilwoman James)

- No action taken.

- M. Discussion and appropriate action regarding beginning a “Pride of the City” program.
(City Manager)

- No action taken.

9. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

- A. City Commission Liaison Reports (P&Z, P&R, B&S, Ord. Committee)
- B. City Manager’s Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
- Workstations
- C. Councilmember’s Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor’s Report/Items of Interest.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: - 10:07 PM

- A. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act section 551.071.
CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY: CLOSED MEETING. Consultation with the City Attorney regarding possible litigation related to Retiree Health Benefits.
(City Manager)(City Attorney)
- B. Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.072.
DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. Scheel Property Donation. (City Manager)
- C. Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.072.
DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. JISD Property.
(City Manager)

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: -11:24 PM

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act section 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY: CLOSED MEETING. Consultation with the City Attorney regarding possible litigation related to Retiree Health Benefits. (City Manager)(City Attorney)

- MPT Lindgren made a motion to defer item until next meeting to give an opportunity to research minutes from 2001 to 2009. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilman Brown opposed. (6:1)

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

-Councilwoman James made a motion to accept the agreement made by the Scheel family, Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

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

- Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve the purchase of land owned by JISD paid in part by the City's forbearance of a fee in-lieu of storm detention/retention at the Copperfield Elementary School. JISD will be given credit for the remaining balance on their water bill. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

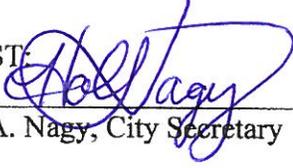
***NOTE:** Tract 1 is a 5.466 acre tract of land SW side of Upper Seguin Road and NW side of FM 1516 that will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed.
Tract 2 is a 2.254 acre tract of land south of Tract 1 and will be conveyed by Deed Without Warranty.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

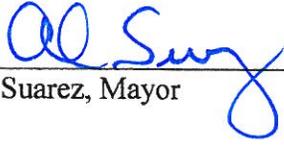
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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF JULY, 2015.

ATTEST



Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary



Al Suarez, Mayor

