



**MINUTES**  
CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Park and Recreation and Planning and Zoning.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION:**

- 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**

<i>Mayor Al Suarez</i>	<i>Mayor Pro Tem Jon Lindgren, Place 4</i>
<i>Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1</i>	<i>Councilman Rick Davis, Place 5</i>
<i>Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 2</i>	<i>Councilman Steve Brown, Place 6</i>
<i>Councilwoman Deborah James, Place 3</i>	<i>Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary</i>
<i>Mr. Lanny S. Lambert, City Manager</i>	<i>Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney</i>
<i>Ms. Le Ann Piatt, Assistant City Manager</i>	

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of September 15, 2015.
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of September 23, 2015.
- C. Accept Minutes of Planning & Zoning Meeting of August 17, 2015.
- D. Acceptance of Texas Commission on the Arts Respond Performance Support Grants in the amounts of \$88, \$75 and \$190.

*Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve Items 5 A-D, Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Recognition of Scott Wiley, Firefighter/EMT B, for his 10 Years of Service to the Converse Fire Department. (Mayor Suarez)
- B. Recognition of Sandra Martinez, as Employee of the Month for September. (City Manager)

## 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. Jim Sherman- Against purchase of SARA Property.*
- *Kathryn Oshenhenge- Curb/Weeds*
- *Resident complaints about barking dogs.*

## 8. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

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

*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.*

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration And Approval Of A Resolution Approving A Bond Resolution Previously Adopted By The Board Of Trustees Of The Canyon Regional Water Authority Authorizing The Issuance Of “Canyon Regional Water Authority Tax-Exempt Contract Revenue Bonds (Wells Ranch Project II), Series 2015 (Texas Water Development Board SWIRFT Project Financing)”; Providing For The Payment Of The Principal Of And Interest On These Obligations As Provided Herein; Providing The Terms And Conditions Of Such Bonds And Resolving Other Matters Incident And Relating To The Issuance, Payment, Security, Sale, And Delivery Of Such Bonds, Including The Approval Of An Application To The Texas Water Development Board And A Private Placement Memorandum Pertaining To The Bonds; Authorizing The Execution Of A Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, An Escrow Agreement, And A New Water Supply Contract; Complying With The Requirements Of The Depository Trust Company’s Letter Of Representations; Complying With The Regulations Promulgated By The Texas Water Development Board; And Providing An Effective Date.  
(City Manager)

*Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the resolution approving a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of Canyon Regional Water Authority Tax-Exempt Contract Revenue Bond, MPT Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Variance Request from City of Converse Code of Ordinances, Section 34-138, the requirement that one existing Billboard Structure within the city must be completely removed for every Billboard erected or converted to an LED Billboard. The request is to allow for Installation of a Digital Sign on Private Property located at the Corner of Northwest FM 78 and Converse Center Street. Legal Description: 0.623 Acres out Lot 11, Block 1,

C.B. 5063, Converse Squire Subdivision as Recorded in Vol. 9574, Pg. 94, Deed and Plat Records of Bexar County, Texas. (City Manager)

*Final agreement being finalized with the City Attorney.*

*Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the variance request from City of Converse Code of Ordinances, Section 34-138 for additional sign at Center Street and FM 78 in exchange for 250 hours of advertising. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Councilwoman Richel against. (6:1)*

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 733-2015 for the Acquisition of Land Owned by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) for the specific use of a City Park. (Mayor Suarez)

*Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 733-2015, Councilman Brown seconded the motion. Councilwoman James requested a roll call vote: Councilmembers Brown, Beehler and Mayor Suarez for and Councilmembers Richel, Davis, James and MPT Lindgren against. Motion failed. (4:3)*

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 734-2015 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Projects to be Included in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). (City Manager)

*MPT Lindgren made a motion to approve Resolution No. 734-2015 authorizing the City Manager to submit applications to the MPO for projects; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Request for Proposal on Audio Visual System for Council Chambers. (City Manager)

*Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the RFP on the Audio Visual System for Council Chambers; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Astoria Place Stop Sign locations. (City Manager)

*No Action*

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve August Financials & Investment Report. (City Manager)

*No Action*

- H. Discussion on Proposed Resolution No. 732-2015 opposing the Annexation of land by the City of San Antonio. (Councilman Brown)(Councilwoman James)

*Item will be revised and brought back to the November 17, 2015 City Council Meeting. No action required.*

## 10. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.

- CRWA Report
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
  - City Committee openings
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**      *Entered: 9:13 PM*

- A. Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Personnel Matters. Personnel matters to deliberate the evaluation of the City Manager (Mayor Suarez)

12. **RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**      *Exit: 10:09 PM*

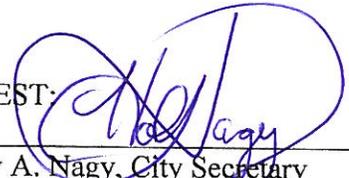
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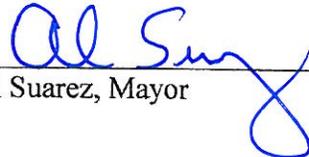
*- Councilwoman James made a motion to give CM Lambert a 5% raise as per contract. Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

*10:12 PM*

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.**

ATTEST:   
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Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary

  
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Al Suarez, Mayor

