



**MINUTES**  
CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 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:** *Led by 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*

*Mayor Pro Tem Jon Lindgren, Place 4*

*Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 2*

*Councilwoman Nancy Droneburg, Place 3*

*Mr. Lanny S. Lambert, City Manager*

*Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary*

*Councilman Rick Davis, Place 5*

*Councilman Steve Brown, Place 6*

*Ms. Le Ann Piatt, Assistant City Manager*

*Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney*

*Absent: Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1*

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of October 20, 2015.
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of October 26, 2015.
- C. Approve Minutes of Special Called City Council Meeting of November 12, 2015.
- D. Accept Minutes of Economic Development Corporation Meeting of August 11, 2015.
- E. Accept Minutes of the Parks and Recreation meeting of August 10, 2015.
- F. Appointment of Mr. Rick Smith as the Parks and Environmental Commission Chairman.

*MPT Lindgren pulled Item 5C.*

*Councilman Davis pulled Item 5E.*

*Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Items 5 A, B, D & F, Councilman Beehler seconded the motion the motion passed.*

*MPT Lindgren expressed concern about the lack of a resolution number for Resolution No. 738-2015. The way the agenda is written does not have Resolution No. 738-2015 as an action item and therefore the Council approved something that doesn't exist. City Attorney Arambula stated that the item complies with the City Charter.*

*Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve Item 5C; Mayor Suarez seconded the motion. The motion passed. MPT Lindgren against.*

*Councilman Davis stated that Item 5E has Rick Smith as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation; and that is not correct.*

*MPT Lindgren made a motion to approve Item 5E with the amendment as stated, Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

## **6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Recognition of Employee of the Month for October. (City Manager)
- B. Presentation of Proceeds raised for Crystal Gutierrez and Mike Andrade from the Firefighters Alumni Association.

## **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.

*Bruce Bebow- Regarding Item 9 H.*

*Dennis James- Regarding Item 9 C.*

## **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 Public Works Director, Manny Longoria
- H. Report by Executive Director of Converse Economic Development Corporation, Kate Silvas

*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. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Select Mayor Pro Tem. *Per City Charter Sec. 2.03 (B)* (Mayor Suarez)

*MPT Lindgren nominated Councilman Beehler. Councilman Beehler declined the nomination. Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Brown, Councilman Beehler seconded the nomination. The motion passed (4:1) with former MPT Lindgren against and Councilwoman Droneburg abstaining from vote.*

B. Appointment of City Council Commission Liaison assignments by Mayor Suarez. (Mayor Suarez)

*Planning & Zoning- Councilman Beehler  
Parks & Environmental-Councilwoman Droneburg  
EDC- Councilman Davis  
Building & Standards- Councilwoman Richel  
Canyon Regional Water- Councilman Lindgren*

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to re-appoint a new council member to the Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA) board of Trustees. (Mayor Suarez)

*April 2015 appointed two councilmembers to serve on the CRWA Board of Trustees*

*Investment to CRWA \$600,000 per year.*

*Mayor Suarez stated that he feels that elected officials should serve on this Board. Councilwoman James no longer serves on Council.*

*Councilman Lindgren stated that he is concerned with this activity and the fact it violates the Bylaws of the Charter of the Canyon Regional Board of Trustees. The members that are people who are appointed to the Board of Trustees are voted on by the Trustees. They revote until there is a vacancy new members are required are if there is a vacancy out there but the bylaws requires that they vote them in. There's no direction as to whether they are councilmembers or not. Many of the Trustees are not councilmembers for their cities. Mostly in this case one position that expires in May 2016 another expires May 2017. These people are sworn in by those people out there... I'm afraid if we continue to start changing every year under these developed hearsay rules because we haven't put them in writing...we're going to create some problems with credibility with those people out there... (inaudible) keeping continuity in what's going on, there's an awful lot of activity on the trustees board which is close (inaudible) ....because negotiating with properties and for properties, and it takes awhile to understand the lingo. Meetings are open, if you want to assign someone to go and watch and listen to the meetings. There's nothing wrong with that and they won't be a voting member. The way their charter and bylaws are written only two people from Converse can be on their trustee board, not three, it happens whoever is on the 1 year account be it myself or Ms. James, won't expire till May and the other won't expire for a year from that. I slowly...think that we need to be sensible for the time being and let this to continue while we reevaluate what we are doing and make sure we don't jeopardize something we are doing out there with our contracts with water...our activities with water, I think we are putting ourselves at risk we are also standing and not having a good rapport with these people...I would hate to see that happen because we need that water.. My comment is the basic line is I think it's too early to jump up and change even if there is a personal reason to why we feel it has to be done it shouldn't be done until we have time to look at the entire situation and decide wether that's really appropriate or not.*

*Mayor Suarez: I directed the attorney and the City Manager to meet with Canyon Regional..go ahead with the outcome.*

*City Attorney: with regard to the statement as Councilman Lindgren had stated the issue if there is appointment or a vacancy ...Canyon Regional Trustee next person he way I interpret their bylaws under section... (City Attorney Arambula read sections for the CRWA Bylaws pertaining to term limits and vacancies.) It seems to me, Converse chooses who sits on the Board of Trustees. With regard to issue having a non councilmember serve on the board of Trustees my understanding after*

*listening to the council meeting which we appointed then MPT Lindgren and Councilwoman James, The motion that was before and was approved was as Councilmembers.....*

*Councilman Lindgren read from the April 7, 2015 Minutes:*

*Discussion and Appropriate Action Appointing Two Members to the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Trustees and One Member to the Board of Managers. (City Manager)*

*Councilwoman Paschall made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Lindgren and Councilwoman James to the Board of Trustees and the Assistant City Manager to the Board of Managers. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

*Discussion between Councilman Lindgren and City Attorney ensued regarding agenda item verbiage, audio recording of the April 7, 2015 City Council meeting.*

*City Attorney Arambula stated it is his understanding that our Board of Trustee representatives are councilmembers, and Councilwoman James is no longer a Councilmember.*

*Mayor Suarez's intent was for "councilmembers to serve on the Board of Trustees, per the City Manager's recommendation, if you go back and listen to the tape that's where we get the information. Moreso by the fact we are talking about \$600,000 investment I think to hold accountable City Council members for that expense and not a citizen."*

*City Attorney Arambula stated that "CRWA would welcome any representative to the last four meetings."*

*Further discussion ensued regarding the specifics of motion language, the intent of council.*

*MPT Brown asked the City Attorney if he reviewed Senate Bill 1735- MPT Brown stated that precedence can be set from here on out, the intent when making the motion was appointing her as a councilmember.*

*City Attorney read SB 1735: Vacancies in the Office of Trustees shall be filled by appointment of the governmental body of the entity of the trustee that vacated the office.*

*Further discussion back and forth ensued regarding intent.*

*MPT Brown stated we should make it clear from here on out that if you are appointed to a board while as a Councilmember you will be removed from that board or commission upon departure of Council.*

*Mayor Suarez will table the discussion for No Action and Ms. Nagy will provide all of Council a copy of the April 7, 2015 audio for review to discuss at the December 1, 2015 City Council Meeting.*

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Preliminary and Final Replat No. 154 establishing FM 78 Self Storage II and increasing the acreage of the Rocket Self Storage property located at 8678 FM 78. (City Manager)

*MPT Brown made a motion to approve Preliminary and Final Replat No. 154 for FM 78 Self Storage II and Rocket Self Storage property. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.*

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Purchasing Services between Bexar County and the City of Converse. (Mayor Suarez) (City Manager)

*Councilman Lindgren made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Purchasing Services between Bexar County and the City of Converse. MPT Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- F. Discussion of Resolution No. 732-2015 Opposing the City of San Antonio's Proposal to Annex all of the Property in San Antonio's Existing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction ("ETJ") up to the City Limits of Converse. (Mayor Suarez) (Councilman Brown) (City Manager)

*Tabled and will be brought back with suggested changes for the December 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 City Council Meeting.*

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution No. 737-2015 to Allocate Votes for the 2016-2017 Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors. (City Manager) – DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 15, 2015 APPLIES.

*MPT Brown made a motion to allocate the votes towards the following:*

*Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez = 6 votes  
Roberto C. Trevino = 5 votes*

*Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Droneburg against.*

- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Ordinance No. 401-44-2015 K Revised Stop Sign locations. (First Reading) (City Manager)

*Councilman Lindgren made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 401-44-2015K Revised Stop Sign Locations. Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Contract for Municipal Judge Frank Dickson. (City Manager)

*Councilman Lindgren made a motion to approve the contract for Municipal Judge Frank Dickson as determined by the City Attorney; MPT Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- J. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Members to the Converse Youth Advisory Commission (CYAC). (City Manager)

*MPT Brown made a motion to appoint the following to the CYAC:  
Kylie Drost, Gregory Alfaro, Carley Rodolfo, Rachel Scott Rogers and Alexander B. Johnston  
Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- K. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Implementing the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). (City Manager)

*City Attorney Arambula will incorporate the following amendments:*

*Removing Paragraph 4- Quota language  
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*Councilman Lindgren made a motion to implement the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, with the discussed amendments; MPT Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed.*

- L. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 690-2016 A -Budget Amendment- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Program. (City Manager)

*Councilman Lindgren made a motion to approve Resolution No. 690-2016 A – Budget Amendment for the STEP program. MPT Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- M. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 690-2016 B -Budget Amendment- Toepperwein Street Paving. (City Manager)

*MPT Brown made a motion to approve Resolution No. 690-2016 B– Budget Amendment for the Toepperwein Street paving. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- N. Discussion and Appropriate Action Adopting Resolution No. 719-2015 B- A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Converse Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Governmental Lease/Purchase Agreement with BB& T Governmental Finance for the Purchase of Eight (8) Police Vehicles. (City Manager)

*MPT Brown made a motion to approve Resolution No. 719-2015 B– Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease/purchase agreement with BB&T Governmental Finance. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- O. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Designate The Herald Newspaper as the Official Newspaper of Record. (City Manager)

*MPT Brown made a motion to approve the action to designate The Herald Newspaper as the official Newspaper of record. Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

## **10. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:**

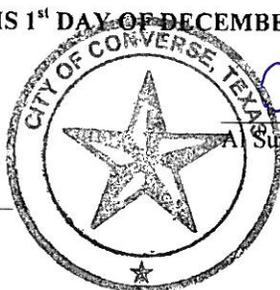
- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
  - City Committee openings
  - briefing on Bond Proposition(s) updates & proposed timelines
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

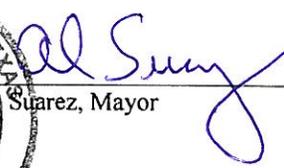
## **11. ADJOURNMENT 10:00 PM**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

ATTEST:

  
Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary



  
Al Suarez, Mayor