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AMENDED MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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: Pastor Charles Lewis, New Life Baptist 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

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: Renee Paschall, JISD School Board Trustee, former Councilwoman Renee Paschal.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of July 21, 2015.
- B. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of August 4, 2015.
- C. Approve Minutes of the City Council Budget/Workshop of August 8, 2015.
- D. Accept Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of June 1, 2015.
- E. Accept Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of July 13, 2015.
- F. Accept Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of June 15, 2015.
- G. Approval of Ordinance No. 401-44-2015C amending Converse Code of Ordinances-Division 7- Stopping Standing, Parking, Section 44-218. (Second Reading)(City Manager)
- H. Approval of Ordinance No. 401-44-2015D amending Converse Code of Ordinances -Division 4-Stop Streets, Section 44-154. (Second Reading)(City Manager)

MPT Lindgren pulled Item A- and tabled it for further review.

-Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve items 5 B-H; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

Item 5A- MPT Lindgren stated "I pulled last time to verify that what was sitting in there as Consent Agenda items were valid it seems we caught most of it, one that still catches my eye under Consent Agenda items was pulling Item D by yourself, Mayor Suarez. That action by the mayor to grandfather a member and would be an exception...there are no provisions in our Charter or in our Ordinances to grandfather any actions....(inaudible) this can be done..the most difficult part was we didn't have a vote, a motion, a second or (inaudible)on doing that activity, therefore we need to reconsider that situation..."

Mayor Suarez stated "I don't believe... it was just a comment just to say that we're doing this and the fact we have a member that this is going to affect, I just wanted to put that on record, that's all I wanted to do. We didn't take a vote; there wasn't an action to vote on it, it was just a comment to say that when we approve this, we do have a situation similar to when we changed other ordinances in the past. We need to know that this affects certain members that we will be dealing with in the future....."

Tape will be transcribed to reflect what happened. No further action on Item 5A.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Recognition of JYSF Texas Soldiers Baseball team. (Mayor Suarez)
- B. Recognition of B & C Shift Firefighters, as Employees of the Month for July. (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 Re:Items 11 K and 11 L
- Mr. Everet Taylor Re: problems we are trying to solve.
- Ms. Sonja Rice Re: need for a larger library

8. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Report by City Engineer, Bob Browning
- B. Report by Police Chief, Rick Jamison
- C. Report by Director of Utilities, Lupe Perez
- D. Report by Director of Community Development, John Quintanilla
- E. Report by Director of City Library, Derika Bailey
- F. Report by Director of Human Resources, John Rudd
- G. Report by Fire Chief, Richard Wendt
- H. Report by Finance Director
- I. 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. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Presentation by the Converse Citizens Capital Improvement Committee. (City Manager)
- B. Public Hearing on obtaining \$19,900,000 worth of Public Improvement Bonds. (Mayor Suarez)

Public Hearing opened: 8:43 PM

Public Hearing closed: 8:45 PM

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Executing a Proposed Contract with Law Firm Jones, Andrews & Ortiz for Legal Services. (City Manager)

Amendments: Remove "other communications" in number 8. Final version should read:

8. The written notice referenced in paragraph 5 shall be sent to the following contacts:

Councilman Brown made a motion to accept the contract with the stated amendments to paragraph 8, and the contact information. Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion. The motion passed with MPT Lindgren, Councilwoman James and Councilman Davis against. (4:3)

Roll Call: Brown, Richel, Beehler, Mayor Suarez for. MPT Lindgren and Councilmembers Davis and James against.

Motion carried. (4:3)

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Ordinance No. 101- 2-2015 Administration. (Second Reading) (MPT Lindgren)

- Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 101-2-2015 with the following changes to Section 2-130 Item b.

- All commission members shall live within a 10 mile radius of Converse City Limits.

- All members who reside in city limits shall be registered voters during their term of appointment.

- All Chairpersons shall be a registered voter in the City of Converse.

- Each commission shall ensure that 75 percent of its membership shall be residents of Converse.

*** Councilwoman James read section 2-130 (B)- Does that mean that person cannot step down from that position as a commissioner until it's filled, correct? City Attorney Arambula stated-"The way I interpret that is if a commission member term has expired and the city council has not either replaced that person or someone doesn't apply for that position...they serve until the city decides you know what....or there's an applicant, Mr. John Doe comes in and says I want to be on Planning and Zoning and we know somebody*

has expired but we haven't replaced that person, then at that point that person comes off...(inaudible)....

Councilwoman James: But he still stays there til he gets a successor, correct?

Felix Arambula: Correct.

Councilwoman James: Alright, that's what I'm reading.

*Felix Arambula: That's how I read it too.***

Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

*** Amended at the September 1, 2015 City Council Meeting, Councilwoman James requested her statements be added.***

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 1: \$10,600,000 Bond for constructing street improvements (including utilities repair, replacement, and relocation), street lighting, technology improvements, signage, curb, gutters, and sidewalk improvements and drainage.(City Manager)

-MPT Lindgren made a motion to approve Proposition No. 1; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 2: \$3,000,000 Bond for designing, acquiring, constructing, purchasing, improving, demolishing, and equipping public safety facilities (to include a new/replacement fire station), acquiring land, easements and rights-of-way necessary and other real property interests, and completing related landscaping. (City Manager)

-Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Proposition No. 2; Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 3: \$2,500,000 Bond for designing, acquiring, constructing, purchasing, renovating, improving, enlarging, demolishing, and equipping the City Hall Complex and the purchase of land, easements, rights-of-way, and other real property interests necessary. (City Manager)

- Councilman Beehler made a motion to approve Proposition No. 3; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 4: \$2,000,000 Bond for the purpose of designing, acquiring, constructing, purchasing, improving, and equipping the City's animal control facility.(City Manager)

-Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Proposition No. 4; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 5: \$1,000,000 Bond for designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, demolishing, and equipping the City parks and recreational facilities and the purchase of land, easements, rights-of-way, and other real property interests.(City Manager)

-Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Proposition No. 5; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Proposition No. 6: \$800,000 Bond for designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, demolishing, or replacing the City's library facilities. (City Manager)

-Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Proposition No. 6; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- G. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Ordinance No. 222-2015 Calling a Bond Election, to be Held in the City of Converse, Texas Making a Provision for the Conduct of a Joint Election. (City Manager)

- Councilman Brown made a motion to Approve Ordinance No. 222-2015; Councilwoman Richel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Memorandum of Understanding for Election Services with Bexar County Elections for Election Year 2015. (City Manager)

- Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Election Services; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to take record vote on the City's Proposed 2015 Tax Rate of \$.540198 per \$100 Valuation, which is less than last year's tax rate and establishing the dates for two public hearings on the tax rate (if necessary). (City Manager)

-Official Tax rate will be adopted at the time the final budget is adopted.

***Councilman Brown made a motion that it is Council's intention to adopt the 2015 effective tax rate; Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. ***

***Amended as requested at the September 1, 2015 City Council Meeting from his intention to Council's intention. ***

- J. Appointment of Rick Smith as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. (City Manager)

-Councilwoman James made a motion to approve Rick Smith as a member of Parks & Recreation Commission; Councilman Beehler seconded the motion; the motion was unanimous.

- K. Appointment of Wenceslao Santiago as an alternate member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. (City Manager)

- Tabled.

L. Appointment of Wenceslao Santiago as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
(City Manager)

- Councilman Brown made a motion to appoint Mr. Santiago as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission; Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

M. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Award Solid Waste and Recycling Bid. (City Manager)

All options were considered at the August 8, 2015 Council Workshop. Council was favorable to Waste Management.

5 year contract with 2 renewals.

***Councilwoman James made a motion to award the solid waste and recycling bid; Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. ***

*** As requested at the September 1, 2015 City Council meeting, the audio was confirmed...motion remains the same. ***

12. 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
 - Police Body Cam Demo
 - Utility Billing Dates- *delaying mailing of bill by three days to allow for people who receive social security check to pay when check comes in.*
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

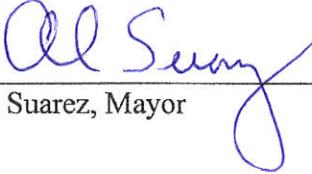
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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

ATTEST:



Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary



Al Suarez, Mayor