



MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016 – 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, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Parks & Environmental, and Planning & Zoning.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM

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

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Brown, Place 6

Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1

Councilman Jeff Beehler, Place 2

Councilwoman Nancy Droneburg, Place 3

Councilman Jon Lindgren, Place 4

Councilman Rick Davis, Place 5

Mr. Lanny S. Lambert, City Manager

Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney

Ms. Stella Calvillo, Administrative Asst.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of December 15, 2015.

B. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of January 5, 2016.

C. Acceptance of Texas Commission on the Arts Performance Support Grants in the amounts of \$200, \$225 and \$275.

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve Items 5 A,B, and C as presented. Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Recognition of Kate Silvas, EDC Director, for her 5 Years of Service to the City of Converse. (Mayor Suarez)- *Deferred.*

B. Recognition of Employees of the Month for December 2015. (City Manager)

7. **CITY STAFF REPORTS:**

A. Report on Police Department, Assistant Police Chief, Rex Rheiner

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

8. 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. Joan Lindgren - Expressed concern regarding new fire station locations.
-Need for citizen on Oversight (Bond) Committee
- Expressed concern regarding new trash service.
- Ms. Celeste Morris – Expressed concern regarding Fire Department response.

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. Public Hearing on a request to submit a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the total amount of \$75,000 with a matching requirement of \$75,000. The project will be located in North Park, a 100-year floodplain and funding will be utilized for repaving and extension of the North Park recreation trail.

Opened: 7:33PM

Celeste Morris- Keep conservation, keep environmentally safe, expansion of memberships and clubs.

Closed: 7:37 PM

- B. Public Hearing on the Parks System Vision / Master Plan.

Opened: 7:38 PM

Design team from UTSA(Bert Moyer) gave a visual presentation.

Celeste Morris- Didn't know we had walking trails. Bird watcher, nature watcher. Great beginning, great vision.

Rick Smith- Chair of Parks and Environmental. Parks and Environmental had suggestions at last public hearing for the plan.

- assess idea of redoing revamping pool
- assess idea for new skate park

Additions for consideration:

Consider adding to plan community garden.

Combo courts for basketball or tennis.

New lighting for courts for nighttime play.

Bring revenue parks, idea of having community groups rent parks.

Mr. Smith stated that he believes in and supports the Vision Plan.

Closed: 8:02 PM

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to approve submission of a grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the total amount of \$75,000 with a matching requirement of \$75,000. The project will be located in North Park, a 100-year floodplain and funding will be utilized for repaving and extension of the North Park recreation trail. (City Manager)

Councilman Lindgren made a motion to approve submission of the grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the total amount of \$75,000 with a matching requirement of \$75,000. The project will be located in North Park, a 100-year floodplain and funding will be utilized for repaving and extension of the North Park recreation trail. MPT Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to approve submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the total amount of \$36,000 with a match requirement of \$3,600. Funding will be utilized for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras for the Fire Department. (City Manager)

MPT Brown made a motion to approve the submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the total amount of \$36,000 with a match requirement of \$3,600. Funding will be utilized for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras for the Fire Department, Councilman Beehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to approve submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the total amount of \$600,000 with a match requirement of \$60,000. Funding will be utilized for the purchase of a pumper truck for the Fire Department. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to approve submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the total amount of \$600,000 with a match requirement of \$60,000. MPT Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action regarding the adoption of the Parks System Vision / Master Plan. (City Manager)

Delayed action to next meeting.

MPT Brown would like to see revenue numbers for proposed added amphitheatre and campground.

E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to authorize the City Manager to begin contract negotiations with Design Build Firms for the 2015 Bond project. (City Manager)

Councilwoman Richel made a motion to authorize the City Manager to begin contract negotiations with Design Build Firms for the 2015 Bond project. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

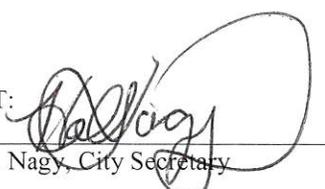
11. CITY COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS:

- A. City Commission Liaison Reports.
- B. City Manager's Report & Discussion of Future Agenda Items/Items of Interest.
 - 2015 Bond propositions update
 - Streets construction bid specifications
- C. Councilmember's Reports/Items of Interest.
- D. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest.

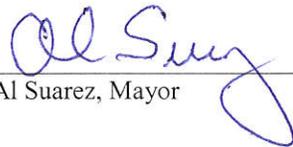
12. ADJOURNMENT - 9:00 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

ATTEST:



Holly A. Nagy, City Secretary



Al Suarez, Mayor

