

CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2011
7:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Converse met in a regular meeting at the Converse Municipal Complex on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:30 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez	MPT Grant Lopez, Place 2
Council Member Andy Selko, Place 3	Council Member Randy Pannell, Place 4
Council Member Laura Beehler, Place 5	Council Member Steve Brown, Place 6
Ms. Shawna Dowell, City Manager	Ms. Michelle Burns, EDC Executive Secretary
Mr. Gill Martinez, Police Officer	Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:30 PM, Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Suarez stated all Council members were present with the exception of Council member Kathy Richel, who had provided an e-mail of her absence.

3. 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.

-Deborah James of 8310 Copperside shared 2 concerns:

*Last night on FM 78, she saw a dog that had been hit by a car, contacted Dispatch & asked for an Officer to be sent out, went by later & the dog was dead, went by the next day & the dog was still there. She believes we need another Animal Control person if the City can afford it.

*Shared her concerns on HOA's & who is going to fine them.

-Ms. Gloria Weers stated Ms. James explained her concerns very well.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint Members to the Charter Review Commission

Council member Brown appointed	- Mr. Jon Lindgren
Council member Beehler appointed	- Mr. Jim Evans
Council member Richel appointed	- Mr. Craig Morrow (via e-mail approved by Mr. Ortiz)

Council member Selko appointed	- Mr. James Sherman
Council member Pannell appointed	- Mr. John Shadron
MPT Lopez appointed	- Ms. Robin Benbrook
Mayor Suarez appointed	- Mr. Johnny Harris

City Staff Liaison:

Ms. Dowell stated at the last meeting a recommendation was made for the Chief of Police to serve in this capacity; but she believes anybody on the staff could serve in a reasonable capacity in this position.

Council member Brown nominated Ms. Michelle Burns.

MPT Lopez added in his nomination for Ms. Burns.

Mayor Suarez asked for a roll call for the 2 nominations: Chief Jamison or Ms. Burns.

Council member Selko nominated	- Ms. Burns
Council member Pannell nominated	- Ms. Burns
Council member Brown nominated	- Ms. Burns
Council member Beehler nominated	- Ms. Burns
MPT Lopez nominated	- Ms. Burns
Mayor Suarez nominated	- Ms. Burns

It passed unanimously for Ms. Burns to be the City Staff Liaison.

City Council Liaison:

Council member Brown nominated Council member Selko.

Council member Pannell nominated Council member Brown.

Council member Selko nominated	- Himself
Council member Pannell nominated	- Council member Brown
Council member Beehler nominated	- Council member Selko
Council member Brown nominated	- Council member Selko
MPT Lopez nominated	- Council member Selko
Mayor Suarez nominated	- Council member Brown

It passed with 4 members (Selko, Beehler, Brown & Lopez) voting for Council member Selko & 2 members (Suarez & Pannell) voting for Council member Brown.

5. Action to Set Date and Time for the First Charter Review Commission Meeting

After some discussion, Council member Selko stated he would contact the Commission members & by majority that is when we will hold the first meeting so they can appoint their Commission Chair. He will call the meeting & they will elect their Commission chair, then they will set their own meetings.

Council member Brown stated he would rather have this Commission work their own time out, rather than CC tell them when to meet. Council needs to be unbiased & non political.

We will post an agenda to invite everyone giving the 72 hours notice.

6. Adjournment

At approximately 7:46 PM, Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adriana I. Hieronymus, City Secretary