

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 6:31 p.m.
2. **QUORUM CHECK:** Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neville
Councilmember Tom England
Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:

Ken Taylor, City Manager
Jameene Williams, City Attorney
Kim Turner, Asst. City Manager
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Gary Speer, Police Chief
Stephen Darnell, Firefighter
Kevin Pfluger, UCPFA President

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **INVOCATION:** Councilmember England gave the invocation.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAG:** Led by Mayor Williams
5. **VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS:**

No action was necessary; all members were present.

6. **AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:**

Mayor Williams presented Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Hatzel with the "John Hatzel Day" Proclamation. Assistant Chief Hatzel is retiring on January 31, 2017, ending his 47 years of service with the City of Universal City. Mayor Williams declared January 31, 2017 as "John Hatzel Day" in Universal City.

Mayor Williams announced that Stephen Darnell has been promoted to Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal.

Mayor Williams introduced Sonya Chapa-Weber, CIS mentor coordinator; Jo Anna Wold, CIS site coordinator at Rose Garden Elementary; Angela Green, mentor at Samuel Clemens High, Melissa Thibodeaux, pen pal for Jordan Intermediate; Ed Pickerel, mentor at Schertz Elementary; and Claude Kucinski, mentor at Rose Garden Elementary. Then, Mayor Pro Tem Neville read the "National Mentor Month" proclamation declaring January 2017 as "National Mentoring Month."

Mayor Williams signed the It's Time Texas Community Challenge Mayor Pledge and City Council signed the City Council Pledge declaring their support of the program and encouraged all Universal City residents to participate. It's Time Texas is a The ITT Community Challenge is a free statewide competition in which Texas communities compete to see which can demonstrate the greatest commitment to healthy living. Mayor Williams also challenged the local elementary schools to participate.

7. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, December 20, 2016 Regular Meeting. Councilmember England seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Neville, England, Goolsby, Maxwell, Shelby, Volle
Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried.

8. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Carissa Freeman, 831 Coronado, stated that she lives behind the two houses that burned on New Year’s Day. She described the activities that happened the night it burned and then explained the effort of the neighborhood to help the families that were affected by the fires. They held a garage sale that raised \$1,180. They also set up a GoFundMe account that raised \$586 for the families. She presented the check to the Universal City Professional Firefighter Association so that it can be split between the two families. All of the garage sale items that were not sold will be donated to the Homes for the Homeless Thrift Shop.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider the Library Meeting Room Policy.

Mayor Williams stated that the Universal City Library Open House was on Saturday and it was very well attended.

Librarian Susan Ennis explained that the City Council saw the Library Meeting Room Policy a very short time ago. Since the last approval, there was a change that specifically listed that the library is an official polling location for the Bexar County Elections Department. While every effort is made to add election days to the calendar before it is opened it for the scheduling of other events, there may be times that activities have to be rescheduled or cancelled in order to accommodate the use of the facility by the Bexar County Election Department. Also, the word “bumped” will be changed to “rescheduled.”

Mayor Pro Tem Neville requested that the sentence in the new paragraph be changed to read, “Every effort is made to add early voting dates, election days, and polling hours, to the calendar before opening it for the scheduling of other events.”

Councilmember Maxwell asked for confirmation that the word “bumped” will be replaced. Ms. Ennis confirmed that it would be replaced with the word “rescheduled.”

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the updated Library Meeting Room Policy with the changes recommended. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Neville, Shelby, England, Goolsby, Maxwell, Volle
Nays: None.**

Motion to approve carried.

B. Consider New Library Computer and Internet Policy

Ms. Ennis explained that the old computer and internet policy was last updated in 2013 and because of the new facility it was outdated. The new policy includes information on new print release self-service station. Much of the new policy was adopted from the City of San Antonio Library Computer and Internet Policy.

Councilmember Shelby asked if downloading illegal media is addressed in the policy. Ms. Ennis stated where in the policy the disclaimer is found.

Councilmember Maxwell moved to approve the new Library and Internet Policy. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Maxwell, Goolsby, Neville, England, Shelby, Volle
Nays: None.**

Motion to approve carried.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

11. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Taylor announced that the process of updating the comprehensive plan for 2018-2022 has begun. The City Council workshop will be February 21, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. He also reminded City Council that the filing period for the election is open until February 17, 2017 and that Snowfest is February 18, 2017.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember England promised to do his best for the ITT Community Challenge. He stated that the library opening was a long time coming and that it was a joy to be at the ribbon cutting. Also, he mentioned that the donation from the community to the fire department says a lot about our city.

Councilmember Shelby made no comment.

Councilmember Maxwell stated the clock was missing in chambers. He also congratulated Ms. Ennis on a smooth library grand opening.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville apologized for missing the library grand opening as he could hardly talk. He also mentioned he would still like to see action renaming Aviation Blvd to Veterans Parkway. In addition, he described the rain barrel program that the City of San Antonio participates in and would like for Universal City to do something similar. Finally, he invited anyone to attend The Hanger Doors Are Open meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Councilmember Goolsby said the library grand opening was fantastic.

Councilmember Volle agreed that the library is fantastic.

12. **MAYORAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Williams stated that several of the original library volunteers were present at the grand opening. He will be attending the Greater Bexar Council of Cities meeting and they will be signing a resolution that will oppose the revenue cap. Texas legislators are proposing a bill that will put a cap on the ability to go over the effective tax rate by 4%. The cap could greatly affect the level of resources and services provided by the city.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

John Williams, Mayor