

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 6:32 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 William Shelby

Present:

Ken Taylor, City Manager
Jameene Williams, City Attorney
Kim Turner, Asst. City Manager
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Gary Speer, Police Chief
Manuel Casarez, Fire Chief
Pat Collins, Finance Director

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Williams 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:**

Councilmember Shelby motioned to excuse the absence of Councilmember Beverly Volle and Councilmember Tom Maxwell. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to excuse carried.

6. **AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:** None.
7. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

8. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consider Authorization for Adding Kim M. Turner as an Additional Signature for the Bank of America Accounts.

City Manager Ken Taylor stated that adding a signatory for the checking accounts requires City Council authorization.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the authorization for adding Kim M. Turner as an additional signature for the Bank of America Accounts. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

Councilmember Shelby asked who currently are authorized to sign. Mr. Taylor said that he, the Finance Director Pat Collins, and Utility Administrator Cynthia Hull are currently authorized to sign checks.

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

Motion to approve carried.

B. Consider Approval of the Parkland Dedication for the Remington Place Subdivision and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Record Said Deed.

Mr. Taylor explained that the park has been dedicated by plat but a deed is needed to make it official city property.

Assistant City Manager Kim Turner explained that when a developer makes a new subdivision they have to either dedicate park land and/or pay a fee in lieu of the parkland. Currently, the City is only accepting the dedication of the land. The playground equipment will be dedicated after the one year preliminary period is over.

Councilmember Shelby motioned to approve the parkland dedication for the Remington Place Subdivision. Councilmember England seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

C. Discuss & Consider Resolution 837: A Resolution Calling the May 2017 General Election to Elect City Officers for the 2017-2018 Term of Office in the City of Universal City, Texas.

Councilmember England moved to approve Resolution 837. Mayor Pro Tem Neville seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. This year, early voting will be held at the Universal City Public Library. Election Day voting location will be according to precinct number.

D. Discuss & Consider Resolution 838: A Resolution of the City of Universal City, Texas, in Opposition to a Revenue Cap and Legislative Interference with Local Services.

Mayor Williams explained the revenue cap proposed by legislators will be a burden on the City's ability to continue to offer services to the citizens. Currently, cities can tax up to 8% over the effective tax rate. The legislators are proposing that the ability for cities to tax should be capped at 4% over the effective rate.

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve Resolution 838. Councilmember England seconded the motion.

Councilmember England encouraged citizens to do a property search on the Bexar County Appraisal District's website to see all of the entities to which they pay taxes. He noted that taxes to the city is almost a third of what is collected by school districts. He sees the cap as a burden to citizens.

Councilmember Shelby mentioned that the State requests the Federal Government to let the State govern its people. He is requesting that the State let the municipal government govern its people.

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

Motion to approve carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Taylor deferred to Assistant City Manager Kim Turner to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Workshop to be held on February 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Shelby recommended that as many people as possible let their state representatives know that they are not in support of the revenue cap because the cap would hinder the City's ability to improve the quality of life, and maintain satisfactory services and salaries.

Councilmember England reminded everyone that the citizens have the opportunity to elect new councilmembers every year. His opinion is that government governs best which is closest to the people.

Councilmember Goolsby asked when the vote for the revenue cap will take place.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville asked about the pictures hanging on the wall and then stated that he will be filing for reelection.

13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams mentioned that the Northeast Partnership meets Thursday, February 9th. They will continue to discuss the revenue cap legislation at the meeting as the NEP has hired a law firm to help lobby the opposition of the revenue cap. He stated that the Friday Fitness lunch walk will be held on Friday, February 10th, the annual Snowfest event will be Saturday, February 18th, and the City Council Comprehensive Plan workshop will be Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

John Williams, Mayor