

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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 "Dick" Neville  
Councilmember S. Bear Goolsby  
Councilmember Tom Maxwell  
Councilmember William Shelby  
Councilmember Beverly Volle

**Present:**

Ken Taylor, City Manager  
Jameene Williams, City Attorney  
Pat Collins, Finance Director  
Sal Garcia, OH Golf Director  
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director  
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk  
Katie Rein, OH Food & Beverage Director  
Gary Speer, Police Chief  
Jeffrey Vaughn, Fire Captain

**Absent:**

Councilmember Tom England

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **INVOCATION:** Councilmember Goolsby gave the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG:** Led by Mayor Williams.

5. **VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Tom England.  
Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

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

**Motion to approve carried.**

6. **AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None.

7. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 20, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion to approve carried.**

8. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Shelly Reynolds, 103 Circle Dr., stated that there are many businesses leaving Universal City and she would like to know what the City is doing to keep new businesses coming to Universal City." She also stated that, in her opinion, the City should do a better job of posting the ordinances and building code on the website, making it more easily accessible to the public.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consider Financial Report for February 2018.**

Finance Director Pat Collins reviewed the Finance Report for February 2018 and answered questions accordingly.

Olympia Hills Food & Beverage Director Katie Rein detailed the Open House event hosted in February and explained that while the expense shows in the February financials the revenue received from the event will not be recorded until the booked event occurs.

Councilmember Maxwell asked Ms. Collins to add year-to-date totals to the golf course summary sheet in future reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the February 2018 Financial Report. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

**Motion to approve carried.**

**B. Staff Report on Loop 1604 Expansion Project.**

Public Works Director Randy Luensmann detailed the TxDot Loop 1604 Expansion Project, running from IH-35 to FM78. They will be removing the grass medians and turning into a concrete wall so that they can turn the remainder of that space into an interior driving lane. He showed pictures of the proposed *Hill Country* theme and the color scheme. Also, he explained that if the neighboring homeowners approve the project by majority vote, TxDot will be installing a noise barrier. The project is scheduled for the fall of this year.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Taylor:

1. Stated that, at the last City Council meeting, Assistant City Manager Kim Turner did an economic development update. She also presented that information at the Economic Development Corporation, the Board of Adjustment, and the Planning and Zoning meeting. The agendas for those meetings are all posted publicly, and citizens are welcome to attend. There were about twenty new businesses listed in that economic development update;
2. Reiterated that safety inspections in the older commercial buildings is a high priority for the City. While it is a slow and tedious process and may cause condemnation among property owners, for the health and safety of the general public, it is necessary to correct the issues;
3. Joked that all City Manager's know to avoid golf courses and swimming pools. He reminded City Council that the golf course deficit is subsidized by the Venue Tax, a percentage of sales tax that was voted for several year ago;
4. Congratulated the Parks Partners and the Public Works Department for receiving two matching grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife; one for Meadow Oaks and Red Horse Park, and one for Veterans Park;
5. Announced the Campaign Finance Report is due on April 5, 2018; and
6. Informed City Council that the CenterPoint Rate Case Summary will be on the next council meeting agenda.

**12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Goolsby made no comments.

Councilmember Maxwell is concerned that citizens believe that the City is running businesses out of town. He said that the City is enforcing codes that have been around for many years and is giving businesses and homeowners the opportunity to excel. He recommended that citizens attend public meetings to get more informed and that the City continue to work to correct that perception.

Councilmember Shelby commented that the Easter Egg Hunt went very well and thanked everyone who invested in organizing that event. He also liked the new ceiling fans in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Volle:

1. Stated that she would like to see the list of new businesses listed in each issue of the Gateway;
2. Detailed that the TPWD grants were \$225,000 for Meadowland Park and Red Horse Park and \$75,000 grant for Veterans Park. She thanked them for the years of hard work by the Parks Partners, Veterans Committee, and the Public Works Department to get the grants;
3. Reminded City Council that the Daddy Daughter Dance and Movies in the Park are coming soon; and
4. Commended Event Coordinator Regina Carmona for the excellent job that she does for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville:

1. Commented that he would not know which daughter to take to the Daddy Daughter Dance because he has four daughters;
2. Went to Ribbons and Keepsakes to get some items worked on and discovered the business was closed. He feels like the property owner might have gone up on the lease; and
3. Said that his great granddaughters had a wonderful time at the Universal City East Egg Hunt.

**13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Williams:

1. Informed City Council that he will be going to Northeast Lakeview College tomorrow to meet the new Chancellor;
2. Revealed that on Friday, he will attend a SCUCISD presentation to update the City on the accomplishments and future goals of the school district;
3. Announced that Universal City did not get the MPO funding for the pedestrian bridge but the online support from citizens voting was fantastic. He thanked everyone who participated in the voting process;
4. Shared that the Tri-City Baseball Opening Ceremony was last Saturday. The organization continuously thanked the Public Works Department for the new restroom facilities at Universal City Park; and
5. Declared that at the Tri-City Baseball Opening Ceremony they did the Presentation of Keys for the batting cage that Tyler Bratten built for his Eagle Scout project. He said Mr. Bratten did a wonderful job building the cage and that it is very well utilized. Mr. Bratten will be recognized at a future Council Meeting; and
6. Proclaimed the Planning and Zoning Commission has two vacancies that need to be filled. He asked the council and the audience to try to find someone to volunteer to serve.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

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John Williams, Mayor

