

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2020

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Universal Council conducted a telephonic and videoconference meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The public was invited to participate in this meeting by dialing US Toll-free to 877-853-5247 (Meeting ID: 858 6386 1363 Password: UCTX) or by joining the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85863861363?pwd=cFg0VkFIVDdSN0RCWmN3MW5GZ3lIQOT09>.

The public was permitted to offer public comments telephonically or via videostream as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written questions or comments were able to be submitted up two hours before the meeting to Kristin Mueller, City Clerk at kmueller@uctx.gov.

A recording of the telephonic and video meeting was made and is available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Williams at 6:30 p.m.
2. QUORUM CHECK: Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:

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

Present:

Kim Turner, City Manager
Matthew Longoria, City Attorney
Pat Collins, Finance Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION: Councilmember Najarian 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:

No action was necessary; all members were present.
6. AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None.
7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Maxwell moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a) Consider City Council Minutes for the Tuesday, May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting.

- b) Consider Ordinance 249: A Penalty Ordinance amending Ordinance 249, modifying and establishing official “No Parking” Zones at certain street locations in the City of Universal City, Texas. (2nd Reading).
- c) Consider Resolution R-900-2020: A Resolution approving a project authorized by Section 05.158 of the Texas Local Government Code, authorizing certain financial assistance up to \$250,000 as a small business grant program to be used for businesses located within the City of Universal City, and which was approved by the Board of Directors of the Universal City Economic Development Corporation on April 28, 2020; and providing an effective date. (2nd Reading).

Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

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

A. Administering the Oath of Office to Elected Candidates.

Municipal Court Judge Charles Stubblefield, acting in his authority as the judge of the Universal City Municipal Court of Record, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor John Williams and Councilmembers Paul Najarian, Tom Maxwell, and Beverly Volle. They each signed their officer statement and returned to their respective places on council.

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tem to Serve a Period of One Year.

Councilmember Volle nominated Mayor Pro Tem Neville. Councilmember Najarian seconded the motion.

Mayor Williams noted there was one nomination and called for the vote to elect Mayor Pro Tem Neville to serve another one-year term as mayor pro tem.

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

Motion to approve carried.

C. Consider Resolution 901-2020: A Resolution entering into an Interlocal Agreement for designation of Health Authority between the City of San Antonio and the City of Universal City, Texas.

City Manager Kim Turner explained that the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio to designate a Health Authority in 1977. Since then, the agreement has expired.

Councilmember Maxwell asked if the City has to pay a salary for that position. Mrs. Turner clarified that the City only will pay for services used. She also reminded that all residents pay a tax to the University Health System.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Resolution 901-2020. Mayor Pro Tem Neville seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- D. Consider Resolution 902-2020: A Resolution of the City Council of Universal City, Texas to appoint Dr. Chichi Junda Woo as the official Health Authority for the City of Universal City and setting an effective date.**

Mrs. Turner stated that Dr. Chichi Junda Woo is the official Health Authority for the City of San Antonio. This resolution would appoint her as the official Health Authority for the City of Universal City.

Councilmember Maxwell moved to approve Resolution 902-2020. Councilmember Najarian seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Maxwell, Najarian, Neville, Shelby, Volle
Nays: Goolsby

Motion to approve carried.

- E. Consider Resolution 903-2020: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Universal City, Texas approving a program pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 380 to establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs, including programs for making loans and grants of public money up to \$250,000.00 to be used for businesses located within the City of Universal City, in response to the statewide disaster declaration and to be administered by the Universal City Economic Development Corporation; and providing for an immediate effective date.**

Mrs. Turner detailed that the Universal City Economic Development Corporation had already received 54 applications for the Small Business Stimulus Program, with the potential reimbursable amount of \$438,000. With there being additional revenue in the General Fund due to the warrant payments collected by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, she asked City Council to consider matching the Economic Development Corporations grant of \$250,000.

Councilmember Goolsby thanked City Staff and City Council for considering the match. He said that all of the small businesses that he had spoken to about the program loved it and was so thankful for the assistance.

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve Resolution 903-2020. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- F. Consider approving a budget amendment to move \$250,000 from the General Fund into the 380 Program Fund.**

In response to the approval of Resolution 903-2020, Mrs. Turner asked that City Council approve a budget amendment to move \$250,000 from the General Fund into the 380 Program Fund.

Councilmember Maxwell approved the budget amendment. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Turner:

1. Explained that Waste Management's Consumer Price Index increased 3.4% over June 2019 costs. That is a monthly increase of \$0.74. The monthly cost is now \$22,39. She also stated that the contract with Waste Management expires May 31, 2020;
2. Announced that the San Antonio River Authority rates increased by 21.4% and the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority did not increase rates;
3. Shared that the refinancing of the 2011 Utility Bonds was complete. The new interest rate is 1.10% for 10 years, providing a cost savings of \$645,000 over the life of the bond;
4. Elucidated that Bexar County had received the CARES Act Funds and are working to provide workforce development, rental assistance, 0% small business loans, social services, and local PPE reimbursement to cities;
5. Provided that City Staff delivered 50 PPE boxes provided by the county to small businesses in Universal City. The boxes included masks, gloves, sanitizer and a thermometer; and
6. Announced that the Animal Shelter and Public Works facilities will open on May 18th, all parks other than Veterans Park and the Splashpad will also reopen on May 18th. Additionally, the Library will open at 50% occupancy on June 2nd.

11. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Najarian voiced that he was glad that the City and EDC was granting money to small businesses. He is glad to see stores and restaurants opening back up and that people are still social distancing.

Councilmember Maxwell stated that the vote to fund the Small Business Stimulus Program was the most satisfying vote he has made in all of his years on council.

Councilmember Volle mentioned that she also thought the Small Business Stimulus Program was phenomenal and that she would like to be present when businesses are being issued checks. Also, she stated that she thought it was neat that Bexar County was providing PPE items to businesses and that Universal City staff was distributing it.

Councilmember Goolsby thanked the City Council for matching the grant money for the Small Business Stimulus Program.

Councilmember Shelby made no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville thanked City Council for voting for him to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. He said that he was ready for the June 11th Economic Development Meeting.

12. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams:

1. Congratulated the newly sworn in City Councilmembers;
2. Announced that Northeast Lakeview College will not host a graduation and offer online classes this summer;
3. Invited everyone to attend Happy Hour at Olympia Hills Golf Course on June 4th. He also stated that cart play is allowed again, and that the facility is beginning to host weddings again;
4. Declared that it is a great pleasure to be able to present local small businesses with checks and thanked the Economic Development Corporation for creating the program;
5. Announced that the next City Council meeting will be on June 2, 2020 and will be held in person in council chambers. He also stated that there will be a budget workshop before the regular meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Williams, Mayor

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk