

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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 Tern Richard Neville
Councilmember Goolsby
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember Paul Najarian
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:

Ken Taylor, City Manager
Kim Turner, Assistant City Manager
Habib Erkan, City Attorney
Daniel Carmona, Detective Sgt.
Manuel Casarez, Fire Chief
Pat Collins, Finance Director
Sal Garcia, Olympia Hills Golf Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director
Gary Speer, Police Chief

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION: Councilmember Maxwell 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:

Mayor Williams introduced Police Chief Gary Speer to award the Citizen Crime Fighter of the Year Award. Chief Speer introduced Detective Sgt. Carmona who, with many of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni members, presented Estela Gonzales with the Crime Fighter of the Year Award for her assistance in catching three burglary suspects in 2018.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 5, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

8. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

- Jerry Geyer, 13315 Titan, requested that City Council consider putting a moratorium on scooter and scooter bike device rental companies in Universal City. He also requested that City Council consider adopting regulation for privately owned scooter devices.

- Christopher Galloway, 529 Dusty Emerald, announced that he is running for JISD School Board Place 7. He shared the details of his professional career and asked citizens to get out and vote in the upcoming election.

- Brian Hayden, 702 Balboa, reminded City Council that last year, he mentioned the Texas Tobacco 21 Resolution. In this legislative session, there are over 4,000 bills vying for attention. He pleaded with City Council to let state representatives know how Universal City feels about the legal smoking age. He also mentioned that San Antonio and other surrounding cities have raised the legal smoking age to 21 already and urged City Council to adopt the same restriction. In addition, he announced that the Universal City Public Library will host a Smoking Cessation class on February 26, 2019 from 1-3 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider Resolution 876: A Resolution authorizing a project at 207 Pat Booker Rd, which will facilitate the promotion and development of new or expanded commercial development, and which was approved by Board of Directors of the Universal City Economic Development Corporation on 14 February 2019; and, providing an effective date. (First Reading).**

Director of Economic Development Kristin Mueller stated that Resolution 876 would confirm the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation would provide an economic development incentive to 207 Pat Booker Rd for an exterior renovation of the building. The estimated project expense is \$38,465 and the EDC agreed to reimburse up to \$13,500.

Councilmember Volle moved to approve Resolution 876. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- B. Consider Resolution 620-8: A Resolution of the City of Universal City, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "City") outlining its policy for the Investment of Public Funds.**

Finance Director Pat Collins explained that the Texas Municipal League recommended to cities to adopt the proposed policy for the Investment of Public Funds. She gave an overview of the policy.

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve Resolution 620-8. Councilmember Najarian seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- C. Executive Session: Pursuant to sec. 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (personnel matters) City Council shall convene in Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, reassignment, and duties -- City Manager.**

City Council, City Manager, and Legal Counsel, convened into closed session at 7:07 p.m.

City Council, City Manager, and Legal Counsel reconvened into open session at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Williams announced no action was taken in executive session.

- D. City Council members shall reconvene in open session and may discuss, consider, and/or take action on any item listed above that was lawfully considered and discussed in Executive Session including the following:**

Acceptance of the retirement and resignation of Ken Taylor as City Manager effective 30 April, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to accept the retirement and resignation of Ken Taylor as City Manager effective 30 April 2019. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- E. Consider appointment of a City Manager and authorize execution of employment agreement effective 01 May 2019.**

Mayor Williams announced that this item was pulled from the agenda.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Taylor proclaimed that the City is submitting a Request for Proposals for a new depository and that the results will be brought to City Council at the second meeting in March. He also stated that the City is working to update the Personnel Policy.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Maxwell congratulated Mr. Taylor on his retirement and commended him for all that he has done to improve Universal City in his 16-year tenure. He also stated that he didn't make it to Snowfest this year but was told it was a great success.

Councilmember Volle confirmed that Snowfest was a great and well attended event. She also shared there was a woman who went into labor at Snowfest and gave birth to her baby later that night. Finally, she requested that the City Charter be made available to them on their tablets.

Councilmember Goolsby gave kudos to everyone involved in planning Snowfest. He also said that he read an article that stated if a town was to extricate the urban coyotes, that it is likely that more wild coyotes would encroach on the area. He doesn't know how true that article was, but thought it was interesting.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville reiterated that he would like the City to prohibit nicotine products, including e-cigarettes, to under 21-years of age. He also stated that his family members attended Snowfest and had a wonderful time.

Councilmember Najarian said that he attended Snowfest and the event seems to be getting bigger and bigger each year. He had a great time.

Councilmember Shelby commented that he was lucky enough to get a turkey leg. He thanked everyone who worked Snowfest and helped the event run smoothly. Finally, he thanked Mr. Taylor for his mentorship throughout his four years on City Council.

13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams:

1. Reiterated that Snowfest was a great event. His grandkids loved attending it this year;
2. Announced that Thursday, February 21, 2019, the Northeast Partnership will visit the State Capitol to lobby against the proposed revenue caps for local governments on property taxes;
3. Thanked Mr. Taylor for his years of serving Universal City and announced that they will recognize him properly in the near future.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Williams, Mayor

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk