

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 18th, 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 Tem Richard Neville
Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Councilmember Paul Najarian
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Absent:

Councilmember Tom Maxwell

Present:

Kim Turner, City Manager
Habib Erkan, City Attorney
Manuel Casarez, Fire Chief
Michael Cassata, Dev Services Director
Pat Collins, Finance Director
Susan Ennis, Library Director
Bill Gabbard, Asst. Police Chief
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION: Councilmember Volle 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:

Councilmember Goolsby moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Tom Maxwell.
Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

6. AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mayor John Williams introduced Assistant Chief of Police Bill Gabbard. Gabbard presented Officer Jonathan Collier with the Life Saving Award. In May 2019, Officer Collier was the first to arrive to the scene of a toddler choking. His swift and decisive action helped to ensure the survival of the child.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting and the Tuesday, June 4, 2019 Special Meeting. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

8. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

- Brian McArdle, 138 Surrey Lane, asked Council to remedy the drainage problem and flooding issues on the street side of his property.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Discuss and Consider Ordinance 352-J-2019: An ordinance amending Ordinance 352-D-2008 (Sign Regulations) to allow the placement of off premise advertising signs, with standard copy, light emitting diode, or digital display on platted lots abutting Interstate 35 and located within commercial "C-5" Zoning Districts, within the corporate limits and on platted lots abutting Interstate 35 Extra Territorial Jurisdiction; and amending the Universal City Codes accordingly and providing an effective date. (First Reading).

Mrs. Turner reminded City Council that when TxDot ruled that billboards could go in any TxDot Right-of-Way several years ago, Universal City banned billboards to eliminate the potential for billboards on Pat Booker Road. This amendment to Ordinance 352 would allow for a billboard only on C-5 property that abuts IH-35, the property in front of the future hotel.

Councilmember Shelby asked if that property was the only C-5 property. Ms. Turner answered that it was the only C-5 property that abuts IH-35.

Councilmember Goolsby asked Ms. Turner to define off-premise advertising. She defined it as advertising on property that is not owned by the advertiser. He also asked if the height of the billboard would be an issue for JBSA-Randolph and Ms. Turner confirmed it would not be. Finally, Councilmember Goolsby asked why the size of the advertising surface was larger than the current standard. Ms. Turner explained that it was designed with a bigger screen so that in case the current standards change Universal City will be ready.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Ordinance 352-J-2019. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

- B.** Discuss and Consider Ordinance 568-E-2019: An ordinance readopting a curfew for minors under seventeen years of age to prohibit being in any public place between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.; providing an enforcement procedure; establishing criminal penalties for minors and for parents of minors and adopting certain exceptions, superseding Ordinance 568-d-2016; and amending the Universal City Code of Ordinances accordingly. (First Reading).

Mrs. Turner stated that State Law requires Cities with a minor curfew ordinance to readopt said ordinance every 3 years. There were no changes made to Ordinance 568 other than the expiration date.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Ordinance 568-E-2019. Mayor Pro Tem Neville seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Turner:

1. Informed that the City has been discussing the housing project in the ETJ with developers and will be presenting City Council with an agreement soon;
2. Gave kudos to the Public Works Department for cleaning up the broken tree limbs and debris in the City after the recent storm;
3. Recognized Municipal Court Clerk Brenda Watkins for recently completing her Level 3 certification. New Municipal Court Clerk Matthew Schwartz will be completing his Level 1 certification soon;
4. Mentioned that every time a resident uses the Waste Management At Your Door Service, she receives a postcard that summarizes the resident's reviews of the service. Many residents are using and appreciate the new service. She thanked City Council for including that service in the contract;
5. Stated that the proposals were in for the E. Aviation Revitalization Plan and City staff will be reviewing the proposals, interviewing, selecting a firm, and will be bringing the selection to City Council for approval in the coming months;
6. Announced that new State Law does not allow Cities to charge for permits based on property value. City Staff has been working to develop a flat fee system and will bring that to City Council soon; and
7. Thanked everyone who helped make the Father Daughter Dance a huge success.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Volle made no comments.

Councilmember Goolsby gave kudos to Officer Collier for helping to save the life of a toddler.

Councilmember Shelby echoed Councilmember Goolsby and he thanked everyone who helped to make Splashfest a huge success.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville made no comments.

Councilmember Najarian stated he was proud to live in a city that supported their first responders. He also thanked Mr. Luensmann and the Public Works Department for their work to clean up Universal City after the storm.

13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams:

1. Mentioned that he had a chinaberry tree fall during the storm and the only thing that kept it from going through his roof was a live oak tree. He thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up the tree debris in public areas;
2. Reminded City Council that the State passed the revenue cap, effective next budget year;
3. Stated that the Northview Park Splash Pad was a great investment for the City. He took his grandchildren last weekend and they had a great time. He is ready to see the pavilions built;
4. Thanked Officer Collier for his heroism; and
5. Invited everyone to attend Casino Night at Olympia Hills on July 12, 2019. Proceeds benefit Greater Randolph Area Services Program and Jr. Golf Camp.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Williams, Mayor

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk