

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Chuck Brawner, Mayor
 Durran Dowdle, Mayor Pro Tem
 Janet Corte, Councilmember
 Chris Harris, Councilmember
 Frank Carroll, Councilmember
 Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer
 Byron Hebert, City Administrator
 Becky L. McGrew, Assistant City Secretary

The following City Official was absent:

Melissa A. Bunch, City Secretary

Above & Beyond Recognition of Katy Fire Department Fire Station No. 2, Quint 2 and Medic 2 Crew Personnel and Katy Police Department Dispatch for Actions Taken to Save Drowning 3-Year Old's Life & Presentation of Letters of Commendation by Chief Wilson

Mayor Brawner called all being recognized to approach the dias as he read the Above & Beyond Recognition of Katy Fire Department Fire Station No. 2, Quint 2 and Medic 2 Crew Personnel and Katy Police Department Dispatch for Actions Taken to Save Drowning 3-Year Old's Life. He explained how their heroic efforts paid for the new Fire Station and how proud Katy was of their good work. Chief Wilson then presented Letters of Commendation to each and shook their hands.

Public Comments

All were given an opportunity to be heard and there were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dowdle, approving the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - 01-21-2019 Special Meeting
 - 01-28-2019 Regular Meeting
 - 02-11-2019 Regular Meeting
- Consider Approval of Street Closure, Sunday, April 21, 2019 from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Closing Third Street Between Avenue D and Avenue C for Memorial Lutheran Church Easter Sunrise Service (*approved by Katy Police Dept.*)

Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- Consider Acceptance of Donations to Keep Katy Beautiful Board, in the Amount of \$550.00, for the Memorial of Grant Carroll (*Donations by McAtee, Ortego and Wolman Families*)
- Consider Approval of Dues – Highway 36A Coalition in the Amount of \$1,500.00

Councilmember Corte inquired who was the city's representative for the Highway 36A Coalition? Mayor Brawner explained he attends the meeting as our representative. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider a Resolution (No. 952) Resolution Authorizing Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2 to Issue Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019 in an Amount Up to \$2,200,000.00 (Falls at Green Meadows)

Motion was made by Councilmember Corte, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (*No. 952*) Authorizing Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2 to Issue Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019 in an Amount Up to \$2,200,000.00 (*Falls at Green Meadows*). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider an Ordinance (No. 2901) Appointing Jason Ward to the Joint Airport Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, approving as printed and read Ordinance (*No. 2901*) Appointing Jason Ward to the Joint Airport Board of Adjustment. Council discussed the purpose of the Joint Airport Board of Adjustment and that the Appointee proposed was an Engineer who currently serves on the City Planning and Zoning Commission. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING

Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Appointment of a Police Chief); and Consultation with an Attorney, Section 551.071

Mayor Brawner, Councilmembers, City Administrator Byron Hebert and City Attorney Art Pertile convened in Executive Session at 6:47 p.m., as Authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (*Appointment of a Police Chief*); and Consultation with an Attorney Section 551.071.

OPEN MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at 7:02 p.m.

Consider an Ordinance (No. 2902) Appointing Jose Noe Diaz, Jr. as Police Chief

Motion was made by Councilmember Corte, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dowdle, approving as printed and read Ordinance (*No. 2902*) Appointing a Police Chief. Council the vote and process taken to address the need to fill the position for not only the Department, but for the needs of the City. Each reviewed and discussed the process involved in the application, interviews and reviews, all of which gave them everything to make a final decision. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmembers' Reports

Councilmember Harris discussed how he has spent the last two weeks reaching out to residents, and how all the feedback from the citizens had been a great process. He then quoted Reverend Robert Crutchfield, "If you can't function unless you make everyone happy all the time, you shouldn't be in leadership." He announced how much he enjoyed meeting with the Boy Scout group before the meeting and how he had opportunity to show a bull for one of our FFA students. He was proud to have placed 2nd! Councilmember Mendez discussed how he originally ran for Council because his street kept flooding and he wanted to work on drainage. He talked about his six years on Council and all the relationships he has built; but since he is nearing the end of his term, he was directing his knowledge and projects to Chris Harris, Councilmember At-Large. He praised the fire department and said its news was so far reaching that a friend from Sweden even saw the event on Facebook. Mayor Pro Tem Dowdle thanked those at the Fire Department for all they do for the lives of others. Congratulated Noe Diaz and thanked Tim Barker for coming to pray over them tonight. He closed by reminding all Easter is coming up, season for our Lord dying for us and for our sins we seek forgiveness. Councilmember Carroll Congratulated Chief Deputy Joe Hester on his appointment to Chief. He explained his bias, as it is his father-in-law; but as a Waller County resident, he was glad the department was in such great hands. He then discussed how Council is often working on things behind the scenes for the City, but these were not nefarious meetings. Just a lot of good work. He then reminded everyone of all the homes lost during Harvey, but how Katy was still recognized as Reader Digest's Nicest Place to Live in America. We will always have issues that divide us, but with trust, civility and dignity we will have respect. Thank you. Councilmember Corte thanked all firefighters who responded. He congratulated Ranger Diaz and remarked that she was happy to have approved him. She closed by telling all to "enjoy the rest of Spring Break!"

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brawner thanked all that had come out to the meetings, for both sides. He introduced Ranger Diaz and asked him to stay after the meeting to greet residents and answer questions. He thanked all who trusted him and wished everyone a good evening.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Corte, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to adjourn. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Assistant City Secretary