

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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 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/Economic Dev Director

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Special Meeting and the Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting, with corrections. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

7. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.
8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider the Annual Bad Debt Write Off, Period 10/2019 – 09/2020.

City Manager Kim Turner explained that this is an item that City Council considers annually. The total remaining uncollected debt for the October 2019 – September 2020 period is \$14,194.04. This is a request to write off that amount. The City can collect this debt when the account owner attempts to move back into Universal City.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve the Annual Bad Debt Write Off, Period 10/2019 – 9/2020 in the amount of \$14,194.04. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Discuss & Consider Ordinance 656-A-2020: An Ordinance setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2020 at \$0.585062 per \$100.00 of appraised value; and appointing a Tax Assessor/Collector. (2nd Reading).**

Mrs. Turner announced no changes were made to Ordinance 656-A-2020 since the first reading.

Councilmember Maxwell moved to approve Ordinance 656-A-2020, setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2020 at \$0.585062 (\$0.475225 for Maintenance and Operation; \$0.109837 for Debt Service) per \$100.00 of appraised value and appointing a Tax Assessor/Collector. Councilmember Najarian seconded the motion.

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

Motion to approve carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Turner:

1. Reminded that the Household Stabilization Funds, administered by GRASP and RACAP, are continuing to assist Universal City residents with rent, mortgage, utility, and food funding. The program was set to expire on 30 September, but the City has asked for and received an extension until 15 October. Universal City residents that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to contact these agencies;
2. Announced that National Night Out 2020 is Tuesday, October 6th. Block parties will be permitted only provided the hosts can maintain the mask and social distancing requirements recommended by the CDC. The annual City-wide event held in the park has been cancelled;
3. Informed that nearly 300 residents have stopped by to pick-up the free gift to commemorate the City's 60th Anniversary. The last two Fridays to pick up memorabilia are September the 18th and 25th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at City Hall, while supplies last. Council and staff are very thankful for residents that have been seen out and about wearing the 60th Anniversary face masks;
4. Stated that the TXDot project on FM 1976 officially started as of Monday, 14 September 2020. The project is 5.1 miles from Converse to Universal City and consists of reconstructing the existing drive lanes and adding in a shoulder where the roadway is narrow. All traffic will be southbound only at this time. The project is in two phases and should be completed by November 2021;
5. Shared that the Paint A Fire Hydrant program has become a popular activity with families and groups taking pride in their community. A high school group painted 32 fire hydrants over the

weekend. Groups or residents that would like to paint a hydrant(s) can sign up on the City website;

6. Declared that the Fall Clean Up is October 16th thru Oct 25th. It is an excellent opportunity to rid households of unused or unwanted items that cannot be put in the regular trash;
7. Proclaimed that cool weather and Fall fun are headed to Universal City. The Pumpkin Patch will officially open on October 10th and stay open through October 25th. The "Patch" will be more spread out to comply with social distancing. Volunteers, staff, and guest should be masked up. No organized activities are currently scheduled but loads of photo opportunities and unique experiences are being added to keep the Pumpkin Patch dynamic. The opening weekend will be staffed by the Universal City Fire Department with the proceeds going to support Universal City families that been affected by fires in their homes. Each day the Patch will be staffed by a volunteer organization raising funds for a myriad of good causes. The pumpkins will arrive on 06 October, anyone wanting some outdoors work should sign up to help set up the Patch on the City's website at www.UCTX.Gov;
8. Reminded that Proposition A for Universal City will be on the last page of the November 3, 2020 ballot. Voters are being asked to authorize the sale of approximately thirty-two (32) acres of parkland located near the intersection of Kitty Hawk and Universal City Blvd with the proceeds from the sale to be used to purchase or improve parkland elsewhere in the City. Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and continue through Friday, October 30, 2020;
9. Announced that Universal City sales tax receipts for the month of July 2020 was up 5% over sales tax receipts for the month of July 2019. She asked residents to keep up the good work of supporting Universal City businesses and buying local;
10. Mentioned that Olympia Hills Golf & Event Center should finish the fiscal year with 36,500 rounds of golf and weekends through the end of September are booked for weddings; and
11. Informed that the request for annexation for the Orchard Park subdivision will be brought before City Council in the near future.

11. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Najarian made no comments.

Councilmember Volle said that she was excited to attend the Texas Municipal League virtual conference because one of the keynote speakers is General Mark Welsh, a former Chief-of-Staff and is now the dean of the Bush School. She encouraged people to try to catch his session.

Councilmember Goolsby made no comments.

Councilmember Shelby made no comments.

Councilmember Maxwell gave kudos to City Staff for keeping the local parks so clean.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville thanked Mrs. Turner for promptly addressing the issue of there being no signs for Universal City at the Loop 1604 exits and for getting the signage added.

12. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams:

1. Wished the United States Airforce a Happy 73rd Birthday;

2. Commented that the new sliding glass doors at Olympia Hills Golf Course and Conference Center were really nice;
3. Announced that the dais will be getting new chairs; and
4. Informed that the City received a check for \$1,500 from the Northeast Partnership for COVID-19 relief.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Williams, Mayor

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk