

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021  
6:00 PM

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Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1

Amy Ware, District 4

Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2

Vernia Calhoun, District 5

Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney      Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent

Chris Miles, Assistant Public Works Director

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director

Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator

Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Brown

57.      **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no Citizen Comments.

58.      **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Items B and E were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

**Councilmember Bonner logged in to the meeting at this time.**

59.      **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2021 Special-Called meeting.

C. Fire Department Activity Report.

D. Police Department Activity Report.

**PROCLAMATION**

60.      **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH".**

Mayor Brown read a proclamation declaring the month of March as "Development Disabilities Awareness Month".

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

61. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN COUNSEL FOR ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON THE UPDATE FROM THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney, stated redistricting may be required after a decennial census and asked the Council to authorize retaining Professor Michael Morrison for assistance and advice regarding legal requirements on the update from the Bureau of the Census. He stated the retainer amount is \$10,000 with an additional payment of \$18,500 if redistricting is required.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve authorizing the Acting City Attorney to retain Professor Michael Morrison for assistance and advice on the update from the Bureau of the Census. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

62. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WATER LOSS FORGIVENESS POLICY.

Scott Rectenwald provided information regarding an Excess Water Usage During Disaster Policy and asked for approval by the Council.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an Excess Water Usage During Disaster Policy. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

63. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, provided an update regarding total expenditures and asked for approval of the completed applications received between February 12, 2021 and March 19, 2021.

**Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve the application for Wilson's Insurance Agency LLC for \$2,500. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the application for Professional Image Consultants LLC for \$2,500. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

64. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE KEEP MARSHALL BEAUTIFUL BOARD.

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director, asked for approval to appoint Lillian Banks to the final vacancy on the Keep Marshall Beautiful Board.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the appointment or Lillian Banks to the Keep Marshall Beautiful Board. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

65. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

B. Public Works Activity Report.

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for withdrawing Item B.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Item B from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

E. Community & Development Activity Report.

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for withdrawing Item B.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Morris made a motion to approve Item E from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

66. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney to discuss matters related to pending or contemplated litigation.

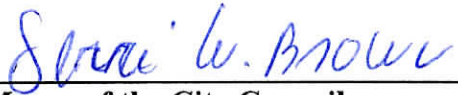
**Councilmember Morris made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0. The time was 6:29 p.m.**

**The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 7:20 p.m.**


67. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City Council  
of the City of Marshall, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary