

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020
6:30 PM

Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1
Amy Ware, District 4
Larry Hurta, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2
Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Doug Lewis, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent
Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director
Elaine Altman, City Secretary/Finance Director
Stormy Nickerson, Management Analysis/Communications Coordinator
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Brown

82. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item C was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

84. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 27, 2020 Special-Called meeting.
- B. Street Sweeping Activity Report.
- D. Consider approval of the engagement letter with Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum & Co. for audit services related to the audit of the 2019 fiscal year.

ORDINANCE

85. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER PROCLAIMED FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL BY THE MAYOR ON MARCH 31, 2020, AND ANY MATTERS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED TO SAID DECLARATION.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, asked for approval of an ordinance consenting to the amended declaration of local disaster proclaimed for the City of Marshall by the Mayor on March 31, 2020. He stated press release information will provide further details going forward. It was decided to hold Commission meetings after the April 23rd meeting at 12 noon until the coronavirus pandemic has been resolved.

Scott Rectenwald, City Attorney, reminded the Commission if this ordinance is to be passed on the first reading it needs to be done under the emergency powers of the Commission.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to pass the ordinance at its introduction pursuant to the Commissioner's emergency powers. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

86. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN SELECTED DEPARTMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Elaine Altman, Finance Director, asked for approval of an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to provide for adjustments in selected department and the establishment of a new Economic Development Fund.

Mark Rohr detailed some of the organizational changes provided for by this ordinance.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to provide for adjustment in selected departments and the establishment of a new Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 6, Mayor Brown, Commissioners Calhoun, Morris, Ware, Bonner and Hurta

Nays: 1, Commissioner Lewis

87. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM RESERVES.

Elaine Altman asked for approval of an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to appropriate funds from Reserves.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to appropriate funds from Reserves. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

RESOLUTION

88. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICTS 6 & 7, SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN DISTRICT 2, SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF MUNICIPAL STREETS TAX, AND SPECIAL ELECTION FOR 16 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE.

Elaine Altman presented a resolution postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election for Districts 6 & 7, special election to fill a vacancy in District 2, special election for reauthorization of municipal streets tax, and special election for 16 proposed Charter Amendments to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

Mark Rohr stated different avenues have been pursued and are still being researched to find the best response to holding the elections on non-uniform dates.

Scott Rectenwald informed the Commission of the latest TML information regarding special election dates.

Commissioners engaged in discussion.

Commissioner Bonner made a motion to approve a resolution postponing the May 2, 2020 elections. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

89. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2020 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

Wes Morrison, Community & Economic Development Director, asked for approval of the Community Development Block Grant 5-year Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Program Year Annual Action Plan. He summarized the allocations for this program year.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Hurta made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant 5-year Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Program Year Annual Action Plan. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

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

C. Municipal Court Activity Report.

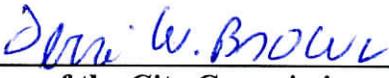
Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Item C from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

91. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ware made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

APPROVED:



**Mayor of the City Commission
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

ATTEST:



City Secretary

**Ordinance: O-20-09
O-20-10
O-20-11
Resolution: R-20-10**