

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
6:00 PM

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
Jennifer Truelove, District 3
Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Micah Fenton, District 7

Leo Morris, District 2
Amy Ware, District 4
Amanda Abraham, District 6

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent
Dawn Jones, Finance Director
Eric Powell, Public Works Director
Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Brown

MINUTES

101. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2021 Regular meeting. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

PRESENTATION

102. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Councilmember Ware presented a plaque to Mayor Terri Brown and thanked her for her service to the City of Marshall.

OATH OF OFFICE AND BOND APPROVAL

103. ISSUE OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney, administered the Oath of Office for the Council members representing Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

104. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

Nikki Smith, City Secretary, asked for approval of new and renewed bonds for Council members representing Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the bonds for Council members representing Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

105. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel) – Discussion of Chairman, or Mayor, and Acting Chairman, or Mayor Pro-Tem, for the City Commission.

The Council convened into Executive Session, the time was 6:09 p.m.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 6:20 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND ACTING CHAIRMAN

106. CONSIDER ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN, OR MAYOR, FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilmember Calhoun nominated Councilmember Ware for the position of Chairman, or Mayor, for the City Council. Councilmember Bonner seconded the nomination, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

107. CONSIDER ELECTION OF THE ACTING CHAIRMAN, OR MAYOR PRO-TEM, FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilmember Truelove nominated Councilmember Abraham for the position of Acting Chairman, or Mayor Pro-Tem, for the City Council. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the nomination, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

108. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tony Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, stated May is Historic Preservation Month and invited the Council members to attend the ceremony to be held on May 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Historic Harrison County Courthouse.

Jerry Tate, Tyler, Texas, Marshall Mall Investors, introduced members of the Marshall Mall Investors, stated mistakes and discrepancies were made in the agreement with the City and asked the Council to consider modifying the agreement.

109. ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

110. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Street Sweeping Activity Report.
- B. Municipal Court Activity Report.
- C. Monthly Financial Report.
- D. Consider approval of a Resolution to update the authorized City of Marshall Representatives at TEXPOOL.
- E. Consider approval of appointments to the Civil Service Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

111. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROJECT PLAN AND FINANCING PLAN AND CREATION OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) NUMBER ONE AND APPROVAL OF SAME.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, explained the use of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones and the process for creation. He stated this was the 2nd of five steps in the process.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION

112. PRESENTATION OF THE KEEP MARSHALL BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021.

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director, stated the City of Marshall has partnered with Keep Marshall Beautiful and the Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce for a new program, the “Beautification Awards”, to recognize residential and commercial properties in the city limits of Marshall. Mallori James presented a certificate to the winners for the month of May; residential property at 4422 Jeff Davis Street owned by Mr. James Ellis & the commercial property 215 S Washington (Love Cosmetic & General Dentistry).

113. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2021 AS “POLICE WEEK” AND MAY 15, 2021 AS “PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY” IN MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Mayor Ware read a proclamation designating the week of May 9th – 15th, 2021 as “Police Week” and May 15, 2021 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in Marshall, Texas.

114. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 16TH – 23RD, 2021 AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Mayor Ware read a proclamation designating May 16th – 23rd, 2021 as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Marshall.

ORDINANCE

115. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE CITY AS TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; CONTAINING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ZONE.

Fabio Angell asked for approval of an ordinance designating a geographic area within the City as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance designating a geographic area within the City as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which failed with the following vote:

Ayes: 3, Council members Calhoun, Morris and Bonner

Nays: 4, Mayor Ware, Council members Abraham, Fenton and Truelove

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

116. PRESENTATION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF QUALITY OF LIFE PLAN.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, introduced Ashli Dansby and Colin Brady, co-chairs of the Quality of Life Taskforce. Ashli and Colin detailed the two-phase Quality of Life Plan developed by the Quality of Life Taskforce and asked for approval.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve the two-phase Quality of Life Plan. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

117. DISCUSSION OF AND ACTION REGARDING TERMINATING, MODIFYING OR CONTINUING CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARSHALL MALL INVESTORS.

Scott Rectenwald provided information regarding the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Marshall Mall Investors.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to convene to Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:47 p.m.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 8:01 p.m.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to terminate the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Marshall Mall Investors. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

118. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

Fabio Angell provided an update regarding total expenditures and asked for approval of the completed applications received between March 19, 2021 and May 3, 2021.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve the application for Clark's Barber Shop for \$2,500. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the application for B & E Tees Print Shop for \$2,500. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the application for Vicky's Divine (Salon) for \$2,500. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

119. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO APPROVED OAK LAWN GOLF COURSE RATES.

Mallori James provided information regarding the need for changes and asked for approval of an amendment to approved Oak Lawn Golf Course rates.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an amendment to approved Oak Lawn Golf Course rates. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

120. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

121. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:



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

ATTEST:



City Secretary

~~Ordinances: O-21-09~~
Resolutions: R-21-12