MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 02 January 2024

1. **CALL ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 6:30 P.M.

2. **QUORUM CHECK and VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MEMBERS (if applicable):** Maribel Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

Present:
Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Goolsby
Councilmember Ashton Bulman
Councilmember Christina Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Phil Vaughan
Councilmember Steven Buck

Staff Present:
Kim Turner, City Manager
Megan Santee, City Attorney
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Michael Cassata, Development Services Director
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director
Maribel Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:
Councilmember Paul Najarian

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

Mayor Williams explained that Councilmember Najarian's absence was due to a family visit with restrictive scheduling.

Mayor Pro Tem Goolsby moved to excuse the absence. Councilmember Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Goolsby, Buck, Bulman, Fitzpatrick, Vaughan
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

3. **INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilmember Bulman gave the invocation. Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

- Tom Maxwell, 1281 Cibolo Trail, stated that he understood Mayor Williams planned to step down as Mayor this year. Mr. Maxwell stated his intentions to run for Mayor in Mayor William's place.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Turner announced Councilmember Bulman's two requested agenda items would be placed the following agendas, one on the next agenda along with the City Council Message Board agenda item, and the second regarding utility deposits on the February 6th agenda.

b. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Williams reminded Council of a ribbon cutting Saturday, January 6th, for Intensity Soccer. He announced that after 24 years of service to the City of Universal City he intended to step down from the Mayorship to retire. He expressed his appreciation for everyone who served with him on Council and wished everyone the best during the upcoming election. He also announced that City Clerk and Economic Development Director Kristin Mueller would be leaving her positions in the City for a position in Seguin. He thanked her for and lauded her time and work in the City.

c. COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Goolsby wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Buck wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Mayor Williams for his service to the City. He stated he would be comfortable leaving the City in Mr. Maxwell's capable hands. He thanked Ms. Mueller for her time and contributions to the City.

Councilmember Bulman wished everyone a Happy New Year and a good 2024.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick wished everyone Happy New Year and echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Buck regarding the Mayor and Ms. Mueller's departure from the City.

Councilmember Vaughan noted a citizen that expressed appreciation for the Animal Care and Control staff as well as an unnamed police officer who assisted the citizen with an animal control issue. He thanked the Mayor and Ms. Mueller for their service to the City.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Bulman moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a) Consider the minutes of the Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Bulman, Fitzpatrick, Goolsby, Buck, Vaughan
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

B. Consider Bid Acceptance of the CDBG Ivy Lane Street and Drainage Improvements.

Mrs. Turner explained this project was grant funded through a Community Development Block Grant awarded to the City after Council approval of the City's application. She explained the Ivy Lane Street drainage path and project scope. She confirmed the requested amount for approval was $667,739.78 based on the base bid for the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Goolsby moved to approve the acceptance of the Bid for the CDBG Ivy Lane Street and Drainage Improvements. Councilmember Bulman seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Goolsby, Bulman, Buck, Fitzpatrick, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

N. T. 1. **Executive Session:**

a) **Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 regarding the purchase and value of real property if deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the corporation in negotiations with a third party; and for attorney consultation pursuant to Sec. 551.071(2); regarding the 43 acres of vacant, undeveloped property owned by the City of Universal City (33.3 acres) located at Loop 1604 and Byrd Boulevard.**

b) **Reconvene in Open Session and take action, if needed, on any item pertaining to or listed in the Executive Session section of this Agenda.**

Mayor Williams began the Closed Session at 6:44 P.M.

Mayor Williams convened into Closed Session with present City Council Members, City Manager Kim Turner, City Attorney Megan Santee, City Clerk/Economic Development Director Kristin Mueller, Development Services Director Michael Cassata, and Public Works Director Randy Luensmann.

Mayor Williams and the City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:55 P.M. No action was taken during the Closed Session.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick moved to approve the Letter of Intent and authorize the Mayor and Mr. Crow, Chair of the EDC Board of Directors, to sign said documents. Councilmember Bulman seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Bulman, Fitzpatrick, Goolsby, Buck, Vaughan
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Williams noted that he forgot to mention a book by Dr. Eric Reno, the first President of Northeast Lakeview College, which he planned to read.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

APPROVED:

John Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk