

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 21 May 2024

1. **CALL ORDER:** Mayor Tom Maxwell 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 Tom Maxwell
Mayor Pro Tem Christina Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Ashton Bulman
Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Councilmember Lori Putt
Councilmember Bernard Rubal
Councilmember Phil Vaughan

Staff Present:

Kim Turner, City Manager
Lloyd Newton, City Attorney
Michael Cassata, Development Services Director
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director
Athena Ford, Utilities Coordinator
Cpl. A. Stevens # 1796, PD Mental Health Officer
Sgt. L. Yee # 1758, PD Mental Health Officer
Amy Anderson, LP, MIH Paramedic
Ed Todd, MH/Fire Prevention Officer
Maribel Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Maxwell noted a quorum was present.

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

Michael Seanz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

4. **STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

a. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

b. **STAFF REPORT:**

i. **Safe Streets Award:** Given by Mr. Toro Martinez of US Representative Henry Cuellar's office. He awarded UC Public Works with \$160,000 on a Safe Street Grant program.

ii. **Mental Health Officer Presentation:** Given by Sgt. Yee, Cpl. Stevens, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Todd. They gave an overview of how the Fire Department and Police Department administer their mental health initiatives. They indicated differences in the programs and gave examples of help administered throughout the City through the program. They mentioned that they have done homeless outreach, especially with homeless veterans.

Mrs. Turner noted that mental health programs in both departments had been funded by Covid ARPA funds and would need to be reevaluated for the 2026-2027 budget when the five-year ARPA funding is over.

iii. **City Water Presentation:** Given by Ms. Ford, she presented an overview of water rights history in Texas, different sources of water such as groundwater, surface water, and diffused surface water, and reviewed Groundwater Conservation Districts such as the Edwards Aquifer Authority. She went over factors influencing and strategies for acquisition of water rights, and drought restrictions. She analyzed the City's current and future state of water rights acquisition, explaining that the City will always be budgeting for more acquisition to meet needs created by water restrictions out of the City's control.

5. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

- Oly Schaefer, 106 Granada Drive, distributed the City Council Code of Conduct to the City Council as she felt it was not being adhered to. She felt that the dynamic of Council did not serve the best interest of residents. She was concerned that the dynamic deterred local business growth and non-profit involvement with the City. She emphasized that behaviors she witnessed by Council were against the Code of Conduct, and she did not have confidence in Council. She asked the Mayor to address the Code of Conduct.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. CITY MANAGER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Turner reminded Council of the Library Summer Adventure Experience and calendars that were left for them for June and July.

b. MAYORS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS: National Poppy Day Proclamation

The Mayor had Councilmember Putt read the National Poppy Day 2024 Proclamation. He presented the proclamation to Ms. Bille Castleman of the 667th American Legion Post.

Mayor Maxwell asked that Council let him know if they were interested in taking a tour of Randolph Air Force Base. He also asked Ms. Garcia to arrange one-on-one meetings between him and other Councilmembers to get to know each other. He said he felt honored to serve on Council after Mayor Williams.

Mayor Maxwell received consensus to place the Code of Conduct and Council Rules of Procedures on the next agenda.

c. COUNCILMEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Rubal addressed the “great divide” mentioned by Ms. Schaefer. He said the night was historic with three women on Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick reminded everyone that Heros Camp would be the first week of June. She felt it was an amazing opportunity for 12 to 14-year-olds to interact and learn from police, EMS, and firefighters.

Councilmember Putt felt honored to serve the City and hoped all of Council would work together for the betterment of the City.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- 1) Consider the minutes of the Tuesday, 07 May 2024 Regular Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Goolsby, Fitzpatrick, Bulman, Putt, Rubal, Vaughan
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

B. Approval of Pay Application #3 invoice for the Ivy Lane Street Improvements – Construction.

Mrs. Turner explained that the resolution allowed the City to receive reimbursement for the Ivy Lane project through the Community Development Block Grant.

Councilmember Vaughan moved to approve the Pay Application. Councilmember Bulman seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Vaughan, Bulman, Fitzpatrick, Goolsby, Putt, Rubal
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

APPROVED:

Tom Maxwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maribel Garcia, Deputy City Clerk