

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2022

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor M. Ritchey Wheeler at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Escoto, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, City Secretary Courtney Clary, City Attorney William Ferebee, Finance Director Lisa Wasner, Public Works Director Joseph Peart, Police Chief Troy Dunlap, CVB Director John Mayner, IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that all members were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Wheeler gave the invocation.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

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Dab Bell – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Frank Powell – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Betty Anderson – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

6. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that there were no councilmembers wishing to speak.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

7. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ELEVATED CONNECTION OR OTHER GRADE SEPARATION BETWEEN GROGANS MILL ROAD AND RESEARCH FOREST AND SUPPORTING AN AT-GRADE SOLUTION.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ELEVATED CONNECTION OR OTHER GRADE SEPARATION BETWEEN GROGANS MILL ROAD AND RESEARCH FOREST AND SUPPORTING AN AT-GRADE SOLUTION, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 90.6 (q) (7) OF THE CITY'S SIGN ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90.6 (q) (7) OF THE CITY'S SIGN ORDINANCE, COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2022 second quarter budget amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 SECOND QUARTER BUDGET AMENDMENTS, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of police package Chargers or Tahoes.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE AGENDA ITEM AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE PACKAGE CHARGERS OR TAHOES, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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11. Discussion and possible action to renew an agreement with The Woodlands Township for fire services.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP FOR FIRE SERVICES, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD AS THE OPPOSING VOTE.

12. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE, COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

13. Discussion regarding parking on grass areas.

Mr. Ferebee stated that there were concerns over street parking when vehicles park over the lay down curbs and end up in the grass.

Councilmember McLeod stated that the purpose of the lay down curbs is to help drivers navigate parking on the curb instead of up into yards.

Mayor Wheeler stated that Council would appreciate input from residents on the topic, and suggested that residents contact council members to express concerns and share suggestions.

Chief Dunlap suggested that the ordinance be detailed and specific so that code enforcement can work from specific direction.

14. Update regarding police department programs and long term planning.

Chief Dunlap stated that the department reduced time allocated to the Woodlands Township, recording daily activities, and some code enforcement time in order to focus on crime.

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Councilmember Escoto asked if the efforts made by the department had taken away from the safety and security of the residents in the neighborhood. Chief Dunlap stated that many areas of crime in the City had been reduced and added that he felt a lot of this was due to the rise in criminal apprehensions to reduce crime in the neighborhoods.

Chief Dunlap stated that the department started numerous outreach programs for children in need and troubled youths along with a Citizen's Police Academy and a community awareness program.

Chief Dunlap stated that in looking to the future of the department there would be a focus on the growing population and future mobility updates in the City that have the potential to bring more crime into the City. He stated that the department would look into hiring more officers as the City continues to change and grow.

15. Update regarding the IDC.

To view the presentation, please click [HERE](#)

Mr. Ferebee stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has put a lot of work into reviewing the IDC. He stated that the commission had finished reviewing residential zones and they were considering for recommendation to eliminate zones R35 R22 and R10 along with eliminating the sports hospitality district and the C2 zone from the nonresidential side.

Mr. Ferebee stated that the Restricted Office 01, Office Commercial, and Commercial Corridor along with the light, medium and heavy industrial should have few changes such as adding or removing special use permits.

Mr. Ferebee stated that a lot of work had gone into reviewing the C3 zone and that there was consideration in labeling the C3 zone as a redevelopment zone.

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16. Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2021 and the December 15, 2021 regular meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 AND THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 REGULAR MEETINGS, COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

17. CITIZENS FORUM

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Esther Lum – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

18. City Administrator Updates.

Ms. Reyer provided the following updates:

- Arbor Day was a success with 45 registering as attendees
- There was a small garage fire in the Valley and fortunately there were no injuries
- Trash Bash scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 8 am to noon
- Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10 am to noon

19. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Councilmember Raymaker thanked the Civic Club for their work on the Arbor Day event.

Councilmember McLeod shared that residents interested in participating in the community garage sale would need to sign up.

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Mayor Wheeler asked residents to take advantage of the community events and asked that residents volunteer or attend as many events as possible to spend time with neighbors, City staff, police officers, and local and state representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public notice is given that the City Council may elect to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this Agenda. Prior to any such closed session, the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the Section or Sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that Council would move into executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Executive Session – According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- i) Government Code Sec. §551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Pending Litigation.
 - Use of Tennis Courts at the Park
- a) Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

Mayor Wheeler reconvened the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. and stated for the record that no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. The Council may retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

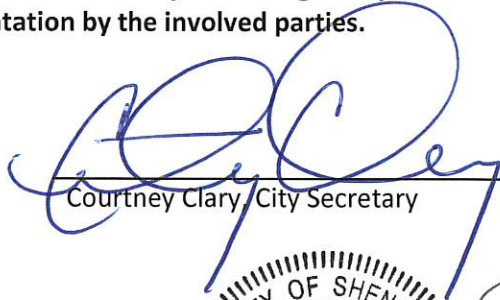
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Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or receive a presentation by the involved parties.

SUBMITTED BY:



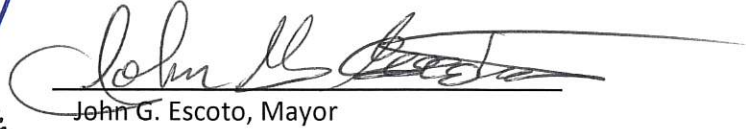
Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:



05/25/2022





John G. Escoto, Mayor