

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 27, 2022

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John G. Escoto at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Pollard, 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 Troye Dunlap, CVB Director John Mayner, IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CALL OF ROLL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

John Bleyl gave the invocation.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Responses to inquiries are limited by state law to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision by Council shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

Charlie Ballmer – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. Presentation of the monthly MDD report.

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

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Montgomery County Emergency Communication District budget.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTGOMERY

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COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BUDGET, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a change order for the ACP replacement project.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE ACP REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE REQUEST THAT MDD PAY 70% OF THE COST, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

9. Discussion regarding the 2022 – 2023 Budget.

Ms. Wasner stated that the departments up for discussion were Police, Public Works, Pool, Parks, Technology, Water & Sewer Fund, and Utility Billing. Ms. Wasner then went through each department updates.

Councilmember McLeod requested a GL for K9 expenses in the police department budget.

Councilmember Bradt requested that staff look into license plate readers for the police department.

10. Discussion and possible action to accept excess collections for 2021 debt service and certification for debt service collection rate for 2022/2023.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT EXCESS COLLECTIONS FOR 2021 DEBT SERVICE AND CERTIFICATION FOR DEBT SERVICE COLLECTION RATE FOR 2022/2023, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

11. Discussion and possible action to ratify the accounts payable for June, 2022.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO RATIFY THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JUNE 2022, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

12. City Attorney updates.

- Frank Powell update

Mr. Ferebee stated he had no updates.

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13. City Administrator updates – Monthly Reports.

- In response to a question at the previous meeting regarding a check for expenses to Liberty Litigation, Ms. Reyer stated that the check was to cover expenses for a lawsuit that would be submitted to TMLIRP for reimbursement to the city
- The trailer parked at a residence on Shenandoah Drive was expected to be removed no later than July 31st

14. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042, the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

Councilmember Fletcher inquired about whether staff had received details on the recent county approvals to charge back for services that the county provides to municipalities and added that the Woodlands Township was not included because the Woodlands is a township rather than a city. Ms. Wasner stated that she had not received any information but would look into it.

Councilmember Fletcher shared an update regarding the civil suit filed against his wife by attorney Frank Powell for a comment she made on a social media post. He provided comments made by the judge that ruled on the case and stated that the judge granted the motion to dismiss.

Councilmember Pollard shared that a resident requested Council to leave things as they were with the police department stating that SPD was doing a wonderful job enforcing the laws and removing criminals off the streets. Councilmember Pollard thanked Chief of Police Troye Dunlap for a job well done.

Councilmember McLeod asked residents to be mindful of children waiting at bus stops and walking to school due to upcoming start dates for students.

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Mayor Escoto shared that a Shenandoah officer was recently recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) organization. Chief Dunlap stated that officers with the most DWI arrests from different agencies are recognized every year and that Officer Behravan was recognized.

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 Escoto stated for the record that Council would move into executive session at 7:57 p.m.

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

- i) Government Code Sec. §551.074. Personnel Matters
 - City Administrator Evaluation
- ii) Government Code Sec. §. 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
 - Malaga Forest
 - Land Swap
 - LifeTime Fitness / Mill Creek PILOT Agreement
 - Water/Sewer CCN

Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

Mayor Escoto reconvened the regular meeting at 10:04 p.m. and stated for the record that no action was taken in executive session.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS PAY AT 3%, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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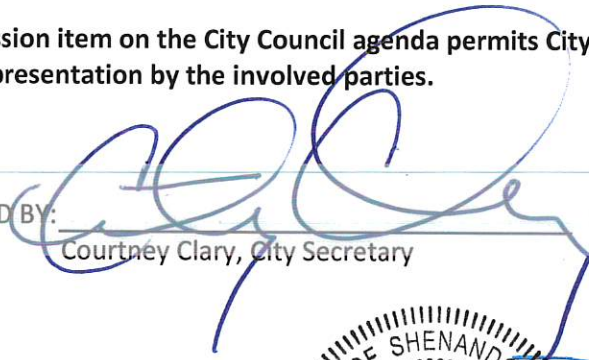
There being no further business, Mayor Escoto adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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.

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:

09/14/2022




John G. Escoto, Mayor