

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 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 McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, 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](#)

Marion Crosby – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. Presentation of the monthly MDD report.

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

7. Presentation of a proclamation designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

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8. Presentation of a proclamation designating June 10, 2022 date as William C. Ferebee Day.

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

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

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INCREASING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ABOVE 20%.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INCREASING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ABOVE 20%, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

10. Discussion and possible action to cast a vote for the MCECD Board of Managers nominee.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO CAST A VOTE TO APPOINT KATHIE REYER TO THE MCECD BOARD OF MANAGERS, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve a technology purchase from equipment replacement.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE AMOTION TO APPROVE A TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE FROM EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AS PRESENTED, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

12. Public Hearing regarding the 2022-2023 fiscal year operating budget.

Mayor Escoto opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

To view citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Mayor Escoto closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN

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OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

14. Consider, adopt, and set by Order/Resolution the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation, \$0.0082/\$100.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND SET BY ORDER/RESOLUTION THE 2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION, \$0.0082/\$100, COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

15. Consider, adopt, and set by Order/Resolution the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service, \$0.1395/\$100.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND SET BY ORDER/RESOLUTION THE 2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE, \$0.1395/\$100, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

16. Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes of the June 22, 2022 and the July 13, 2022 regular meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2022 AND THE JULY 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETINGS, COUNCILMEMBER BRADT SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

17. Discussion and possible action to ratify the accounts payable for July, 2022.

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

18. City Attorney updates.

Mr. Ferebee stated he had no updates but shared his appreciate to Council for the proclamation regarding his years of service as an attorney.

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19. City Administrator updates – Monthly Reports.

- The wetlands permit for David Memorial Drive had been received
- Holly Hill Park would officially open on September 1, 2022

20. 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 Pollard stated that was pleased with the process and progress of the tax rate, and that he appreciated Ms. Wasner's thorough approach, the leadership at the City, and the staff for their hard work.

Councilmember McLeod stated that he would like to review the budget amendment process.

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 8:02 p.m.

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

- i) Government Code Sec. §. 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
 - Certificate of Convenience and Necessity
- ii) Government Code Sec. §. 551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Pending Litigation
 - Powell Lawsuit
- a) Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

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Mayor Escoto reconvened the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. and stated for the record that no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business, Mayor Escoto adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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.

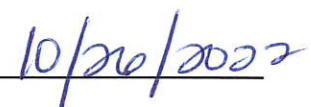
Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or receive a presentation by the involved parties.

SUBMITTED BY:



Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:



John G. Escoto, Mayor

