

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 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 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.*

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

John Samuelson – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

#### 6. Proclamation designating Gladys McKissick Day.

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

#### 7. Proclamation supporting World Teachers' Day.

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

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS, (OR "CITY") DECLINING TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN RATES REQUESTED IN ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S ("ETI" OR "COMPANY") STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED WITH THE CITY ON AUGUST 31, 2022, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DECLINING TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN RATES REQUESTED IN ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S ("ETI" OR "COMPANY") STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED WITH THE CITY ON AUGUST 31, 2022, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the general fund surplus and reserve funds.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL FUND SURPLUS, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

10. Discussion and possible action to create a fund for the Texas Water Development Board loan.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD LOAN FUND, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Investment Policy.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT POLICY, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve purchases from the Equipment Replacement Fund and Asset Forfeiture Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASES AS PRESENTED FROM THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND AND ASSET FORFEITURE FUND, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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13. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for Vision Park Pond excavation projects.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE VISION PARK POND EXCAVATION PROJECTS TO STERLING SITE SERVICES, LLC, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve an amended agreement with Memorial Hermann Hospital.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH MEMORIAL HERMANN HOSPITAL, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHENANDOAH MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM WALLACE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHENANDOAH MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

16. Discussion regarding Halloween Safe Streets.

Ms. Reyer stated that the parade option had been well received during the 2 years that Halloween Safe Streets (HSS) was put on hold due to COVID, and that there had recently been some comments made about bringing HSS back.

Councilmember Bradt stated that he preferred Halloween Safe Streets to the parade and suggested forming a committee to determine the best option after hearing some concerns from the police department. Ms. Reyer stated that she liked the idea of a committee and suggested members with young children take part.

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17. Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2022 regular meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2022 REGULAR MEETING TO INCLUDE THE REVISIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE MEETING, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

18. City Attorney updates.

Mr. Ferebee stated he had no updates.

19. City Administrator updates.

- National Night Out event scheduled for October 3, 2022 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

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 Fletcher shared that the same gentleman suing members of City Council and staff had also filed a civil lawsuit against his wife. Councilmember Fletcher stated that the case against his wife had been dismissed.

Councilmember Pollard stated that a resident made claims about the current City Administrator's compensation. He stated that he spoke with the Finance Director for more information, and he asked that Ms. Wasner share her findings. Ms. Wasner stated that at the end of 2016 the previous administrator's compensation package was \$243,965.32. Ms. Wasner stated that if the compensation trend had continued with salary and wage increases, car allowance, incentive pay, longevity pay, retirement contributions and what the city pays in taxes, then the previous City Administrator's compensation package for 2022 would be around \$310,000, which was a difference of around \$81,000 compared to the Ms. Reyer's current compensation package.

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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.*


There being no further business, Mayor Escoto adjourned the meeting at 8:01 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.***

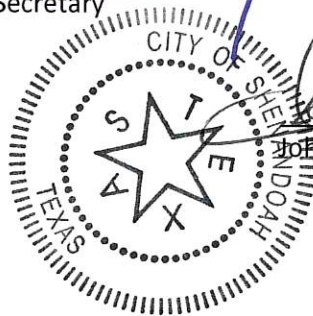
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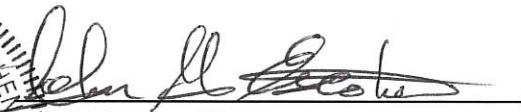
SUBMITTED BY:

  
Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

10/26/2022



  
John G. Escoto, Mayor