

May 18, 2015

On this the 18th day of May 2015 6:30 P.M., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular session in the Commission Chamber, in the City Hall, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Robert D. Josserand, Mayor
 Tom Simons, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Charlie Kerr, Commissioner Place Three
 Linda Cumpton, Commissioner, Place Four
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five
 Rick L. Hanna, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Absent: Sam Metcalf, Commissioner Place Six
 Slater C. Elza, City Attorney

John Carson from the Hereford Brand and Mike Stearns from KNNK were in attendance to witness the proceedings. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Steve Bartels, Attorney Audie Sciumbato, Cindy Simons, Captain Kirsten Williams, Officer Jean Coffin, Cecilia Garza, Mike Carr, Harold Sides, and Seletta Gholson.

Mayor Josserand voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Bunch to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. He then called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced each item on the agenda.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 1 - Consider approval of minutes for the April 6th, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 05.18.15 canvassing the May 9, 2015 Election Returns.

Mayor Josserand called upon Attorney Sciumbato to read the pertinent parts of Resolution No. 05.18.15.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.18.15

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 9, 2015.

WHEREAS, the City Commission called an Election on May 9, 2015, for the purpose of electing City Commissioner Place One for the City of Hereford, and

WHEREAS, said election was held and the election returns delivered to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, it appearing from said returns, duly and legally made, there were 43 valid and legal votes cast in the election by a total of 43 persons voting and that each of the candidates in said election received the following

number of votes, to-wit:

CITY COMMISSIONER, PLACE ONE

Jose Angel Garza, Sr. 23 votes

Joe Varela 20 votes

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
HEREFORD, TEXAS:**

That said election was duly called; notice of said election was given in accordance with law; said election was held in accordance with law; Jose Angel Garza, Sr. was duly elected to serve as **City Commissioner, Place One** of the City of Hereford and said above named party is hereby declared duly elected to said office, subject to the taking of their oath as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

It is further found and determined in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting. A copy of said posting shall be attached to this resolution and order and shall be made a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED **this the 18th day of May 2015.**

/s/ Robert D. Josserand
Robert D. Josserand, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Bunch made the motion for the acceptance of proposed Resolution No. 05.18.15. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 - Administer Oath of Office to Mayor, Commissioner Place One, and Commissioner Place Three.

Mayor Josserand administered the Oath of Office to Tom Simons (Mayor), Jose Garza (Commissioner, Place One), and Charlie Kerr (Commissioner, Place Three).

ITEM 4 - Recognize outgoing Commission member.

Mayor Simons thanked Mayor Josserand for his dutiful service to our community in more ways than will ever show up in any book. The Commissioners each expressed their gratitude for his leadership and his heart for the community; they noted he would be missed. Mayor Simons then called for a brief recess to allow the commissioners and others present to visit with Mayor Josserand and enjoy some cake in his honor. Mayor Josserand thanked the commissioners and his wife for their support and then stated it has been "a great ride."

(At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Simons called the meeting back to order.)

ITEM 5 - Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Simons thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and then opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Cumpston made the motion to nominate Commissioner Charlie Kerr to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion. Mayor Simons asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. It was moved and passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission that Charlie Kerr be elected Mayor Pro Tem by acclamation.

ITEM 6 - Consider renaming Hereford Aquatic Park to Josserand Aquatic Park.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to rename Hereford Aquatic Park to Josserand Aquatic Park. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Consider approval of road improvement project (Progressive Road from railroad tracks to entrance of ADM.)

Mayor Simons called upon City Manager Hanna to speak on this item. City Manager Hanna stated this project is near the railroad tracks at Progressive Road; the City would partner with ADM to pour concrete in order to make the repairs necessary to withstand the heavy truck traffic. He estimates the repairs to cost \$21,000.00 - \$25,000.00 with ADM contributing an additional \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Garza made the motion to approve the road improvement project. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 - Consider approval of re-appointment of Dr. Johnson as City Health Authority.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to re-appoint Dr. Johnson as the City of Hereford's Health Authority. Commissioner Cumpston seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider approval of Unity Wind Easement.

City Manager Hanna noted this easement is two and one-half miles long and one hundred fifty feet wide. He stated the option and easement price is twenty-five cents per linear foot for a two-year option and twenty dollars per linear foot for easement for the transmission line.

Mayor Simons invited Harold Sides to speak on this item. Mr. Sides noted this is a "unique project"; landowners will all participate whether or not turbines are placed, they will receive revenue.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the Unity Wind easement. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 - Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the acquisition of water rights from Rudolfo Carrasco.

City Manager Hanna stated we have the chance to acquire forty-eight acres adjacent to the existing Coneway Well Field that could be used to drill three

wells to supplement the Southwest Station. He noted the price is \$1,100.00 per acre which is in line with what we have been giving for water rights only. City Manager Hanna asked for permission to proceed with the purchase.

Commissioner Kerr made the motion to authorize City Manager Hanna to proceed with the acquisition of the water rights from Rudolfo Carrasco. Commissioner Cumpton seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 11 - Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the sale of approximately four acres of City property to Southwestern Public Service for the construction of a new substation.

City Manager Hanna stated SPS has outgrown its Centre Street Station and is looking for a place to rebuild. He noted they are looking at approximately four acres of city land at a price of \$8000.00 per acre. City Manager Hanna noted our neighbors, the Hereford Church of the Nazarene, are not opposed to the substation as long as it is not placed near an existing playground that is located on the south side of their property.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to allow the city manager to proceed with the sale. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 12 - Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Kerr welcomed the new mayor, noting it will be an adventure serving with him. Commissioner Alonzo stated Mayor Simons did a great job with the County and will no doubt do the same with the City. Commissioner Cumpton stated she appreciated him; Commissioner Garza thanked him for his years of service to the community; and Commissioner Bunch stated she was glad he was here.

ITEM 13 - Announcements and comments from City Staff.

Captain Williams welcomed the new mayor as did City Manager Hanna.

ITEM 14 - Public Comments.

Mrs. Garza also welcomed him to City Hall.

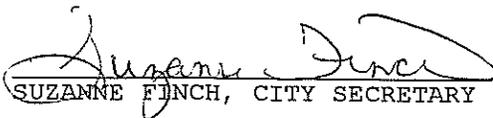
There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED:



TOM SIMONS, MAYOR
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

ATTEST:



SUZANNE FINCH, CITY SECRETARY