

January 18, 2021

On this the 18th day of January, 2021 at 5:24 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a special telephonic session the meeting being open to the public via a toll-free number and access code provided on the agenda and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code in accordance with Governor Abbott's March 16, 2020 requirements to permit open meetings to occur in a fully virtual setting to avoid further spread of the contagion, with the following members being in attendance, to-wit:

Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two (via telephone)
 Mark Collier, Commissioner, Place Four (via telephone)
 Cathy Bunch, Commissioner Place Five (in person)
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six (via telephone)
 Steve Bartels, Interim City Manager (via telephone)
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary (in person)
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney (in person)

Absent: Tom Simons, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three

No one from the media was in attendance to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance in person were Fire Marshal/EMC Dean Turney and Captain Kirsten Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Bunch voiced the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Bunch then called upon Commissioner Alonzo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She 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 December 14th, 2020 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to approve the December 14th, 2020 minutes as presented. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of Order and Notice for the City Officers' Election set for May 1, 2021. (*Considerere aprobacion de Orden y Aviso de Eleccion de los Oficiales de la Ciudad para el 1 de mayo de 2021.*)

Interim City Manager Bartels stated this item calls the election for Place One, Place Three, and Mayor; he noted filing began January 13th and ends February 12th.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve the Order and Notice of Election. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Collier stated he received a phone call regarding blowing construction trash near the new Civic Center and asked if it was possible to have the debris cleaned up around the neighboring fence lines. Interim City Manager Bartels stated he would have city workers clean up the area.

Commissioner Collier brought up another item regarding a zoning question. The group stated the definition of a single-family dwelling had been brought up before and they shared information with him that had been given to them previously. City Attorney Sciumbato advised this section is for comment only and if the Commission would like to discuss this it would need to be placed on a future agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Bunch asked the group to continue to keep Mayor Simons in their prayers.

ITEM 4 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

Interim City Manager Bartels stated the water line for the new well field is approximately two-thirds to three-fourths complete. He thanked the commissioners for their attendance.

Fire Marshal/EMC Turney reported on COVID-19 noting the average daily count is down, the number of fatalities is up, and he commented on the status of the distribution/availability of the vaccines.

ITEM 5 – Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:43 p. m.