

May 10, 2021

On this the 10th day of May, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a special session in the Commission Chamber in 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:

Tom Simons, Mayor
 Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Jose A. Garza, Commissioner Place One
 Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner, Place Four
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Jim Steiert was in attendance from the Hereford Brand and Lane Formby from KPAN to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Cindy Simons, Kevin Bunch, Franchesca Jimenez, Charlie Kerr, Jacob Larra, Linda Cumpton, Dean Turney, Johnny Torres, Wade Hawkins, and Carlos Luna.

Mayor Simons voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Garza to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. He 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 19th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of Resolution No. 05.10.21 Canvassing the May 1, 2021 Election Returns.

Mayor Simons stated he has the envelope with the returns and they are as follows: Reyna Rita Ruiz ten votes and Jose Angel Garza, Sr. six votes; Ms. Ruiz being elected to serve as City Commissioner Place One.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.10.21

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, the City Commission called an Election on January 18th, 2021 to be held May 1st, 2021 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 16 valid and legal votes cast in the election by a total of 16 persons voting and that each of the candidates in said election received the following number of votes, to-wit:

CITY COMMISSIONER, PLACE ONE

Reyna Rita Ruiz	<u>10</u>	votes
Jose Angel Garza, Sr.	<u>6</u>	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; **Reyna Rita Ruiz** 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 10th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Tom Simons
Tom Simons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve Resolution No. 05.10.21 canvassing the May 1st, 2021 Election returns. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Mayor Simons swore in Reyna Ruiz (Place One) and Clint Savoini (Place Three) first as commissioners. Mayor Simons then administered the oath of office to Cathy Bunch (Mayor).

ITEM 4 – Recognize outgoing city officials.

Mayor Bunch stated as her first official duty she is proud to recognize Jose Garza for his twelve years of service on the City Commission and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Commissioner Garza stated Hereford is a wonderful city to work for; he noted he worked with a bunch of wonderful people; and, he congratulated Commissioner Ruiz.

Mayor Bunch went over Mayor Simons' accomplishments during his time with the city and thanked him for his sense of humor that always put everyone at ease. She presented him with a plaque.

City Manager Bartels presented Mayor Simons with a handmade shadow box that displayed the city logo, years of service as mayor, and his mayoral gavel and block.

Mayor Simons stated he appreciated the city staff and city attorney and also recognized Charlie Kerr and Linda Cumpston that were in the audience and had previously served on the City Commission. He noted Hereford is a great community to live in and thanked the group for the memories, plaque, and shadow box.

ITEM 5 – Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Bunch opened the floor for nominations for the position of mayor pro tem. Commissioner Alonzo nominated Rocky Bhakta. Commissioner Collier nominated Clint Savoini. City Attorney Sciumbato pointed out neither of the nominations had been seconded. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the nomination for Rocky Bhakta. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the nomination for Clint Savoini.

Mayor Bunch stated she would entertain a vote. The vote was as follows: Commissioner Ruiz voted – aye for Rocky Bhakta; Commissioner Alonzo voted – aye for Rocky Bhakta; Commissioner Savoini – abstained; Commissioner Collier – voted no; Commissioner Bhakta – abstained; and Mayor Bunch – abstained.

Mayor Bunch welcomed Rocky Bhakta as the new mayor pro tem.

ITEM 6 - Consider Ordinance No. 05.10.21 amending Hereford Code of Ordinances Sections 3.03.001, 3.04.031, 3.05.031, 3.06.001, 3.07.001, 3.08.001, 3.09.001, 03.16.001 and 5.03.001 related to adopting the current 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code and current 2018 editions of the International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, Existing Building Code and the International Fire Code related to buildings and building regulations; amending permit fee schedules; and providing an effective date for such amendments.

Mayor Bunch read the caption:

ORDINANCE NO. 05.10.21

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HEREFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS
3.03.001, 3.04.031, 3.05.031, 3.06.001, 3.07.001, 3.08.001,**

3.09.001, 03.16.001 AND 5.03.001 RELATED TO ADOPTING THE CURRENT 2020 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND CURRENT 2018 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE RELATED TO BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; AMENDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH AMENDMENTS.

Fire Marshal Turney stated he is requesting the City Commission adopt new codes as it is required the codes be kept current (within 5 years of the latest codes available) in order for our ISO rating to remain as low as possible. He stated there were no big changes; mostly a continuation of the previous codes; a \$25 fee was added for a fire inspection of a commercial facility.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 05.10.21. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

HEDC Executive Director Hawkins reported on the following:

- Caviness staffing update
- Conveyor Video update
- Bureau Veritas
- Ethos IQ
- Love's – possible expansion
- Ancillary business – help beef/cattle industry
- Renewable energy
- Warehouse/manufacturing facility
- Restaurants

ITEM 8 - Consider approval of new board member to fill vacancy on the Hereford Economic Development Corporation Board.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to appoint Phillip Kahlich to fill the unexpired term of Rocky Favila on the Hereford Economic Development Corporation Board. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider approval of re-appointments to the City's Plumbing and Mechanical Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to re-appoint Robert Estrada, Jesse Martinez, and Frank Bravo to serve another four-year term on the City of Hereford's Plumbing and Mechanical Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo congratulated Cathy Bunch and Reyna Ruiz.

Mayor Bunch thanked Commissioner Bhakta for his willingness to serve as mayor pro tem.

Mayor Bunch noted the vacancy for place five will be advertised in May and then will be on the next agenda to fill.

Mayor Bunch encouraged the commissioners to attend the Bureau Veritas presentation.

ITEM 11 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels congratulated Mayor Bunch and Commissioner Ruiz.

He stated the Texas Junior Angler Community Fishing Event will be held this coming Saturday.

ITEM 12 – Public Comments.

Former city commissioner, Charlie Kerr, congratulated Mayor Bunch and Commissioner Ruiz and thanked all the City Commission for giving their time and effort to watch over our city.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 p. m.