

On this the 21st day of March, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular 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:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Jim Steiert was in attendance from the Hereford Brand to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager/Fire Marshal Dean Turney, Police Lieutenant Landon Swan, Public Works Director Johnny Torres, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Patrol Officer Sky Holcombe, and Steven Cortez.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Stow 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 February 7th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 – Consider approval of minutes for the March 2nd, 2022 Special Meeting.

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

(Mayor Bunch opened the public hearing at approximately 6:32 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 3 Hear public comments regarding the renewal of juvenile curfew ordinance.

Lt. Swan spoke in favor of the juvenile curfew ordinance; stating it keeps kids away from the criminal elements and the community safe.

(Mayor Bunch closed the public hearing at approximately 6:35 p.m.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 - Consider abolishing, continuing, or modifying Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No. 1415.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to continue Ordinance No. 1415 and leave the juvenile curfew "as is". Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 5 – Consider approval of Ordinance No. 03.21.22 establishing a Golf Course Advisory Board; providing that it shall have five members; establishing the qualifications of the members and how they are appointed and replaced; setting minimum requirements for the board's by-laws; and setting forth the duties of the board.

ORDINANCE NO. 03.21.22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING THAT IT SHALL HAVE FIVE MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS AND HOW THEY ARE APPOINTED AND REPLACED; SETTING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOARD'S BY-LAWS; AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Savoini suggested including the golf pro at the Golf Course Advisory Board meetings like we include the airport manager in the Hereford Municipal Airport Board meetings. City Manager Bartels agreed this was a good idea as the boards will be very similar.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03.21.22 establishing a Golf Course Advisory Board. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 – Consider approval of appointment of members to the Golf Course Advisory Board.

Commissioner Alonzo made the motion to approve the appointment of Charlene Sanders, Phillip Kahlich, Rocky Bhakta, Jamie Lewellen, and Joe Kerr. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 – Consider approval of Ordinance No. 03.21.22A declaring unopposed candidates in the May 7th, 2022 City Officers' Election elected to office and cancelling the election. *(Considerar aprobacion de Ordenanza No. 03.21.22A que declara a Candidatos sin oposicion en el 7 de mayo de 2022 Oficiales de la Ciudad la eleccion, eligido a la oficina y cancelar la eleccion.)*

Mayor Bunch stated there are no opposed candidates.

ORDINANCE NO. 3.21.22A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS DECLARING ANGIE ALONZO ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER PLACE TWO OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, DECLARING MARK COLLIER ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER PLACE FOUR OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, DECLARING JAMES STOW ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER PLACE FIVE (AT-LARGE) OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS AND DECLARING ROCKY BHAKTA ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER PLACE SIX (AT-LARGE) OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS AND CANCELING THE MAY 7, 2022 CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS OFFICERS' ELECTION

ORDINANZA NO. 03.21.22A

UNA ORDINANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS, DECLARANDO ANGIE ALONZO ELEJIDA A LA OFICINA DE COMISIONADO, LUGAR DOS DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS, DECLARANDO MARK COLLIER ELEJIDA A LA OFICINA DE COMISIONADO, LUGAR CUATRO DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS, DECLARANDO JAMES STOW ELEJIDA A LA OFICINA DE COMISIONADO, LUGAR CINCO (EN EL LUGAR GRANDE) DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS, Y DECLARANDO ROCKY BHAKTA ELEJIDO A LA OFICINA DE COMISIONADO, LUGAR SEIS (EN EL LUGAR GRANDE) DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS Y CANCELANDO LA ELECCIÓN DE OFICIALES DE TEXAS EL DIA 7 DE MAYO DE 2022 DE LA CIUDAD DE HEREFORD, TEXAS

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to cancel the election. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 – Discuss and consider petition for Local Option Election to legalize “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” (Marisela Nanez filed the petition with the city secretary February 22, 2022.)

Mayor Bunch advised Marisela Nanez timely filed the petition; but there were not enough signatures on the petition to put it on the ballot.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to take no action on the petition as presented. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Alonzo encouraged the city to work on getting more volunteers for the Hereford Fire Department.

Mayor Bunch agreed we need volunteers and would appreciate the city working on getting the word out.

She thanked the City Commission for their willingness to serve and stated she appreciated their diversity and their willingness to be like-minded.

Everyone expressed appreciation for Mayor Bunch.

Mayor Bunch noted new playground equipment has been ordered for Avenue H and Veterans.

ITEM 10 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels thanked the City Commissioners and Mayor Bunch. He reported on the progress of the asbestos removal at the old community center building, noting the demolition is scheduled to begin next week.

ITEM 11 – Public Comments.

Steven Cortez stated he lives in the 600 block of Avenue J. He inquired about the noise ordinance asking if the area could be patrolled more often as the kids are revving up their motorcycles and it is really loud. Mr. Cortez inquired about the possibility of draining the aquatic center pond and cleaning it. He also asked about tagging vehicles that have been on the streets for a long time.

Mr. Cortez thanked the Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department.

City Manager Bartels stated the city had looked at draining and cleaning out portions of the pond, especially the north side to help the looks as well as the water quality.

Lt. Swan advised we have lots of junked vehicles; however, there are now two parts to the test – registration must be expired and the vehicle must not be in working condition which is hard to prove short of asking the owner. City Manager Bartels agreed the laws makes it difficult to classify many of the vehicles as junked.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.