

On this the 16th day of May, 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
 Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six

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

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager/Fire Marshal Dean Turney, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Valerie Rocha, Carlos Rocha, Agustin Rodriguez, Rosa Rodriguez, Anna Barrera, Jesus R. Gonzalez, and Connie Urbanczyk.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Ruiz 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 HEARING:

ITEM 1 – Consider approval of minutes for the April 18th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

ITEM 2 – Swear in re-elected city officials (Commissioner Place Two, Commissioner Place Four, Commissioner Place Five, and Commissioner Place Six).

Mayor Bunch called upon City Secretary Finch to administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Alonzo, Commissioner Collier, and Commissioner Stow.

ITEM 3 - Elect Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to elect Commissioner Savoini to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Consider approval (Ordinance No. 04.18.22A) of request to rezone property located at Country Club & S. Lane from "R-1" Single Family District to "MF" Multi-Family, Apartment and Condominium District. (Requested by Jesus R. Gonzalez)

ORDINANCE NO. 04.18.22A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT TO "MF" MULTI-FAMILY, APARTMENT AND CONDOMINIUM DISTRICT

Mrs. Urbanczyk presented a protest and noted they are opposed to the rezoning as they feel it would devalue their property.

City Attorney Sciumbato explained the zoning ordinance rules as they relate to the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board regarding when a mere majority vote is required and when a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote (6 of 7) of commission is required.

Assistant Manager Turney answered questions regarding spacing and setbacks noting the property is not large enough for apartments, but would accommodate two duplexes or it could be divided into four houses if the owner so desired.

Mr. Jesus Gonzalez, owner of the property, gave a little bit of his personal background and assured those present that he would adhere to all applicable laws and the duplexes would be nice like the ones across from Wal-Mart and would rent for approximately \$1,100.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone property located at Country Club & S. Lane from "R-1" Single Family District to "MF" Multi-Family, Apartment and Condominium District . Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote of the Commission: Mayor Bunch – aye; Commissioner Alonzo – nay; Commissioner Ruiz – aye; Commissioner Savoini – aye; Commissioner Collier – aye; and Commissioner Stow – nay.

ITEM 5 – Consider approval (Ordinance No. 04.18.22C) of request to rezone property located at 108 Obregon from "MF" Multi-Family, Apartment and Condominium District to "MH" Mobile Home District. (Requested by Norman D. Bartlett)

ORDINANCE NO. 04.18.22C

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "MF" MULTI-FAMILY, APARTMENT AND CONDOMINIUM DISTRICT TO "MH" MOBILE HOME DISTRICT

Valerie and Carlos Rocha spoke noting they are just trying to be able to use the land to put a mobile home on to have a place to live and to do it the correct way noting they went to their immediate neighbors to the left and right of them and asked.

Mrs. Rosa Rodriguez voiced opposition for the rezoning stating they had lived there for forty years noting there are trailers behind their house but no trailers in front of her house.

Ms. Anna Barrera questioned why a request in the early to mid-2000's by Melissa Soliz was declined when that trailer was a lot newer than the one that is being requested today for this rezoning.

Mayor Bunch stated the Planning and Zoning Commission sends out notices of their meetings to the neighbors nearby and takes their concerns if any into consideration when they make their recommendations to the City Commission.

Ms. Anna Barrera stated that could have been the difference - neighbors may have opposed the rezoning back then.

Commissioner Collier made the motion to rezone property located at 108 Obregon from "MF" Multi-Family, Apartment and Condominium District to "MH" Mobile Home District. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote of the Commission: Mayor Bunch – aye; Commissioner Alonzo – nay; Commissioner Ruiz – aye; Commissioner Savoini – aye; Commissioner Collier – aye; and Commissioner Stow – aye.

ITEM 6 – Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Interim HEDC Executive Director Hawkins reported on the following:

- Whiteface Aviation – board tabled, will address again at meeting in June
- Dr. Sturgeuss / working to finalize agreement

ITEM 7 – Consider approval of grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their regular meeting on May 3rd, 2022. (Requested by Marisela Nanez owner Unique Boutique)

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the grant application approved by the Hereford Beautification Advisory Board at their regular meeting on May 3rd, 2022 requested by Marisela Nanez, owner Unique Boutique. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 – Consider approval of by-laws adopted by the Golf Course Advisory Board.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve the by-laws adopted by the Golf Course Advisory Board. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

Mayor Bunch thanked the public for coming to the meeting, noting in the 11-12 years she has served she has never had so many people in attendance. She noted the playground equipment is here for Avenue H and Veterans Park. Mayor Bunch stated the golf course is on the way up with lots of employees and volunteers working to get it playable, it will re-open May 28th.

ITEM 10 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels noted it has been two weeks since the hail storm and we had damage to every city-owned building except the new civic center and we are working to get everything put back as it was – maybe even better.

ITEM 11 – Public Comments.

Jim Steiert inquired about the process and the progress of cleaning out the aquatic pond. City Manager Bartels gave a brief overview of what had been done and why.

Anna Barrera inquired about what damages the courthouse had sustained. Mr. Steiert reported it sustained damages to the roof and a lot of the windows were broken; the county is talking with a firm that specializes in restoration.

There being no further business before the Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Alonzo, seconded by Commissioner Collier, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.