

MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
VIDEOCONFERENCE
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the City Council held by videoconference was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Miner announced the meeting is a Joint Meeting between the City Council and WEDC and that the live stream of the video will appear on the City Council Meeting and upon conclusion of the meeting the video will be available on both meetings.

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Art Miner

Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 2, Tom Snyder

Council Member Place 1, Danielle Tucker (Absent without Notice – Oath not taken)

Council Member Place 3, Lovie Downey

Council Member Place 4, Andrew Neal

Council Member Place 5, Juanita King (Absent with Notice)

Council Member Place 6, Mark Taylor

Council Member Place 7, Jan Hill

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/ City Secretary

George Hyde, City Attorney

Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/ PIO

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Miner called for Public Comment. Request to Speak forms were not received and no individuals desiring to provide public comment were present on the videoconference.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Miner called for Public Testimony. Request to Speak forms were not received and no individuals desiring to provide public testimony were present on the videoconference.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discuss and consider action to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for economic development training for leaders, elected and appointed officials**

Andrea Gardner provided an overview of the item to Council and stated that City staff recommended approval.

Mayor Miner called for questions from the City Council.

Council Member Taylor asked the City Attorney which entity should act first since the meeting is a Joint Meeting with the WEDC. The City Attorney replied that Council acts first to authorize the expenditure of the Corporation and then the WEDC will take action to approve the agreement and authorize the expenditure.

Mayor Miner sought further clarification from the City Attorney. The City Attorney provided the clarification and the City Manager explained that the agreement will be revised to include the City as a party.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to authorize the expenditure of the City and WEDC and authorize the contract to be executed for the mandatory training for City Council, WEDC Board and Planning & Zoning Commissioners.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder seconded the motion made by Council Member Taylor.

Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote by show of right hand to approve the motion as presented.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tucker and King

2. Consider action to approve a WEDC expenditure to contract with Lift Creations for the development and maintenance of the Watauga EDC website

Andrea Gardner provided an overview of the item to Council and stated that the WEDC Board directed her to move forward with a contract between the WEDC and Lift Creations during the December 2020 WEDC Meeting and City staff recommended approval.

Mayor Miner called for questions from the City Council.

Council Member Taylor sought clarification from Ms. Gardner regarding the cost. The clarification was provided that the \$7,500 fee would be charged one time unless a redesign was requested. The \$250 maintenance fee will be monthly.

With there being no further questions from the Council, Mayor Miner called for a motion.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to authorize the expenditure with Lift Creations for

the development and maintenance of the WEDC website. Motion seconded by Council Member Hill.

Mayor Miner called for additional discussion with Council Member Neal inquiring about the volume of updates and analytics availability. Ms. Gardner addressed the question with no limits were placed on updates and analytics will be provided.

As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote by show of right hand.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Tucker and King

3. Discuss and Consider action to direct the selection of and authorize the City Manager to cast the City's 2021/2022 Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) Board Ballot

Mayor Miner stated the item is for Council discussion and action only. The Mayor also stated he provided his recommendations to the City Council.

Mayor Miner called for questions from the City Council.

Hearing no questions, the Mayor called for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to approve the item as presented.

Council Member Downey seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote by show of right hand.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Tucker and King

EXECUTIVE SESSION / MEETING

Mayor Miner recessed the Special Council meeting at 6:42 p.m. after announcing to viewers that the WEDC Board Members would be participating in a Joint Executive Session with the City Council for Executive Session Items 1 and 2 only. The WEDC Board would then return to Open Session to conclude the WEDC Special Meeting.

The City Council will recess regular session and convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 which allows for the following:

1. § 551.071 and § 551.087 Deliberate upon and consult with the City Attorney on economic development negotiations for Smiley Transportation.
2. § 551.071 to deliberate upon and consult with the City Attorney regarding harassment protections afforded to those serving the city.
3. § 551.071 Deliberate upon and consult with the City Attorney on upcoming election matters for the May 2021 General Election and related City Charter provisions.
4. § 551.071 and § 551.072 to deliberate, seek legal advice and direct staff regarding the conveyance of real property located at 6050 Browning Blvd. Haltom City, TX 76148.
5. § 551.071 deliberate upon, seek legal advice from the City Attorney and direct staff regarding sales tax allocation related to property located at Bursey Road and Rufe Snow Drive, North Richland Hills, TX.

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

1. **Discuss and Consider action on a resolution designating City representatives to manage and address harassment in the workplace complaint by appointed officials, and board and committee members of the city. (EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 2)**

Mayor Miner called for a motion.

Council Member Neal made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Council Member Hill seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote by show of right hand.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tucker and King

The Mayor then recalled Item 3 from the Executive Session Agenda:

2. § 551.071 Deliberate upon and consult with the City Attorney on upcoming election matters for the May 2021 General Election and related City Charter provisions. (EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 3)

Mayor Miner recommended a resolution to consider having two regular meetings monthly.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the motion.

Mayor called for a vote by a show of right hand.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tucker and King

ADJOURNMENT

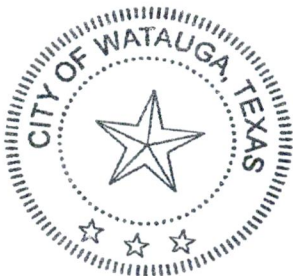
Mayor Miner adjourned the videoconference at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

this 11TH day of JAN , 2021

SIGNED:

this 1ST day of FEB , 2021



APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/
Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:
Andrea Gardner /s/
Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

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