

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
March 2, 2020 – 6:30 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
Charles D. Turner (presiding)	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Fuller	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vacancy	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Council Member, At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Fortenberry	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Erica Bruce	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Staff present:

City Manager Bo Thomas
 City Engineer Miles Whitney
 City Secretary Lydia Lopez
 Community Development Director Tracy Lankford
 Finance Director Lee Garcia
 Fire Chief Lance Bracco
 General Service Director Scott Coleman
 Human Resource Generalist Jessica Higgins
 Library Director Waynette Ditto
 Police Chief Jim Devlin
 Utilities Director Kevin Reinke

WORKSHOP MEETING – 6:30 PM

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
ALL PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
- BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY CHARTER.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that City Attorney Mike Dixon provided a memo dated February 20, 2020, in their packet addressing the questions raised at the last Workshop of February 17, 2020. Mr. Thomas deferred discussion and presentation to City Attorney Mike Dixon. Mr. Dixon began the discussion by asking whether there were any questions regarding any of the proposed provisions or propositions presented. Mr. Dixon summarized recommended propositions and reasoning behind his recommendations. General discussion was held concerning majority vote versus plurality vote. Mr. Thomas responded that Council could allow for citizen input in a number of ways to include the following: 1) appointment of a charter review commission to review recommended propositions and provide feedback;

2) conduct public hearings; 3) place recommended propositions on the website and provide copies to citizens upon request.

3. Adjourn.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the workshop meeting at 6:57 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.

ALL PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE LIFE-SAVING AWARD BY FIRE CHIEF LANCE BRACCO.** Fire Chief Lance Bracco presented award to C-shift firefighters: Captain Cody Richardson, Corey LeBourgeois, Marco Lozano, Enrique Rocha, and Brad Langford for a CPR life-saving procedure to an individual at the Hewitt Walmart on November 3, 2019.

4. **HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. Betty Orton, appeared to request the Council provide information on the proposed propositions regarding amendments to the City Charter and that public hearings be held to allow for public comment.

5. **Briefing and discussion concerning upcoming events:** (Presented by Police Chief Jim Devlin and Library Director Waynette Ditto)

- Citizen's Police Academy 2020 – February 18, 2020 thru April 28, 2020
- March 21, 2020 – Hop into the Hewitt Public Library Spring Event – March 21, 2020

6. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2020.**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 7. CONDUCT INTERVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented prospective applicant Mrs. Betty Jean Smith for service on the Library Board of Directors.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the appointment of Betty J. Smith as a member on the Library Board for a term ending in December 2021.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 8. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD.** City Secretary Lydia Lopez administered the oath of office to the Mrs. Betty J. Smith to the Library Board.
- 9. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE TO REPAIR THE HEWITT PARK PLAYGROUND POUR IN PLACE SURFACE SYSTEM FROM ROBERTSON RECREATIONAL SURFACES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$34,357.50.** City Manager Bo Thomas prefaced the discussion with a summary of why this item was being brought back for Council consideration. He stated that it was brought to the attention of staff that the local Kiwanis Club provided a \$20,000 donation intended to make the playground surface accessible to children with disabilities. The rubber mulch previously approved at the last meeting would not meet those requirements; therefore, this item would rectify the concerns with the surface and repair it to its original condition. General discussion was held concerning whether there was a written agreement with regards to the purpose of the donation and the binding of future councils.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval to authorize the purchase of the TotTurf ReNew Re-Top from Robertson Recreational Surfaces for a total amount of \$34,357.50.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT SERVER AND INSIGHT SOFTWARE FOR THE HEWITT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING VIDEO CAMERA TO BE INSTALLED BY EXTRACO TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,646.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. General discussion was held concerning backup and recovering data.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of the purchase of (1) Dell r230XL 20TB Storage service with a three year warranty- (24) Video Insight Software Licenses and the installation by Extraco Technology in an amount of \$11,646.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Charlie Turner recessed the Regular Meeting to convene the following Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Council will convene into Executive Session in accordance with the following provisions: A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate regarding Economic Development negotiations.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to recess the Regular Session and convene the Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to reconvene the Regular Session 8:06 PM and adjourn the Executive Session.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

12. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

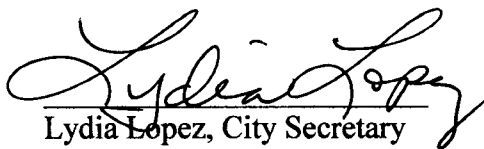
NAYES: None

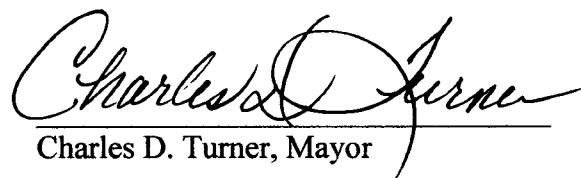
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 03-16-2020

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor