

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
June 17, 2019 – 6:30 PM/7:00 PM**

Members present: Mayor Charlie Turner (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Council Members Matthew Mevis, Steve Fortenberry, Erica Bruce, and Michael S. Bancale (incoming)

Member absent: Council Member Bill Fuller

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, City Engineer Miles Whitney, City Attorney Mike Dixon, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Managing Director Katie Allgood, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Library Director Waynette Ditto and Utilities Director Kevin Reinke

WORKSHOP MEETING – 6:30 PM

1. Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Briefing and discussion from Parks & Beautification Board concerning Parks & Beautification Master Plan.
Veronica Molina, Vice Chair, recognized Board members Tom Hernandez, Jerry Snider, and Ann Schiltz. She presented the Board’s current initiatives as follow:
 - Parks Master Plan Update
 - Park Expansions/Maintenance/Citizen Requests
 - Keep Hewitt Beautiful
 - Recycling Initiative
 - Balancing revenue stream opportunities with citizen usage/availability

Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf asked how many surveys were taken and how many weddings were held at Warren Park. Managing Director Katie Allgood stated that she did not have the actual number of weddings available but estimated about five to ten.

Mayor Charlie Turner advised that there were a number of stock tanks located on the Glaze Park property.

Council Member Erica Bruce inquired if the board had received any grants. Managing Director Katie Allgood responded that being an affiliate with Keep Waco Beautiful would open up more opportunities for grants in that the City usually does not meet the threshold for those grants offered through Texas Department of Wildlife. She also mentioned that local businesses have committed to donate funds for various projects.

Council Member Steve Fortenberry noted that there was a lot of interest in a Splash Pad.

3. Adjourn.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis
AYES: Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller
MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked Mr. Johnny Stephens to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICER HUNTER GRANZIN.** Police Chief Jim Devlin presented a brief bio and introduced Police Officer Hunter Granzin. Mayor and Council welcomed Officer Granzin.
4. **CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS OF THE CITY’S RUNOFF ELECTION – JUNE 8, 2019.** City Secretary Lydia Lopez reviewed the election returns as certified by the McLennan County Elections Administrator Kathy Van Wolfe. Totals votes cast (Early and Election Day) were:

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
Council Member – At-Large	
Michael S. Bancale	316
Mike Field	172

City Secretary noted the following received the majority of the votes cast to be elected:

Council Member At-Large – Michael S. Bancale

5. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY’S RUNOFF ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 8, 2019.** Mayor Charlie Turner read the resolution.
MOTION: Council Member Matthew Mevis moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-08 declaring the results of the City’s Runoff Election held on June 8, 2019.
SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry
AYES: Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller
MOTION PASSED.

6. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER.** City Secretary administered the oath to newly elected Council Member Michael S. Bancale.
7. **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION ISSUED BY MAYOR.**
Mayor Charlie Turner presented the certificate of election. Newly elected Council Member Michael S. Bancale took his seat at the dais.
8. **PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER.**
City Engineer Miles Whitney presented the following updates:
 - Update on pending utility projects.
 - Update on pending street projects.
 - Update on pending drainage projects.
9. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR FY 2019-2020 BUDGET.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that he placed this on the agenda to give the Council an additional opportunity for input and to extend the same opportunity to the newly elected Council Member Michael Bancale. He advised that the plan was to present a proposed budget the first of July. Council Member Michael Bancale listed the following priorities: efficiency – being as efficient as we can; addressing Flintrock Road Issue; educating the citizens on property valuations; and making sure we do our due diligence.
10. **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, 912 Steamboat Circle, appeared to congratulate new Council, suggested Council consider installing a better sound system in the Council Chambers; build up six (6) month city reserves; improve and maintain landscaping on Hewitt Drive; and expressed appreciation to police and fire employees. **No one else appeared.**
11. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2019.**
MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis
AYES: Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller
MOTION PASSED.

12. **Executive Session:** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to *Section 551.071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A)* so that the City Council can seek and receive advice and counsel from their attorneys regarding actual or threatened litigation; settlement of claims; legal powers and restrictions, and possible legal exposure; and matters required to be kept confidential by the professional rules which govern the attorney.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to recess the regular meeting and convene the executive meeting at 7:25 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis

AYES: Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Fuller

MOTION PASSED.

13. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

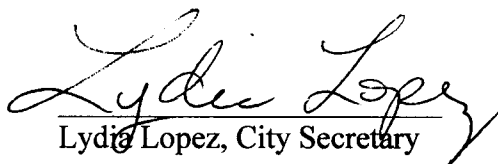
SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

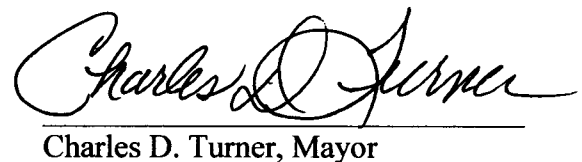
AYES: Bancale Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Fuller

MOTION PASSED.


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor