

HEWITT TEXAS II

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
April 5, 2021 – 6:15/7:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
Charles D. Turner	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:52 PM
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"/>	
Bob Potter	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 Secretary Lydia Lopez
Fire Chief Lance Bracco
Police Chief Jim Devlin
Library Director Waynette Ditto
Utilities Director, Kevin Reinke
City Engineer Miles Whitney

Staff absent:

City Attorney Mike Dixon

Note: The meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the Hewitt TX TV page. Citizens could submit written comments online.

WORKSHOP – 6:15 PM

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf called the Workshop to order at 6:15 PM.
- 2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING CITY OF HEWITT STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the purpose was to allow for discussion of future strategic planning with respect to the growth and development of the community and allow for discussion on important matters for consideration in future budgets.

- **Community Development** – Presented by Community Development Director Tracy Lankford
- **Utility Department** – Presented by Utility Director Kevin Reinke
- **Fire Department** – Presented by Fire Chief Lance Bracco

General discussion was held concerning the impact of traffic with growth, acreage available for development, future water needs and possible federal funding available for drilling an additional well at Commerce Plant.

NOTE: Mayor Charlie Turner arrived at 6:52 PM.

MOTION TO RECESS WORKSHOP

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to recess the Workshop at 6:59 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

NOTE: Presentation by Fire Chief Lance Bracco began; however, the presentation and discussion continued following the Regular meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
ABSENT: None
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **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. **NOTE:** The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors via the city's website.
Mayor Charlie Turner advised that one comment was received by Johnna King, 331 Earle Rd., Hewitt, TX 76643. He read into the record the following: "Thank you for allowing us to submit a public comment. Space is limited and I hoped to submit a more formal letter. We are a homeschooling family with 8 young children. Our oldest had been able to look over and retrieve books this past year. Can you please reconsider the mask mandate for the families that will not mask their children?" **City Secretary responded no other public comment forms were submitted.**

- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2021.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 5. PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E.**
➤ Update on pending utility projects.
➤ Update on pending street projects.
➤ Update on pending drainage projects.
- 6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE HAND WASH VANITIES/COUNTERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN RESTROOMS AT HEWITT PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the City Manager to contract with Brothers Construction for the construction of custom concrete vanities for the men and women restrooms at Hewitt Park in the amount of \$5,000.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 7. AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR SLURRY SEAL SERVICES WITH VIKING CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$352,678.46.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the City Manager to contract for slurry seal services with Viking Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$352,678.46.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 8. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 27,000 LBS. OF POLY FLEX CRACK SEAL MATERIAL FROM CRAFCO INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,040.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to authorize the purchase of 27,000 lbs. of Crafcro Poly Flex Crack Seal materials from Crafcro Inc., in the amount of \$14,040.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) MEASURES, PROTOCOLS, AND MITIGATION EFFORTS.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that protocols with respect to the requirements of masking have been initiated in city facilities and subject to the comment received tonight discussion could be held should Council wish to reconsider age requirements. General discussion concerning general guidelines regarding age and medical disability. Council Member Erica Bruce recommended that the age requirement begin at five years old. Mr. Thomas stated that staff would institute the age requirement of five years old and he would discuss addressing medical disabilities with the City Attorney.

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE APRIL 19, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING AND RESCHEDULING OF MAY MEETINGS TO MAY 10 & 24, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that changing the location would accommodate early voting which will be held in the Council Chambers and rescheduling May meetings was necessary to coincide with the Election Calendar and the canvassing period.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the location change of the April 19, 2021 Council meeting to the Public Safety Facility Training Room and reschedule the May Council meetings to May 10 and May 24, 2021.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: Fuller

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

11. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:31 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

WORKSHOP - Continued

Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf reconvened the Workshop Meeting at 7:32 PM.

2. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING CITY OF HEWITT STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026 (Continued).**

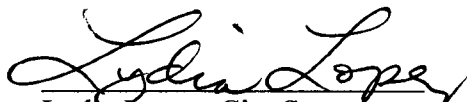
➤ **Fire Department** – Presented by Fire Chief Lance Bracco
General discussion concerning response times, overlapping calls, staffing needs, fire apparatus needs and the need for an additional fire sub-station. City Manager Bo Thomas stated that a funding source would be a question to direct to the community via a future ballot provision.

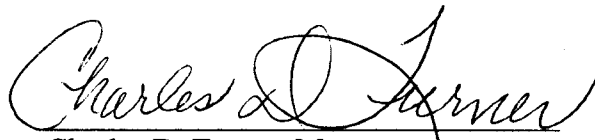
Note: Mayor Charlie Turner left the meeting at 7:42 PM.

3. Adjourn.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to adjourn the Workshop at 8:00 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Bancale, and Wachtendorf
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 4-19-2021

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor