



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023
Pre-Council Meeting - 6:15 PM
Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

Pastor Charles Parker led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams & President Collins

E. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

F.1. January 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt the January 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider the consent agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Jones, Moore, Williams, Collins

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No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

President Collins stated there are two items on consent. A Resolution Authorizing Travel Advances it is routine city business and a Resolution Declaring City Property Surplus.

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Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Jones, Moore, Williams, Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

G.1. Resolution No. 2023-2 Travel Advance

G.2. Resolution No. 2023-3 Declaring City Property Surplus

H. Public Comment

Michael Thomas informed attendees of his Affordable Housing Program. He is interested in acquiring vacant property, renovating it, and selling it at an affordable price. He presented the council with brochures explaining his business.

Alethea Fells, Owner of Guiding Light Online Store, asked the city to partner with her in providing Hero Boxes for Hometown Heroes.

Danielle Cowans & YuTasha Turner, The Palm Apartments tenants, petitioned the council for assistance with getting the owners of the apartments to resolve their maintenance issues. The apartments are unsafe. There is mold, mildew, and a lack of sanitary conditions. They have been waiting 9 months for a resolution. The Council instructed Attorney Julian Hendrix to write a letter to the owners reminding them of the terms of the abatement agreement and urging them to bring the apartments up to living conditions.

Phil Hickman & Joyce Young expressed concerns about the lack of bulk pick-up. Mayor

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Scott informed them the city is working on a plan to be able to provide prepaid bulk pick-up service. Residents will be notified.

I. Presentation

I.1. Mayor Scott presented a Trafficking Free Zone Proclamation

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Consider amending the Senior Center Rental Agreement

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to consider amending the Senior Center Rental Agreement. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote

Yes: Jones, Moore, Williams, Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

President Collins opened the floor for discussion. Councilwoman Moore & Councilman Williams expressed concern about making sure security is onsite while alcohol is provided. Mayor Scott stated the renter would be responsible for paying for security during their event. It is a requirement of the new agreement.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve the new senior center agreement. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Jones, Moore, Williams, Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

J.2. Resolution No. 2023-4 Declaring properties a public nuisance

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-4 Declaring Properties A Public Nuisance. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J.3. Executive Session- Julian Hendrix, City Attorney, provided a letter stating the topic of discussion is allowable under the executive session laws.

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President Collins read the letter provided by Attorney Julian Hendrix authorizing the council to enter Executive Session at 7:30 pm Councilwoman Moore made a motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

President Collins resumed the council meeting at 7:53 pm.

K. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

K.1. Economic Development/ Public Safety- President D.M. Collins

The Economic Development Committee's next meeting will be held on January 26, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

The Public Safety Committee will be having its first WeWatch Community Meeting on February 18, 2023, at Rochelle's from 10 am -12 pm.

K.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report

K.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report

K.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

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