

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORD, TEXAS  
HELD VIRTUALLY IN THE STAFFORD CITY HALL IN SAID CITY  
ON WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2021

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Stafford, Texas met virtually in special session in the Stafford City Hall in the said City. Mayor Cecil Willis called the meeting to order. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Pro Tem Alice Chen and Councilmembers Wen Guerra; Ken Mathew; Virginia Rosas; and Don Jones. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Richard Ramirez (Police Chief); Jose Magana (Battalion Fire Captain); Efrem Burns (Fire Marshal); Patti Worfe (Executive Director of Economic Development); Shanell Garcia (Human Resources Director); Chris Riggs (Public Works and Municipal Services Director); Nicole Nguyen (Court Director); Debra Champagne-Sinclair (Municipal Court Presiding Judge); Carolyn Entricht (SMETV Director); Ryan Young (IT Director); Dorrance Roderick (Finance Director); Tomika Lewis (City Secretary); Richard Jones and Bob Jones (City Engineer, Jones Engineering) and Art Pertile (Olson & Olson Attorney).

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Mayor Willis expressed his thanks to all City employees and a special thanks to Administration Department, Human Resources Department and the Multimedia Communication Department that worked diligently to make tonight's meeting move smoothly.

Mayor Willis presented his State of the City and Goals for 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto and made apart hereof.

3. Responses by City Councilmembers to Mayor's Annual State of the City Message and Goals for 2021:

- Mayor Pro Tem Chen expressed her appreciation to Mayor Willis and her support to the Mayor's goals and briefly provided her own goals for the City for 2020-2021.
- Councilmember Guerra expressed his positive thoughts about moving forward with the new leadership.

- Councilmember Ken Mathew expressed his thanks to the late Mayor Scarcella and he was instrumental to being where the City is today.
- Councilmember Rosas expressed her thanks to the Mayor, the employees, and her interest in moving forward in one accord.
- Councilmember Jones expressed his thoughts and interest on moving forward and uniting Stafford.

4. Citizens asked questions regarding economic development, drainage, burglaries, street racing, speed humps with responses from Mayor, City Council and staff.

*The Public Hearing opened.*

- Joe Longoria resident in Vaccaro Manor expressed his thoughts about the drainage in the subdivisions.
- Mary Ann Smith resident, inquired about when the Candidate Forum will be held.

Mayor Willis informed the citizens that the forum was canceled due to one of the two candidates not being able to attend.

- Clint Mendonca resident inquired about robberies and street racing in neighborhoods.

Chief Ramirez responded stating the officers respond to complaints about street racing. He also stated the robberies are significantly down this year.

- Liza Knight expressed her thanks to Mayor and Council for their commitment to SMSD and was interested in the youth council idea that the Mayor presented.
- Arthur Honore' expressed his thanks to the Mayor for preparing his message and provided his thoughts about drainage, financial issues, Capital Projects and shared his disappointment for not going forward on the efforts to create an Ethics Standards Committee.
- Dr. Robert Bostic SMSD Superintendent confirmed that surrounding cities increase their salaries as the City of Stafford adjusts their salaries.

- Xavier Herrera congratulated the Mayor and expressed his thoughts about a candidate running for Councilmember Position #5 not wanting to participate in the Candidate Forum.

*The Public Hearing closed.*

5. Mayor Willis and Council presented their closing remarks on the Mayor's State of the City Message.

Mayor Willis concluded by stating he was thankful once again to staff who helped make History in Stafford tonight, conducting the Annual Town Hall completely virtual.

6. Councilmember Guerra made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Rosas duly seconded the motion. The Mayor called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Chen and Councilmembers Guerra Mathew, Rosas and Jones voted "yes"; none against. The Mayor announced the result of the vote (6-0) and declared the meeting adjourned.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

Assistant City Sec.



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Tomika Lewis  
City Secretary



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Cecil Willis Jr. Mayor