

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORD, TEXAS HELD  
BY TELECONFERENCE, GOTOMEETING AUDIO/VIDEO  
IN SAID CITY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

On the 17th day of February 2021, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of Stafford, Texas met in regular session by teleconference, GoToMeeting Audio/Video in said City. Mayor Willis called the meeting to order. The following members of the Council were present: Councilmembers Mayor Cecil and Willis; Pro Tem Alice Chen, Virginia Rosas, and Don Jones. Absent: Ken Mathew. The following City staff were present: Nicola Browe (Assistant City Secretary); Shanell Garcia (Human Resources Director); Jose Magana, Battalion Fire Chief; Dorrance Roderick (Finance Director); Chris Riggs (Public Works Director); Richard Ramirez (Police Chief); Ryan Young (IT Director); Efre Burns (Fire Marshal); and Art Pertile (Olson & Olson, LLP).

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. \*\*\*Due to the Winter Storm City Council did not have an Executive Session \*\*\*
3. REGULAR SESSION BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. Consideration of appropriate action on items discussed in Executive Session.

(b) No action taken on this item.

5. Council Reports:  
Mayor Willis stated that due to the storm the bulk of the agenda will be heard at a special called City Council Meeting on February 24, 2021. However, there are two items that need to be covered this evening.

Mayor Willis took this opportunity to thank everyone in Stafford, the residents and businesses alike by staying in and off the roads; this has a tremendous impact for the City's first responders.

Mayor Willis announced that City Hall would be closed to the public and employees due to the continuing inclement weather. The first responders have been doing an outstanding job, the entire staff have pitched in, and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

6. Public comments on items on the agenda.  
No members of the public addressed City Council.

1. ADDENDUM (a) Discussion on an ordinance of the City of Stafford, Texas. Amending the dates for Early Voting by personal appearance for a Special Election to elect one (1) Councilmember.

We have Special election this weekend, going into this we were supposed to have two 12-hour days for voting by personal appearance Monday and Tuesday. We were Snowed and Froze out, we drafted up an ordinance to have those 12 hours days on Thursday and Friday, Council was scheduled to take action this evening and we had rounded up a district judge to bless this change. However, because of this weather, the County was unable to provide workers for these days, therefore we will not have those two days at this election and our early voting days by personal appearance is cut short by 2 days due to the weather event.

Mayor Willis clarified the situation and reported that the next voting will be Saturday, February 20, 2021 Election Day from 7am to 7pm.

Councilmember Rosas inquired regarding any legal ramifications for the City from cutting the early voting by two days.

Mr. Pertile explained the constitution for early voting for special elections and stated he was not concerned of any filings in this instance.

14. (a) Presentation by Chief Ramirez on Racial Profiling Report.  
Richard Ramirez, provided a presentation on the state mandated racial profiling report (a copy of which is entered as part of the records for the purpose of the minutes).

City Council addressed questions to Chief Ramirez regarding the report and thanked him for a thorough presentation.

(b) Councilmember Rosas made a motion to accept the racial profiling report as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Chen duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Guerra and Rosas voted "yes"; Councilmember Jones voted "No" and Councilmember Mathew was absent. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (4-1) and declared the motion approved.

18. Mayor Pro Tem Chen made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Councilmember Rosas duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Guerra and Rosas voted "yes";

Councilmember Jones voted “No” and Councilmember Mathew was absent. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (5-0) and declared the motion approved.

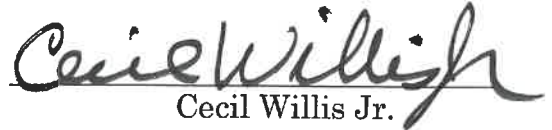
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST:



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Nicola Browe  
Assistant City Secretary



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Cecil Willis Jr.  
Mayor