

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORD, TEXAS HELD
BY TELECONFERENCE, GOTOMEETING AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

On the 16th day of June, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of Stafford, Texas met in regular session in the City Council Chambers and staff 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 Willis; Mayor Pro Tem Ken Mathew, Councilmembers Wen Guerra, Virginia Rosas, Don Jones, Alice Chen and Xavier Herrera. Absent: The following City staff were present: Nicola Browe (Acting City Secretary); Shanell Garcia (Human Resources Director); Larry DiCamillo, Fire Chief; Tatyana Luttschlager (City Planner); Richard Ramirez (Police Chief); Scott McElrath (Code Compliance Administrator); 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. Executive session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A), pending or contemplated litigation; Section 551.071(2), authorized under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consideration of appropriate action on items discussed in Executive Session.
No action necessary from Executive Session.

5. Council Reports:
Mayor Willis informed everyone, that the City has hired a new Finance Director, Alka Shah, who come to Stafford with multiple decades of Municipal Finance experience.

Mayor Willis informed everyone, that beginning July 7, 2021 the City bodies will meet again in person and return to near as normal as possible, with the Covid-19 cases dropping rapidly and the increase of vaccinated individuals. He added that virtual attendance will still be available for those who still are not comfortable to return to in person meetings.

Councilmember Rosas wished her husband a very happy Anniversary, and added that she is blessed to have him in her life.

Councilmember Rosas stated that Edward Richter will be hosting a Food Drive/event at the SMSD High School Parking Lot from 10am to 1pm. Ms. Mary Ann Smith is taking the lead on this event and is seeking volunteers. Contact her at: MASmith1603@aol.com.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathew congratulated Councilmember Rosas on a long marriage.

Councilmember Chen congratulated Councilmember Rosas and went on to announce that the Covid-19 vaccination event on May 26, 2021 was extremely successful, and that as the vaccinations were Pfizer that require a second shot, that is approaching and will be the Sugar Land location of the Drs. office, recipients would have been provided that location and date information.

Councilmember Chen stated that she was honored and humbled to attend the Stafford MSD Class of 2021 Graduation. She was so proud of everyone that walked and worked so hard to achieve their graduation.

Councilmember Herrera stated that he had attended an event for World Elder Abuse and he thanked Mayor Willis for arranging a proclamation to be presented in recognition of this cause and event.

Mayor Pro Tem Mathew exited the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

6. Mayor Willis invited members of the Public to address City Council on any item on the agenda.

Ms. Mary Ann Smith, Stafford Run Subdivision, stated that she is going to be requiring volunteers for the Food Distribution Event that Councilmember Rosas mentioned, and also noted that it will be distributing PPE as well, and there will be an opportunity to receive a voter registration card, in order to be registered for the right to vote.

7. Presentation and discussion by John Pitts, Legislative Consultant “A recap of the latest Legislative Session in Austin”..

Mr. Pitts provided a very detailed report and debrief on the latest legislative session. He introduced Kristopher Henny who is his legislative assistant and then provided a summary about each bill that went before the legislature:

HB1927	SB8	HB4183	SB14
SB7	SB29	HB4072	SB23
HB3979	SB4	HB738	
SB10	HB1869	SB1444	

Mayor Pro Tem Mathew entered the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

(b) No action was taken on this item.

8. (a) Discussion of an Ordinance of the City of Stafford, Texas, amending and Chapter 102

of the Code of Ordinances of the City, the same being the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, by granting a Specific Use Permit to Hamilton Investments, dba The Wonderful Beginnings Learning Center to allow the operation of a school, nursery on a tract of land in the primary corridor (pc) zoning district, and further identified as lot one (1), in block five (5) of Kingsway a subdivision in Fort Bend County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in volume 22, page 27, of the plat records of Fort Bend County, Texas, at 2503 S. Main St. suite q Stafford, Texas 77477; providing requirements and conditions for this specific use permit; providing for severability; and providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars for violation of any provision hereof.

Councilmember Herrera exited the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Mayor Willis invited members of the public to address City Council on this item.

Mary Ann Smith, Stafford Run Subdivision, stated she was happy to welcome the owner operator to Stafford.

Councilmember Herrera entered the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

(b) Councilmember Guerra made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the height of the fence to be extended to 8 feet. Councilmember Chen duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Mathew and Councilmembers Guerra, Rosas, Jones, Chen and Herrera voted “yes”; none against. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (7-0)

9. (a) Discussion of an Ordinance of the City of Stafford, Texas amending Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, the same being the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, by granting a Specific Use Permit to Kiddies Day Care Center, LLC to allow the operation of a school, nursery on a tract of land in the Primary Corridor (PC) Zoning District, and further identified as being a tract or parcel containing 8.008 acres (348,844 sq. Feet) of land situated in the William Neal survey abstract number 64 Fort Bend County, Texas; being all of unrestricted reserve “B” plaza shopping center, a subdivision of record in volume 32, page 20, Fort Bend County map records (F.B.C.M.R.), and being all of a called 8.1266 acre tract as conveyed to the colonial life insurance company of America by deed recorded in volume 2373, Page 153, Fort Bend County official records, at 435 FM 1092, Suite Z-1 Stafford, Texas 77477; providing requirements and conditions for this specific use permit; providing for severability; and providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars for violation of any provision hereof.

Mayor Willis invited members of the public to address City Council on this item.
No members of the public addressed City Council.

(b) Councilmember Guerra made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the height of the fence to be 8 feet. Councilmember Chen duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Mathew and Councilmembers Guerra, Rosas,

Jones, Chen and Herrera voted “yes”; none against. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (7-0) and declared the motion approved.

10. (a) Consent Agenda (Items i-iii). Any item tagged will be discussed and considered at the conclusion of this item or at the next regular City Council Meeting; any item approved will include payment of expenses.
 - i. Approval of Fire Chief, Larry DiCamillo request to approve training and all related expenses for employees in the Fire Department in the amount of \$260.00.
 - ii. Approval of Police Chief, Richard Ramirez request to approve training and all related expenses for employees in the Police Department in the amount of \$300.00.
 - iii. Approval of refunds or transfer of fees for canceled events at the Stafford Centre as requested by clients or required by the City due to COVID-19, totaling \$1000.00.

Mayor Willis invited members of the public to address City Council on this item.
No members of public addressed City Council.

(b) Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Chen duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Mathew and Councilmembers Guerra, Rosas, Jones, Chen and Herrera voted “yes”; none against. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (7-0) and declared the motion approved.

11. (a) Consideration of Financial Statements.

Mayor Willis invited members of the public to address City Council on this item.
No members of public addressed City Council.

(b) Councilmember Rosas made a motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented. Councilmember Guerra duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Mathew and Councilmembers Guerra, Rosas, Jones, Chen and Herrera voted “yes”; none against. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (7-0) and declared the motion approved.

12. (a) Discussion of requests by Councilmembers for future agenda items.
(b) There were no motions for future agenda items.

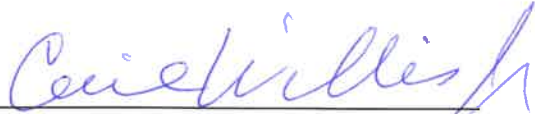
13. (a) Adjournment.
(b) Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Chen duly seconded the motion. Mayor Willis called the roll for a vote. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Mathew and Councilmembers Guerra, Rosas, Jones, Chen and Herrera voted “yes”; none against. Mayor Willis announced the result of the vote (7-0) and declared the motion approved.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 PM.

ATTEST:



Nicola Browe
Acting City Secretary



Cecil Willis Jr.
Mayor