

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

### MINUTES

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Steve Fortenberry, Mayor, Ward 3

Michael S. Bancale, Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large – Vacant, Council Member, Ward 1

Johnny Stephens, Council Member, Ward 1 – Johnny Price, Council Member, Ward 2

Bob Potter, Council Member, Ward 2 – Erica Bruce, Council Member, Ward 3

### WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:30 PM

#### WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

*Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum was present.*

#### WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning zone change request (Agenda Item 3).  
*City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford. Mr. Lankford briefed the Council on the zone change request.*
2. Briefing and discussion concerning zone change request (Agenda Item 4).  
*Mr. Lankford also briefed the Council on this zone change request.*

#### WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:45 PM.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

### REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

#### DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum was present.*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic not already scheduled for a public hearing. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from discussing, responding to, or acting on any comments or items not properly posted on the agenda. (Note: Members of the public who wish to speak must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting.)

*Mayor Fortenberry read the statement above and recognized Sharon Chandler, 701 Regina Drive, who appeared to express appreciation for the service received from Hewitt Fire Department (Lieutenant Corey LeBourgeois and Firefighter Marco Lozano) on an emergency call at her residence. The City Secretary received no other public comment forms.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

3. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2023-04** to change the zoning of property located in O'Campo C Abstract 32 being 23.7 acres located in the 700 block of Old Temple Rd. McLennan CAD property ID. 138893 from B-P Business Park to R-4 Multi-family High Density District.

*City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM and called for those wishing to speak in favor. Applicant Patrick Matus, 140 Painted Horse Trail, Waco, TX, appeared in support of the zone request. Mr. Matus presented plans for the property. Mayor Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak against it. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.*

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Ordinance 2023-04** rezoning the property located at O'Campo C Abstract 32 McLennan CAD Property ID Number 138893, located in the 700 Block of North Old Temple Road from B-P Business Park to R-4 Multi-Family High Density.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Price

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

4. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2023-05** to change the zoning of Lot 11B Block 2 and Lot 13 Block 2 Commerce Park @ I-35 Hewitt located in the 600 Block of Alliance Prky. from M Industrial District to R-4 Multi-family High Density District.

*City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:11 PM and called for those wishing to speak in favor. Mayor Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak against it. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 PM.*

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnny Price moved to approve **Ordinance 2023-05** rezoning Lot 11B Block 2 and Lot 13 Block 2 Commerce Park @ I-35 Hewitt, located in the 600 Block of Alliance Prky. from M Industrial District to R-4 Multi-family High Density District.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. Approve minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

6. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending April 30, 2023.

*City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the April Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review. He inquired if the Council had any questions. The council raised no questions or concerns.*

7. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.

*City Manager Bo Thomas stated the Council had received updates to the Five-Year Strategic Plan and a Budget Calendar for FY '23-'24. He further noted that staff had begun developing and preparing the FY '23-'24 Operating and Capital Budget. This item was an opportunity for the Council to provide input regarding priorities for the development of a proposed budget.*

8. **Election Process:**

Canvass Election Results

- a. Consider **Resolution No. 2023-02** canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Joint General Election May 6, 2023, and other matters related thereto.
- b. Certificate of Election issued by Mayor Steve Fortenberry.
- c. Administering the oath of office to newly elected Council Member.

*Mayor Steve Fortenberry asked City Secretary Lydia Lopez to present the official canvass. Ms. Lopez read the election returns as certified by Jared Goldsmith, McLennan County Elections Administrator.*

The returns reflected that a cumulative total of **399 votes** were cast by the registered voters of the city. The official results are:

### **JOINT GENERAL ELECTION**

Council Member Ward 1, Place 1

Bradley Turner – 323

RJ Pase – 76

### **UNCONTESTED CANDIDATES – DECLARED WINNERS**

Council Member Ward 2, Place 1

Bob Potter

Council Member Ward 3, Place 1

Erica D. Bruce

Council Member, At-Large

Michael S. Bancale

Based on the results presented, the Council voted on **Resolution No. 2023-02** declaring the following duly elected to office:

**JOINT GENERAL ELECTION**

Ward 1 – Bradley Turner

Ward 2 – Bob Potter

Ward 3 – Erica D. Bruce

At-Large – Michael S. Bancale

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnny Stephens moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-02** canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Joint General Election held on May 6, 2023.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Fortenberry presented Certificates of Election to the newly elected officials. The City Secretary administered the oath to the following officials: Bradley Turner, Bob Potter, Erica D. Bruce, and Michael S. Bancale.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene the following Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate the evaluation and appointment of officers (Council Members) to serve in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Session at 7:42 PM.

9. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

1. Discussion and possible action on the selection of Mayor.

*Mayor Fortenberry called for nominations for the position of Mayor.*

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to nominate Steve Fortenberry as Mayor.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Price

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

2. Discussion and possible action on the selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

*Mayor Fortenberry called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.*

**MOTION:** Council Member Bradley Turner moved to nominate Michael Bancale as Mayor Pro Tem. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to nominate Erica Bruce as Mayor Pro Tem.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Bruce

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:44 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bancale, and Fortenberry

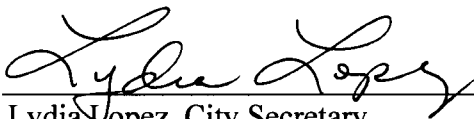
**NAYES:** None

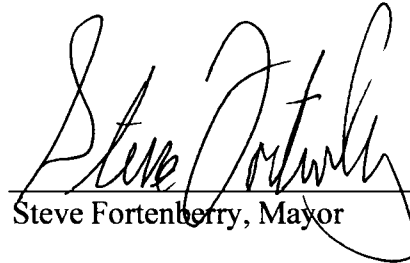
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 06-05-2023

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor