

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JULY 2019, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 IN THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Council met in a special session with the following members present:

**COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Dorothy Welch, Mayor - ABSENT  
Alton DuLaney, Position I  
Evelyn Myers, Position II  
Mike Clark, Position III - ABSENT  
David Aden, Position IV  
Robin Hood Chavez, Position V

**OFFICERS:**

Danna Welter, City Secretary  
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

**WORK SESSION**

1. Discuss the City's Gas System and operations. [5:40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.]

**REGULAR SESSION**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Adem called the meeting to order. [6:30 p.m.]

**ROLL CALL**

2. All present except Mayor Welch and Councilmember Clark, thus constituting a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

**AGENDA**

5. Approve minutes of June 17, 2019.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019, and Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmember Clark absent.
6. Approve the bills for payment.  
Councilmember Chavez made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Public Comments.  
None.
8. Department Reports:
  - a) Police Department for June 2019;
  - b) Municipal Court for June 2019;
  - c) Utility (Billing/Field/Capital Projects) Department for June 2019.
9. Discussion and Consider Adoption of Ordinance Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Splendora, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019.  
Mr. Blitch discussed the process to issue CO's.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Ordinance Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Splendora, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019, and Councilmember Aden seconded the motion. Councilmembers DuLaney and Chavez voted against. The motion failed 2-2.
10. Consider and/or take action on request by Steve Belovsky, T & L Gas Company, to operate within the City limits and/or ETJ of the City of Splendora in the Midline Road area.  
  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to recess into Executive Session, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Executive Session- Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): receive legal advice on the extension of gas lines and gas services; Status Update LB100016 Mendoza v. City of Splendora; and update on Cause No. D-1-GN-16- 004151, SJRA v Cities of Conroe, et al., in the 98th District Court, Travis County and review rate request order.  
[7:12 p.m. – 8:14 p.m.]



12. Consider and/or take action on item(s) in Executive Session.  
No action on status updates on Mendoza v. City of Splendor; Cause No. D-1-GN-16-004151.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to request Mr. Belovsky furnish City Staff the proposed route for the proposed gas line and instructed staff to discuss options and other issues as discussed with Mr. Belovsky, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Consider and/or take action to accept excess collections for 2018 Debt Service and Certification for Debt Service collection rate for 2019/2020, as requested by Tammy J. McRae, Tax Assessor Collector.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to accept excess collections for 2018 Debt Service and Certification for Debt Service collection rate for 2019/2020, as requested by Tammy J. McRae, Tax Assessor Collector, and Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Consider and/or take action on Montgomery County Emergency Communication District Budget for FY 2020.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to accept the Montgomery County Emergency Communication District Budget for FY 2020, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Consider and/or take action on re-appointment of Paul Virgadamo or submit an alternate nomination for the City Appointee to the Montgomery County Communication District Board of Managers.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to on re-appointment of Paul Virgadamo or submit an alternate nomination for the City Appointee to the Montgomery County Communication District Board of Managers, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
16. Consider and/or take action on Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter end 3/31/19.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter end 3/31/19, and Councilmember DuLaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2019-07-22A amending the Personnel Rules to add Certification Pay for Drone Pilots.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07-22A amending the Personnel Rules to add Certification Pay for Drone Pilots, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2019-07-22B amending the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Utilities, Section 38.58 Service Rates and charges (a) Deposits.  
After discussion on increasing the deposit rate for renters to the same as commercial customers, a motion was made.  
Councilmember Aden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07-22B amending the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Utilities, Section 38.58 Service Rates and charges (a) Deposits, and Councilmember DuLaney seconded the motion. Councilmembers Myers and Chavez voted against. The motion failed 2-2.
19. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2019-07-22 authorize certain staff members to receive information regarding City bank accounts from Southside Bank.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07-22 authorize certain staff members to receive information regarding City bank accounts from Southside Bank, and Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
20. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2019-07-22B setting a public hearing on annexation – MCE Ventures, 10.11 acres.  
Councilmember DuLaney made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07-22B setting a public hearing on annexation – MCE Ventures, 10.11 acres, and Councilmember Chavez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
21. Important Council Meeting Dates – Budget:
  - 8/05/19 – Budget Workshop; Discuss Tax Rate and take Record Vote; and schedule Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20; (updated date)
  - 8/19/19 – Budget Public Hearing; adopt FY 2019-20 Annual Budget;
  - 8/20/19 – Adoption of Tax Rate
22. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.

23. Adjourn. (8:38 p.m.)

Councilmember Aden made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember DuLaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Danna Welter, City Secretary