

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Mark D. Cooks
Councilmember Greg Contreras

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

In accordance with an Order of the Office of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020, as extended, the City Council for the City of Duncanville, Texas, will conduct a City Council Special Meeting in person at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2022, in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This is an open meeting conducted in person.

Pursuant to City practice, Citizen Comments and Reports during Election Season, March 1st – May 7th, and during a Run-Off Election period are not broadcast or recorded.

To submit a comment via email and for your comments to be read, the following information is required:

- Submit a comment by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022.
- Email citysecretary@duncanville.com
- Email title: Public Comment – April 11th.
- First and Last Name; and address.
- *The City Secretary will still set a two-minute time limit on the comments as they are read.*

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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No comments.

Mayor Gordon recessed Regular Session at 6:01 p.m. for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

“City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Gov’t Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties of a public officer, to wit:

City Manager; and, pursuant to Section 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to seek legal advice from the City Attorney concerning an employment contract of the City Manager.

Reconvene into open session and take the necessary action as a result of executive session."

Mayor Gordon called Executive Session into order at 6:02 p.m.

{Councilmember Veracruz left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.}
{Councilmember Veracruz returned to the meeting at 8:10 p.m.}

Mayor Gordon closed Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

4. TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Gordon opened Regular Session at 8:13 p.m.

Councilmember Mark D. Cooks made a motion to approve a 2% COLA for the City Manager, Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, effective with the contract anniversary date of February 22, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey made a motion to approve a 2% merit increase for the City Manager, Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, effective with the contract anniversary date of February 22, 2022.

Councilmember Joe Veracruz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 4 for, 3 against (Councilmember Don McBurnett, Councilmember Jeremy Koontz, and Councilmember Greg Contreras). Item passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY