

# HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT  
March 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Charles D. Turner ( <b>presiding</b> )	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Fuller	Council Member, Ward 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Potter	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Council Member, At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Fortenberry	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Erica Bruce	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**Staff present:**

City Manager Bo Thomas  
 City Secretary Lydia Lopez  
 Fire Chief Lance Bracco  
 Police Chief Jim Devlin  
 Library Director Waynette Ditto  
 Community Development Director Tracy Lankford  
 City Engineer Miles Whitney  
 City Attorney Mike Dixon

**Note:** The meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the Hewitt TX TV page. Citizens could submit written comments online.

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.  
**PRESENT:** Bancale, Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**ABSENT:** Fuller
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked Council Member Michael Bancale to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. **NOTE:** The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors via the city’s website. Mayor Charlie Turner inquired if any comments were received. **City Secretary responded no public comment forms were submitted via the city’s website.**
- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**  
**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 REZONING THE FUTURE SUBDIVISION OF MOONLIGHT PARK PHASE 4, A 20.398-ACRE TRACT OF CARLOS O’CAMPO A-32 BEING A REMAINING PORTION OF THAT CALLED 106.408-ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-1-G SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GARDEN HOMES.** Mayor Charlie Turner opened the public hearing. He called for those wishing to speak in favor. He called for those speaking in opposition. No one appeared. Mayor Turner inquired whether public comments were received via the website. City Secretary responded that no public comment forms were received. City Manager Bo Thomas presented the rezone request and stated that Community Development Director Tracy Lankford was also present to respond to Council’s questions. General inquiries were made concerning set back requirements, traffic flow, and the ability to service the area with water. City Engineer Miles Whitney advised that the network was in place to provide the water supply.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of Ordinance No. 2021-04 rezoning property known as a 20.398-acre tract of Carlos O’Campo A-32 being a remaining portion of that called 106.408-acre tract of land from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-1-G Single Family Residential Garden Homes.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce  
**AYES:** Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** Bancale  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**

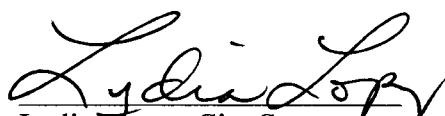
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING ON STORM WATER MITIGATION AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ).**  
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Charlie Turner opened the public hearing. No one appeared. Mayor Turner inquired whether public comments were received via the website. City Secretary responded that no public comment forms were received. Public hearing was closed. **No action was required.**
- 7. PRESENTATION OF HEWITT POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2019-2020 RACIAL PROFILING.** Police Chief Jim Devlin presented. **No action was required.**
- 8. Presentation of report from City Engineer Miles Whitney, P.E.**

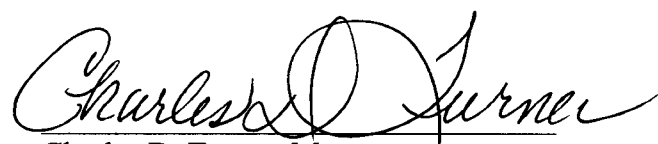
  - **Update on pending utility projects.**
  - **Update on pending street projects.**
  - **Update on pending drainage projects.**
- 9. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the January Financial Statements electronically on February 10, 2021, and inquired if Council had any questions. There were no questions or concerns raised. **No action required.**
- 10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FROM LANDMARK ES FOR THE CITY OF HEWITT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,694.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize Weed Control Services from Landmark ES for a total amount of \$6,694.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 11. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR 208/212 CROSS COUNTRY DR. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO HCS INC. COMMERCIAL GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,611.** City Engineer Miles Whitney presented.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to bid for 208/212 Cross Country Dr. Drainage Improvements to HCS Inc. Commercial General Contractors in the total amount of \$57,611.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**

12. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF “CERTIFICATE OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES” AND ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05, DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 1, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION TO BE ELECTED TO OFFICE AND CANCELLING THE GENERAL ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented and advised that this cancellation does not affect the Special Election on the proposed Charter Amendments. Mayor Charlie Turner inquired whether any of the council members elected needed to abstain on this ordinance. Mr. Thomas responded negatively. **MOTION:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-05 cancelling the City’s General Election and declaring unopposed candidates elected to office.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**
13. **DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the Order dated January 19, 2021.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**
14. **ADJOURN.**  
**MOTION:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce  
**AYES:** Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Fuller  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 03-15-2021

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Turner, Mayor