

# HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT  
March 23, 2020 – 12:00 PM**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Charles D. Turner (presiding)	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12:01 PM
Vacancy	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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  
 Library Director Waynette Ditto  
 Police Chief Jim Devlin

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.  
**ALL PRESENT:** Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
- 2. ADOPT AND EXTEND AN ORDER AND DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYOR.** City Manager Bo Thomas explained the option of extending the Mayor’s Order and Disaster Declaration dated March 18, 2020. He further advised that the McLennan County Commissioner’s Court approved a more restrictive order effective at 11:59 pm ordering a shelter-in-place which would take precedence over any order in place by the Council. Mr. Thomas advised that Department Directors have been asked to evaluate their operations to keep essential functions operational. Then also consider non-essential employees and bring back recommendations. This item was further discussed under item #4. Mr. Thomas advised that his recommendation would be to follow the County’s Emergency Order.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to take no action on this item.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry  
**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

3. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTION.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Charlie Turner suggested that in light of the situation, the May 2, 2020 election should be postponed.

**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve ordinance postponing May 2, 2020 General & Special Election until November 3, 2020.

**SECOND:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry

**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

4. **OTHER MATTERS, PRECAUTIONS, MODIFIED SCHEDULES, CLOSURES OR SIMILAR MATTERS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY SITUATION.** Council Member Michael Bancale inquired if the city was cutting off water services. Mr. Thomas responded that the city is trying to provide some flexibility in light of the situation. He further explained and notified Council that staff had determined it best to close all city parks because of the shelter in place order. Mayor and Council expressed support of this decision.

**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve ordinance (Caption was read by City Manager. "Ordinance of the City Council of Hewitt, Texas addressing employee absences resulting from COVID-19; providing for sick leave for absences resulting from COVID-19 related matters, and providing authority to city manager to take proactive measures and to grant paid administrative leave where closures or staggered work-days are initiated as a proactive measure or work time is missed as the result of a proactive measure related to COVID-19.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bill Fuller

**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

5. **Adjourn.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the workshop meeting at 12:31 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Michael Bancale.

**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

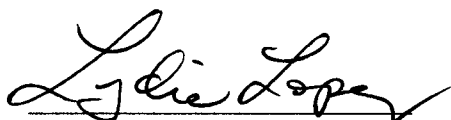
**NAYES:** None


**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: April 20, 2020

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Turner, Mayor