

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WILMER
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Councilmembers Present

Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor
Candy Madrigal, Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Steele, Councilmember
Phyllis Slough, Councilmember
Sergio Campos, Councilmember

Councilmembers Absent

Melissa Ramirez, Councilmember

City Staff

Rona Stringfellow, City Administrator
Missie Schwab, Finance Director
Eric Moss, Public Works Director
Mark Hamilton, Fire Chief
Joe Flores, Community Development Director
Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the Regular Meeting of the Wilmer City Council was called to order by Mayor Wealthy-Williams at 7:22 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer, Texas.

Invocation

Mayor Wealthy-Williams gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal led the pledge of allegiance.

Community Announcement

Mayor Wealthy-Williams informed of the City's participation in the 2020 It's Time Texas Community Challenge. Encouraged everyone to help to make sure the City of Wilmer wins the health competition. The Community Challenge is a statewide competition inspiring people, organizations, and cities across Texas to choose healthy activities in support of a healthier community. She encouraged all to participate in the challenge and earn points for every healthy action submitted. Mayor Wealthy-Williams shared that the City of Wilmer has been seating in third place out of 100 cities.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams inquired from City Administrator Stringfellow the awards for winning in each category. City Administrator Stringfellow shared that the community with the most points in each size category will receive a \$1,800 community grant to put toward future health-related efforts. Prizes will be distributed to city officials at the end of the competition. She shared that the City has an opportunity to make a direct and early impact to the new school that is coming into the community.

Citizens Comments:

Lorrie McDonald, 1826 E. Beltline Road, registered to speak but desired not to comment.

Maria Garcia, 307 N. Dallas Avenue, requested preparation for the annual Pioneer Days and to make appropriate reservations for the event.

Consent Agenda

City Secretary Ortiz read the consent agenda.

- 1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2019.**
- 2. Consider an ordinance ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, at-large, and two (2) Council Members, at-large, for a two (2) year term; providing for the publication and posting of notice; and providing for early voting dates, times and locations.**

Considerar una ordenanza que ordene que las Elecciones Generales se celebren el sábado 2 de mayo de 2020, con el propósito de elegir a un Alcalde, en libertad, y dos (2) Miembros del Consejo, en libertad, por un período de dos (2) años; prever la publicación y publicación del aviso; y prever fechas, horarios y lugares de votación anticipada.

City Secretary Ortiz shared that Dallas County confirmed that the City will be an Early Voting location.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campos to approve consents items 1 through 2. The vote was cast 4 for, 0 against [Ramirez absent]. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Discuss and consider approving a resolution accepting the public improvements for Meadow Ridge Addition, Phase 2 located on the south side of E. Belt Line Road, approximately 1,200± feet east of S. Goode Road.**

City Administrator Stringfellow spoke on item 3 and shared that construction of the new residential development infrastructure on the property is now complete. The City has received all required project close-out documents (maintenance bonds and affidavits of final payment and release from contractors, and the City Engineer's letter of satisfactory completion). At the December 19, 2019, meeting Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal and Councilmember Steele requested that staff utilizes a checklist to ensure that all inspections are taken place and all involved staff had signed the final inspection checklist. The checklist was identified and provided with a memorandum and will be utilize for all future projects. Staff recommended approval of the resolution, as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Steele made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal to approve item 3. The vote was cast 4 for, 0 against [Ramirez absent]. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider annual appointments to the City of Wilmer's Boards and Commissions.

City Secretary Ortiz spoke on item 4 and stated that the Boards and Commissions appointments are solely at Council's pleasure. On January 23, 2020, City Council conducted interviews in preparation for appointments. A total of ten (10) applications were received. One applicant has withdrawn and one (1) of the applicants is not a qualified resident located in the corporate limits of the City. Per Ordinance 14-0904E, "All board members shall be first appointed from the willing and qualified residents located within the corporate limits of the city. When there are no longer willing and qualified residents located within the corporate limits of the city available to be appointed to a board, board members may be appointed from the willing and qualified residents located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city."

City Secretary Ortiz shared that since there was a member absent, and solely at Council's pleasure, the governing body may consider tabling the appointments until the full governing body is present. Additionally, she suggested receiving nominations and at the next City Council meeting, Councilmember Ramirez's will make her nominations.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams and Councilmember Campos agreed with staff to make the nominations.

Councilmember Steele shared that appointments may continue and suggested to repost meeting to receive Councilmember Ramirez's nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal inquired the process for nominations. City Secretary Ortiz suggested beginning with a particular board.

Councilmember Steele inquired how the Library Board is required to consist of six (6) members. City Secretary Ortiz informed that it is a City Ordinance.

Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Campos nominated to reappoint Gail Bell.

Councilmember Steele nominated to reappoint John Phinney.

Councilmember Slough nominated to reappoint Renee Turner.

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal nominated to reappoint Vicky Vandygriff.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams nominated to reappoint Elizabeth Gonzales.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal nominated to reappoint Patricia Havard.

Councilmember Slough nominated to reappoint Allison Mears.

Councilmember Steele nominated to appoint Lorrie McDonald.

Councilmember Campos nominated to reappoint Roberto Madrigal.

Parks Advisory Board

Councilmember Campos nominated to appoint Juan Cervantes.
Councilmember Steele nominated to appoint Jacinto Dominguez.
Councilmember Slough nominated to appoint Angela Calvin Dawson.
Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal nominated to appoint Maria Garcia.
Mayor Wealthy-Williams nominated to appoint LaKeshia Williams.

Wilmer Economic Development Corporation (4A)

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal nominated to reappoint Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams.
Councilmember Slough nominated to reappoint Michael Wasserman.
Councilmember Steele nominated to appoint Pamela Wash.
Councilmember Campos nominated to appoint Elizabeth Barrientos.

Wilmer Community Development Corporation (4B)

Councilmember Campos nominated to reappoint Victor Pena.
Councilmember Steele nominated to reappoint Letha Reese.
Councilmember Slough nominated to reappoint Rhonda C. Henry.
Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal nominated to appoint Laura Jacobs.

City Council directed staff to pursue additional recruitment efforts in order to receive additional applications.

Executive Session:

- 5. **The City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section § 551.074 (a)(1) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**
- 6. **Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/ session matters executive.**

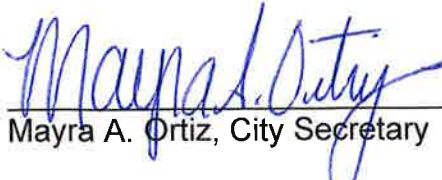
The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:57 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Steele made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal directed staff to fill the position of Records Management Coordinator in the City Secretary’s Office. The vote was cast 4 for, 0 against [Ramirez absent]. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Wealthy-Williams adjourned the regular session at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor