

CITY OF CASTLE HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2011

The City Council of the City of Castle Hills convened at 6:00 p.m. on the 21st day of June, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the City of Castle Hills, 209 Lemonwood Drive, Castle Hills, Texas.

The attendance roster included LaVerne Japhet, Pamala Farris, Frank Paul, Joe Izbrand, Bill and Helen Schluter, Suzanne Riley, Vera Howard, and Patricia Cruz.

I. OPENING

A. QUORUM

Present and composing a quorum of the City Council were Mayor Bruce Smiley-Kaliff, Dr. Steve McGuire, Douglas Gregory, Tom Davis, Tim Howell, and Marcella Huff.

Staff present was City Manager Michael Steel, Assistant City Manager Rita Hoyle, City Secretary Linda Gill, City Attorney Michael S. Brennan, Police Chief Donny Davis and Captain Wayne Davis.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

III. OLD BUSINESS-None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER.

Mayor Smiley-Kaliff present a Certificate of Appointment to Tim Howell who was appointed by City Council to Alderman Place 4.

B. PROVIDE OFFICIAL OATH AND STATEMENT OF APPOINTED OFFICER.

Mayor Smiley-Kaliff administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Appointed Officer to Tim Howell, Alderman Place 4.

C. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Motion: Councilman Davis moved to appoint Gilbert Ruiz as the Public Health Officer. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A CITY TREASURER

Motion: Council member Davis moved to appoint Ronald Rocha as City Treasurer. Councilman Howell seconded the motion. The general consensus of council members Huff, McGuire, and Gregory was that the City Treasurer should be someone familiar with city finances and either a council or staff member of the city. The motion failed with council members Howell and Davis for the motion and Huff, McGuire, and Gregory opposed to the motion.

Motion: Mayor Smiley-Kaliff opened the floor for another motion. Councilman Davis moved to nominate Dr. McGuire for treasurer. Council member Huff seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0, with Dr. McGuire abstaining.

E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Motion: Councilman McGuire moved to accept the nominations for the Architectural Review Committee made by the mayor. Councilman Gregory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The members of the committee are: Steve Ackley as chairman, Albert Valle, Gene Wellborn, Sarah Burke, and Walter von Nimitz as members; and Gene Wellborn and Debbie Sutton as alternate members.

F. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Motion: Councilman McGuire moved to accept the nominations for the Board of Adjustment made by the mayor and Councilman Gregory. Council member Huff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Appointed members of the Board of Adjustment are: Dr. Kathryn Safford as chairman, Dana Poole, Frank Paul, Terry Warth, and Tim Turner as members; and Robbie Casey, Paul Martinez, and Dr. Evangeline O'Sullivan, nominated by the mayor, and Dennis Chavez, who was nominated by Councilman Gregory.

G. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.

Motion: Councilman Davis moved to accept the mayor's nominations for the Zoning Commission, naming Walter Beuhler as chairman, Richard Szecsy, Scott Simpson, Harold Karren, and Thomas Fentress as members, and Juan Solis and Joe Izbrand as alternate members. Council member Huff seconded the motion. The motion failed 3 to 2. Council members Gregory, McGuire, and Huff voted against the motion.

Motion: Councilman Gregory moved to appoint Marc Schnall as chairman, Walter Beuhler as vice-chairman, Richard Szecsy, Scott Simpson, and Harold Karren as members; and Juan Solis, Joe Izbrand, Pamala Farris, and Thomas Fentress as alternate members. Council member Huff seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1. Councilman Davis opposed the motion.

H. CONSIDER EXPENDING FUNDS FROM THE PERRY BURNHAM FUND FOR A PAVILION OR STREET CLOCK AT THE COMMONS

Motion: The mayor explained that one of the committees that will be appointed next month will be dealing with a general plan for The Commons, and he would like to see whatever the council decides tonight will be incorporated into that plan. Council member Huff moved to postpone this action until next month for consideration. Councilman Gregory seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1, with council member Davis casting the opposing vote.

I. CONSIDER REFERRING TO THE ZONING COMMISSION AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE SECTION 31.402(2) FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Smiley-Kaliff removed this item from the agenda.

J. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 20% PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR TAX YEARS 2010 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS

Motion: Councilman McGuire moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a 20% penalty for delinquent taxes for tax years 2010 and subsequent years. Council member Huff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

K. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 1072 RATIFYING APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

The mayor prefaced this item with a statement that this item was on last week's agenda, and he is still not comfortable with the way the ordinance has been presented. He said that he was withdrawing this item from the agenda, and it would be in its corrected, reasonable and proper form on the July agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Smiley-Kaliff adjourned the meeting at

7:10 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of July, 2011.

APPROVED: _____
Bruce Smiley-Kaliff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Gill, City Secretary