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Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2020

I. The City Council met in Special Session with Mayor Andrew Garza calling the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call by Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez.

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld and Council Members Patricia Clifton, John Walker and Tim Humphrey

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Shirley Holm, Noelia Martinez, Haley Maywald, Pedro Pena and Chief David Perkins

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

Guest Present: See Sign-In Sheet

III. Rodney Wilson gave the Invocation.

IV. Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

V. Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

VI. Public Comments

Sandra Amoles – Concerns about the City Charter Amendments

As allowed by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development), the City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to reconvene, seconded by Council Member John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried. The City Council reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

Chief David Perkins announced that he was retiring and giving his two weeks' notice effective officially April 22, 2020 but his last day to be here would be March 20, 2020. Chief Perkins thanked everyone for allowing him to come into this City. He also said he really came to love this City and always wanted what was best for the City. He said he will be an instructor at Del Mar College and will be teaching cadets coming out of there.

Mayor Andrew Garza and the City Council thanked him for all he has done and that he will be missed.

BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-001, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West Charter, ARTICLE VI. CITY MANAGER, Section 6.01 Appointment and qualifications; amending the residential requirements for the City Manager by allowing residence within a 60 mile radius of George West; correcting all pronouns to identify as gender neutral; shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the council; and lastly, not prohibiting a member of the council to serve as the City Manager only after a one year waiting period; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-001.**

Moved as read by Council Member Patricia Clifton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Open for Discussion.

Motion to amend Agenda Item #1 by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld to strike 60 and replace with 65, seconded by Council Member Tim Humphrey. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion for Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #1 amended portion will read as follows: amending the residential requirements for the City Manager by allowing residence within a 65-mile radius of George West. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

2. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-002, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.10. (c); amending the residential requirements for the Chief of Police, by allowing residence within a 60 mile radius of George West; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-002.**

Moved as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Patricia Clifton. Open for Discussion.

Motion to amend Agenda Item #2 by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld to strike 60 and replace with 65, seconded by Council Member John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion for Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #2 amended portion will read as follows: amending the residential requirements for the Chief of Police, by allowing residence within a 65-mile radius of George West. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

3. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-003, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE IX. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION, Section 9.04. Contracts for city expenditures; amending the expenditure amounts for the City Manager and Department Heads, by allowing the City Manager to have the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and the Department Heads the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); and grammatical corrections; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-003.**

Moved as read by Council Member Patricia Clifton, seconded by Council Member John Walker. Open for Discussion.

Motion to amend Agenda Item #3 by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld to strike \$10,000.00 and replace it with \$7,500.00 and to strike \$5,000.00 and replace it with \$2,000.00. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion for Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #3 amended portion will read as follows: amending the expenditure amounts for the City Manager and Department Heads, by allowing the City Manager to have the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) and the Department Heads the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the City Council, for all expenditures not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

4. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-004, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.03. Compensation; amending compensation for the Mayor and Council Members by increasing compensation for the Mayor to \$50.00 per meeting; increasing compensation for Council Members to \$40.00 per meeting; allowing compensation for reasonable contracted or professional services, by the Mayor and / or Council Members, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, subject to the approval of the council; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-004.**

Moved as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member John Walker. Open for Discussion.

Motion to amend Agenda Item #4 by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld to strike not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, seconded by Council Member John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion for Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #4 amended portion will read as follows: allowing compensation for reasonable contracted or professional services by the Mayor and / or Council Members subject to the approval of the Council. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

5. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-005, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, by adding Section 3.10: Mayor or City Council Members may become an employee of the City immediately following their voluntary discharge as a City Council Member for the City of George West; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-005.**

Moved as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Tim Humphrey. Open for Discussion.

Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Consideration and Action to approve Proposition 2020-006, May 2, 2020; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COURT Section 3.10; amending that the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem may serve as the Municipal Judge without the requirement of appointing a successor; as further described in Exhibit GWCC-20-006.**

Motion for No Action by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action to approve other Charter Amendment Propositions, to be placed on the City Election Ballot for May 2, 2020, as amended in this Agenda Item.**

Moved as read by Council Member Patricia Clifton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Open for Discussion.

Motion for No Action by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Tim Humphrey. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion on the election process, appointing Election Judges, staff, voting locations, dates and times.**

The City Council and Interim City Manager Shirley Holm discussed election judges, staff, voting locations, dates and times.

9. Consideration and Action to Appoint an Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge for the 2020 City Election.

Moved as read by Council Member Patricia Clifton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Open for Discussion.

Motion by Council Member John Walker to postpone Agenda Item #9 until the next Regular Session City Council Meeting on March 19, 2020, seconded by Council Member Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE:

10. Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance No. 874; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCILMEMBER, FOR GEORGE WEST CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1, PLACE 3, AND PLACE 4, BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST; ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THIS ELECTION; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION.

Moved as read by Council Member Patricia Clifton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Open for Discussion.

Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discussion on Brush & Bulky Proposal with Republic Services for quarterly service in 2020.

The City Council and Interim City Manager Shirley Holm discussed the Brush & Bulky Proposal with Republic Services for quarterly service. The City Council requested that Interim City Manager Shirley Holm get a proposal from Republic Services for bulky service only.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Tim Humphrey. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____
Noelia Martinez
Deputy City Secretary
Andrew Garza
Mayor