

SPECIAL CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 01, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:

Present were Council Members Darla Weber, Julie Good, Daryl Norris, Carol Bond (via phone) and Mayor Darbey Edwards.

Staff present were Mac Qualls and Angie Mettie.

Public present were Sandy Schiffman, Brad Dreyer, Chance Hobbs, Jeff Roff, Bill Libby, and Martin & Janet Tushkowski.

Mayor Edwards opened the meeting at 6:04 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Training: Roles & Rules of Committees & Commissions:

City Clerk Qualls shared information on the roles of different committees and commissions and how the meetings are to take place. He discussed the posting of agendas, member participation, and the purpose and role of each committee.

Agenda Item 3 – Declaration of Non-Partisanship:

Mayor Edwards read the following declaration for the Council and Community:

Being a federal government employee, of the executive branch, I am thereby subject to the Hatch Act. This act prohibits said employees from engaging in partisan political activities.

That being said, I would like to publicly declare that I hold no partisan affiliation. If my views appear to align with those of any political party it is simply that we are in agreement, with regards to the issue, and should by no means be construed as supporting or promoting that party.

Agenda Item 4 – Planning & Zoning Appointments:

Mayor Edwards suggested Shannon Fairchild and Martin Tushkowski be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

- Council President Good moved to confirm the appointment of Shannon Fairchild and Martin Tushkowski to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Norris – aye, Bond – aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – Citizen Advisory Committee:

The Council reviewed Resolution 239-2018. Changes included:

- Add “the citizens” to the first WHEREAS statement, reading ...codes and policies affecting **the citizens** of the corporate limits...
- Change wording to reflect one meeting per month
- Removing positions 6-10, having five members and three for a quorum
- Positions will include one 3-year, two 1-year, and two 2-year positions
- Reduce three members to two members who are in favor of a proposal to be included as a possible solution

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- Council President Good moved to adopt Resolution 239-2018 with changes discussed today; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Bond – aye, Norris – aye. Motion carried.

The Council discussed possible conflicts with having a Planning & Zoning member sit on the Citizen Advisory Group and chose not to appoint Shannon Fairchild to this group.

Mayor Edwards provided a list of appointments along with the reasons he felt they would be an asset to the group. The Council reviewed the appointments and shared any issues they had with the appointments. Mayor Edwards stated that he would like to add Chance Hobbs to the Advisory Group.

Council Member Bond stated that she could not in good conscience approve of Sandy Schiffman as an appointment to the Citizen Advisory Group. Bond stated that Schiffman had previously been recalled while mayor, and that in her interview, Schiffman stated that her views regarding the community had not changed, nor did Bond feel that the community's views toward Schiffman had changed since that time.

- Council President Good moved to confirm the appointment of Ricky Brown to a 3-year term for the Citizen Advisory Group; Council Member Norris seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Bond – aye, Norris – aye. Motion carried.
- Council President Good moved to confirm the appointment of Sandy Schiffman to a one-year term for the Citizen Advisory Group; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Weber – Aye, Good – aye, Bond – nay, Norris – aye. Motion carried.
- Council President Good moved to confirm the appointment of Misty Hill to a one-year appointment to the Citizen Advisory Group; Council Member Norris seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Norris – aye, Bond – aye. Motion carried.
- Council Member Good moved to confirm the appointment of Jeff Parnett to a two-year term to the Citizen Advisory Group; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Norris – aye, Bond – aye. Motion carried.
- Council President Good moved to confirm the appointment of Chance Hobbs to a two-year term to the Citizen advisory Group; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – aye, Good – aye, Norris – aye, Bond -aye. Motion carried.

The Council chose to develop a directional plan for the Planning & Zoning and Citizen Advisory Group at the next council meeting, and then have a joint meeting to share their ideas.

Agenda Item 6 – Adjourn:

- Council Member Bond moved to adjourn on March 1, 2018; Council President Good seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Darbey Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jacob M. Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer