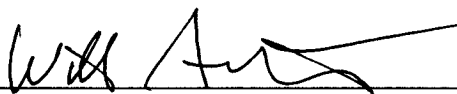



WORK SESSION

City of Victoria Comprehensive Plan Review (2020 Plan), including, but not limited to: Chapter 12-Implementation – Director of Development Services, John Kaminski provided proposed updates, deletions, additions and items completed throughout the current Plan. He recommended using the Planning Commission to get public input, and then come with a recommendation to Council for implementation of a revised Plan. He thanked his staff especially Jared Mayfield for their work. He also advised that all new Council Members would receive a copy of the current Plan, and it could also be accessed from the City website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Armstrong announced that there was no need for an executive session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVED: 
WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Will Armstrong, Mayor
Philip Guittard
Lewis Neitsch, Mayor Pro-Tem
David Hagan
Jim Wyatt
Tom Halepaska

STAFF PRESENT

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager
Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager
George E. Hyde, Interim City Attorney
Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance
Lynn Short, Director, Public Works
John Kaminski, Director, Development Services
Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation
Rick Henrichs, Director, IT
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Polasek

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Russell Pruitt, 402 Sherwood, expressed appreciation to the Council for all the times he had addressed them and congratulated all of the candidates that ran, and their families for allowing them to run. He congratulated the winners and commented that he was not sorry to see some of the Council Members go, but he would miss what they had, it has always been a valiant effort and he and his group were always treated with respect. He thanked his group, the Concerned Citizens for Responsible Government, for their effort. He conceded that they were beat pretty bad, and did not want to blame it on low voter turnout, because he felt that not voting was a vote. He did believe that

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the citizens were for what they were trying to do. What the citizens voted for was to do away with petitions in a sense, and also an establishment that would keep upping the appraisals with no control. His group would continue to meet and work on some things, commenting that they would not be supporting the Mayor in the next election. They were bleeding, but they were not going away.

Mayor Armstrong responded that no one on Council sets the appraisal that is a different body that does that suggesting that he should address his concerns to the Appraisal District. Mr. Pruitt commented that he was referring to the State Board of Realtors that contributed to the defeat of the Charter Amendments.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Armstrong advised that he was going to ask three members of the new Council to form a new Charter Committee understanding that they would not be able to vote on any amendments for two-years. That would give them a good while to get the committee formed and do some cleanup of the Charter that was once talked about. He asked to have that topic placed on the July 7, 2009 agenda.

ORDINANCE 2009-14 – CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION, HELD ON MAY 9, 2009

Interim City Attorney, George E. Hyde, read the caption of Ordinance 2009-14, which canvasses the returns and declares the results of a Joint General and Special Election, held on May 9, 2009, for electing (1) City Council members for City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, (2) City Council Member Super District 5, and (3) to determine the results of proposed amendments to the City Charter, and approves said elections and the results thereof. Emergency Reading. Scarlet Swoboda.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none.

The results were as follows:

- Council Member, District 1 – Runoff required between Jeff Lyon and Denise Rangel
- Council Member, District 2 – Gabriel Soliz
- Council Member, District 3 – Paul Polasek
- Council Member, District 4 – David Hagan
- Council Member, Super District 5 – Joe Truman
- Charter Amendment Propositions – All 10 failed

Cm. Neitsch moved that the ordinance pass on emergency reading, with Cm. Halepaska seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on emergency reading by the following vote:

- AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
- NAYS: None

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION, HELD ON MAY 9, 2009, FOR ELECTING (1) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SUPER DISTRICT 5, AND (3) TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER, APPROVING SAID ELECTIONS AND THE RESULTS THEREOF, DELEGATING AUTHORITY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Following the declaration of results the newly elected City Council Members were presented with Certificates of Election and the Oath of Office was administered by the City Secretary.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jim Wyatt, 1111 Owen thanked the Council for the work that they were able to accomplish over the years working together. It has been his pleasure to serve at-large in the City and in Super District 5, and it was a joy to speak for those that have no voice, those that will not come to meetings, but call. He encouraged the new members to keep their ears to the ground and be a voice for those that have no voice. He stated to the City Manager and the staff, continue to be the professionals that you are, and recognized that they worked very hard with him on the tedious things they did, District 5 was in the older part of town. Some of the things that applied to the more modern side of the City were not able to be done in his district, but they used common sense and judgment in the spirit of the ordinances.

He encouraged the new members to always read your packet, be prepared, and do not to be afraid to ask staff questions. He applauded all, commenting that he would be around and would help anyway that he could. He loves Victoria and took great trepidation in leaving, but his grandkids call. He commented that he was the first African American elected in this region, and not only was he a Council Member for Victoria, he got calls from surrounding areas, and he was thankful for all the support and prayers that he had. Again, congratulations to all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED: Will Armstrong
 WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of
 Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: Scarlet Swoboda
 SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

**VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
 May 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Will Armstrong, Mayor
 Philip Guittard
 Gabriel Soliz
 Paul Polasek
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 Jerry James, Director, Environmental Services
 Roy Boyd, Deputy Chief of Police