

**City of Natalia, Texas  
Special City Council Meeting  
July 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm  
Minutes**

- 1) Call to Order: Mayor Tommy Ortiz – Present Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith - Present  
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present Alderman Darin Frazier - Present  
Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present Alderwoman Selica Vera – Present  
Mayor Ortiz called the special city council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

- 2) Public Comments: None.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 3) Discuss/Consider Ordinance No.20-0701-01, Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 22, Section 22-31(a) by deleting the residency requirements of Law Enforcement Qualifications and Minimum Standards Requirements.

Discussion: None.

Action: Alderman Smith made a motion approving the ordinance; Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

- 4) Discuss/Consider Resolution No.20-05, Authorizing Mayor Tommy Ortiz to act as the City's Executive Officer and Representative in matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the HOME Program Reservations System, and removing City Administrator Lisa Hernandez as the authorizing representative in all matters of related affairs.

Discussion: None.

Action: Alderman Smith made a motion approving the resolution; Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

- 5) Discuss/Consider convening into Executive Session to deliberate on the following personnel matters:

- Acknowledge/Acceptance of City Administrator Resignation.
- Review/Consider Applicants/Interviews for City Administrator position.
- Review/Consider Chief of Police Job Description and Hiring Process.
- Review/Consider reimbursement of cash receipts of former employee.

Action: Alderman Bluemel made the motion; Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

- 6) **Executive Session:** The City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. Pursuant to Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, of the Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- a) Acknowledge/Acceptance of City Administrator Resignation.
- b) Review/Consider Applicants/Interviews for City Administrator position.
- c) Review/Consider Chief of Police Job Description and Hiring Process.
- d) Review/Consider reimbursement of cash receipts of former employee.

- 7) **Regular Session:** The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:06 p.m., and if necessary, took the following actions on items discussed in Executive Session.

- a) Acknowledge/Acceptance of City Administrator Resignation. Motion made by Alderman Frazier, and to issue Lisa Hernandez a letter of recommendation for future use; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Review/Consider Applicants/Interviews for City Administrator position. Mayor to proceed with soliciting for interviews of selected applicants. Motion made by Alderman Bluemel, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Review/Consider Chief of Police Job Description and Hiring Process. Mayor to proceed with opening position and soliciting job description for hire. Motion made by Alderman Bluemel, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
  - d) Review/Consider reimbursement of cash receipts of former employee. No action taken.
- 8) Adjournment. Alderwoman Vera motioned to adjourn at 7:10 pm, and Alderman Bluemel seconds the motion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

**Passed and Approved this 20th day of July, 2020**

Approval:

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Tommy Ortiz, Mayor /or/  
Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attested by:

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René Hinojosa, MPA  
City Administrator/Secretary