

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2016**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilmember Don Mueller led the opening devotion and Mayor Tim Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Don Mueller, Terry Freese, Vincent Huerta and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Steve Schneider.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr, Finance Director Joan Andel, City Attorney Paul Webb, City Secretary Paula Favors, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, and Public Works Director Wade Wendt.

Visitor present were: King Satterwhite.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excuses Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to excuse Councilmember Steve Schneider. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were made.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Mayor Tim Barker congratulated the Boling Varsity High School football team on their success coming in second place in the UIL Football State Championship game.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider an application for a variance from Mr. King Satterwhite regarding a variance to construct and open a restaurant with a mix beverage license within 300 feet of a church. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from Mr. King Satterwhite regarding a variance to construct and open a restaurant with a mix beverage license within 300 feet of a church. City Manager Garza stated that at the December 12, 2016 regular meeting the City Council instructed the City Staff to approach Mr. John Williams of Victory in Jesus and the Wharton First United Methodist Church to get their comments regarding the variance. City Manager Garza presented e-mails from Mr. Williams of Victory in Jesus and Rev. Shelli Williams Pastor-Wharton First United Methodist Church giving their support for the variance. After some discussion, Councilmember Vincent Huerta moved to approve the application for a variance from Mr. King Satterwhite regarding a

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variance to construct and open a restaurant with a mix beverage license within 300 feet of a church. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider an application for a sign variance from Mr. Howard Albert, for Wharton E-Z Lube requesting a variance to the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Signs and Advertising, Section 66-29 Prohibited Signs for the placement of a double sided Changeable Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) to be placed on an existing sign pole at 2502 N. Richmond Rd. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented an application for a sign variance from Mr. Howard Albert, for Wharton E-Z Lube requesting a variance to the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Signs and Advertising, Section 66-29 Prohibited Signs for the placement of a double sided Changeable Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) to be placed on an existing sign pole at 2502 N. Richmond Rd. Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves stated that the Planning Commission did not have a quorum on Monday, December 19, 2016 and City Staff was recommending City Council consider approving the request. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the application for a sign variance from Mr. Howard Albert, for Wharton E-Z Lube requesting a variance to the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Signs and Advertising, Section 66-29 Prohibited Signs for the placement of a double sided Changeable Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) to be placed on an existing sign pole at 2502 N. Richmond Rd. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider Appointments to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Beautification Commission.
- B. Building Standards Commission.
- C. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented an email from Ms. Gloria Smith stating she was interested in serving on the Beautification Commission. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to appoint the following:

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| A. Beautification Commission. | <u>Term Expiring:</u> |
| Gloria Smith | June 30, 2018 |

Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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By: _____
Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary