

MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2006

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember David Samuelson led the opening devotion and then Mayor Bryce D. Kocian led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Bryce D. Kocian, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., David Samuelson, Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Ray Linseisen.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, City Secretary Lisa Stavena, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky, Planning Director Prudencio Arriaga, Sr., Building Official Ronnie Bollom, and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: Ben Sharp with Wharton Journal Spectator, David Schroeder with Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Travis Acosta, Andrew Cordero, Waylon Malone, Chris Mendiola, Dustin Ortiz, Ryan Rolf, David Zaskoda, Brent Stidevent, Kim Stidevent, Wade Stidevent, Jim Cockrell, Willie Ephran, Justin Sherrill, Ryan Wuthrich, Linda Rolf, Jody Rolf, Donna Sherrill, Kyle Sherrill, Felicia Malone, Roy Mendiola, Tanya Valdez, Philip Wuthrich, Jalene Wuthrich, Carl Ephran, Sophie Ephran, Jana Harbaugh, Susan Harbaugh, Christi Mejaorado, Ann Hail, Erique Jackson, Lucas Munoz, Corey Hail, Kenny Garza, Dan Harbaugh, Jason Staff, Jo Beth Staff, Irma Garza, Michelle Ford, Wanda Stone, Timmy Hobbs, Adam Garza, Rick Hernandez, Katelyn Harbaugh, Donna Hollis, Erin Hollis, Karen Munoz, O.J. Esquivel, Jesmon Grant, Sean Hollis, Justin Hobbs, Jonathan Wells, Ricky Hernandez, Erich Jaquez, Patrick Acuna, Milton Hollis, Ray Ford, Bo Esquivel, Viola Garcia, Daniel Garcia, Teresa Jackson, Ally Hobbs, Emmy Hobbs, Gloria Garza, Daniel Garza, Christine Cordero, Andrew Cordero, Ethan Williams, Lori Jaquez, and Heidi Jaquez.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were given. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Mayor Bryce D. Kocian presented a proclamation to Nicholas A. Castro, which read as follows:

WHEREAS, only 2% of all registered Boy Scouts in the world obtain the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest ranking in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas A. Castro is a life member of the Boy Scouts of America and has held the offices of Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader of his troop, Troop 303 in Wharton, Texas, and Troop 123 in Boling, Texas; and

WHEREAS, He has earned 31 merit badges as a Boy Scout and received his Eagle Scout ranking in October 2005 and has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow during a ceremony that was held at Rancho Cima in June 2004; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas A. Castro has demonstrated his leadership ability by achieving the Eagle Scout ranking and by his activities during his high school years, which included being a member of the Wharton High School basketball team, tennis team, powerlifting team, spanish club, Student Council, Junior Lions Club, and participating in UIL Number Sense; and

WHEREAS, He has also shown his leadership ability in the community by volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, assisting the Knights of Columbus 3262 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, serving as a teacher's assistance during Vacation Bible School, serving as an Altar Server for St. John's Catholic Church and by participating on the City of Wharton Youth Advisory Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce D. Kocian, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wharton, Texas, do hereby proclaim July 24, 2006 as "Nicholas A. Castro Day" in Wharton, Texas, and urge our citizens to join me to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand six, A.D.

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian presented the following proclamation, which read as follows:

WHEREAS, we realize that participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and

WHEREAS, to really excel in baseball, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and

