

## **WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

December 12, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

The Woodway City Council met in a regular meeting in the Donald J. Baker Council Chambers at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas, on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Amine Qourzal
Mayor Pro Tem:	David Mercer
Councilmembers:	David Russell, Storey Cook, Gayle Avant, Janell Gilman and John Williams
City Manager:	Shawn Oubre
Acting City Secretary:	Jennifer Rogers
City Staff:	Lenny Caballero, Mitch Davison, John Norman and Khalil El-Halabi
Contract Staff:	David Shaw, City Attorney

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Qourzal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

#### **1. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Russell provided the invocation.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **3. REDISTRICTING TRAINING AND INITIAL ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2020 CENSUS**

Attorney at Law Rezzin Pullum from Bourquez Law Firm conducted the Redistricting Training to inform the Council and citizens present why and how the redistricting process will be conducted. He also presented his initial assessment including a draft map.

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### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND CONSIDER ACTION**

4. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ADOPTING RESOLUTION R-22-22 ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR MODIFYING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND RESOLUTION R-22-23 ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CITIZEN MAPS

Mayor Qourzal called for a motion to discuss. Councilmember Russell moved to open this item for discussion and Councilmember Cook seconded.

Councilmember Russell commented that the wards were miscolored. He also commented that the wards are still divided where Ward II splits the middle of Ward III. He asked if there was a way to address this to make a cleaner line. Mr. Pullum stated that would be possible. There was more discussion around the lines and where the Councilmembers currently live and reside within those respective wards. Councilmember Cook asked about certain councilmembers being displaced once the new map is adopted and how that would affect elections.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Qourzal asked Mr. Pullum to clarify the timeline for this upcoming May election. Mayor Pro Tem Mercer asked Mr. Pullum how far that he looks for future growth. Councilmember Williams commented that the charter would treat this displacement as a vacancy and an immediate opening. He asked City Attorney David Shaw for clarification. Mr. Shaw said that he would have to look into it, but he felt like it would be treated as a vacancy.

There was more discussion.

Councilmember Cook moved to adopt Resolution R-22-22 Establishing Criteria for Modifying City Council Electoral Districts and Resolution R-22-23 Establishing Guidelines for the Submission of Citizen Maps. Councilmember Gilman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Councilmembers present.

### **VISITORS**

5. HEAR VISITORS

- Norm Hoffman, 1172 Western Oaks, gave compliments to Councilmember Williams and City Staff for how they handled an issue he had with his curb outside of his home and tilted telephone poles. He then asked about the recently opened Arboretum and needed more information on the parking.

**CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT (BRIEFINGS OR UPDATES MAY BE PROVIDED REGARDING CITY SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL MATTERS, REAL ESTATE/DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, EVENTS, REGULATIONS, COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ISSUES)

Dr. Oubre commented that Councilmember Russell had requested an update on the Western Star Ranch development. Dr. Oubre then provided an update to the Council and citizens that included the current timeline of the project. The developer is currently working on the submittal of the final plat and revising the escarpment plan. Staff does not expect the next step until January 2023.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BRIEFINGS OR UPDATES MAY BE PROVIDED REGARDING CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS)

Councilmember Cook reported on the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Woodway Family Center that had taken place immediately before the Council meeting.

Councilmember Avant thanked Dr. Oubre for scheduling him to attend the Chamber’s recent Economic Outlook Luncheon the previous Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Russell asked to have a Discussion and Consider Action agenda item that pertains to the Western Star Ranch and if they have done work exceeding their permit. There was discussion on specifics of how he would like this to be done. Mayor Pro Tem Mercer asked if Council is even allowed to decide if a municipal code is violated. City Attorney David Shaw said this matter would need to be taken up in Executive Session. He also commented that this is just a request.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

8. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by the Councilmembers present. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.