

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Williams at 6:31 P.M.
2. QUORUM CHECK: Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neville
Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember Paul Najarian
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:

Kim Turner, City Manager
Megan Santee, City Attorney
Michael Cassata, Development Services Director
Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk/Economic Dev Director
Jaclyn Redmon, Building Official

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION: Mayor Williams gave the invocation.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG: Led by Mayor Williams.
5. VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS:

No action was necessary; all councilmembers were present.

6. AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mayor Williams presented Building Official Jaclyn Redmon with the *Building Safety Month* proclamation and declared May 2022 “Building Safety Month in Universal City. He thanked Redmon for their professionalism and for doing an excellent job.

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 19, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting, with corrections. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Neville, Maxwell, Goolsby, Najarian, Shelby, Volle
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

8. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

- Jenna Trigilio, 8438 Ulysses, said that on Saturday April 30th her team participated in PurpleStride, a walk to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer. She thanked the City for letting her team have a day at the Pumpkin Patch and Four Kings for having a lemonade stand at the Cars and Carbs event. She thanked several local businesses for donating to her team and announced that she placed 3rd out of 731 participants raising \$5,149, and her team placed 4th out of 88

teams, raising \$6,745. Additionally, she thanked Councilmember Maxwell for being a great councilman and good friend, for supporting everything, and for cracking cheesy jokes.

- Devona Trigilio, 8438 Ulysses, echoed her daughter and thanked the City for allowing her daughter to have a day at the Pumpkin Patch to collect donations to support pancreatic cancer. He thanked Councilmember Maxwell for always volunteering at every event, always being present and for being so kind and speaking to her daughter at the very first event that they attended. She said she was amazed by how involved he the community saying that he took part in every community birthday drive-by celebration during the pandemic. She said he truly cares about and loves where he lives and thanked him with her whole heart for serving his community.
- Lori Putt, 114 Foxglove, said the first time he met Maxwell was at Snowfest and she had no idea who he was. She said that he is constant, always there throughout the storm and the celebration. She thinks he knows every business person in this City and said that he will be missed. But she is looking forward to what is next. On behalf of everyone she knows who could not attend the meeting, she thanked Councilmember Maxwell for his service. Secondly, she announced that she attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. She said that Public Works Director Randy Luensmann had accomplished almost all the items on his wish list from several years back has come true because of his hard work and determination. She said lets continue to make our parks wonderful by continuing to support Mr. Luensmann and parks.
- Ashton Bulman, 12807 El Dorado, asked why are the rules getting stricter and giving the building official and fire department more control. She said this is the same logic as the curfew rule. Don't give the power if they don't plan to use it. It gives the opportunity to a bad apple to take advantage of it. She asked that Council consider passing an ordinance more in line with the ICC.
- Shelly Reynolds, 103 Circle Dr., stated that she was a 21-year Universal City resident. She has known Councilmember Maxwell for 14 years. She met him through his wife, Cheryl. She thanked him for his 12 years of service. She said it is a very thankless volunteer position. She thanked each councilmember for their service.
- Richard Edwards, 209 Trudy Lane, said that he read the entire City Charter, 741 pages. He asked why the City has so much micromanaging. He doesn't see any councilmember as being heavy handed. He asked why residents have to seek permission to replace their toilet or their fence on their own property. He said the State grants a Home-Rule city so much power. He said that residents are treated as adult children that needed to be restrained or that they will hurt themselves. He feels that the City Council does not function as a representative body of the people but as an oligarchy.
- Linda Sefton, 205 Trudy Lane, said that people in her precinct did not know there was an election going on and suggested that the City do a better job of letting residents know. Additionally, she asked that the City announce or put up signage saying what will be going into the old Acme Ace building. Then, she asked if the Economic Development Corporation could only assist new businesses or if current businesses could receive assistance. Lastly, she said she didn't know where the golf course was or that it was owned by the City, so she asked for more signage to be added.
- Tom England, 607 Balboa, commended Jenna Trigilio for speaking tonight as it is sometimes difficult for a young person to address a crowd. Secondly, he said if you want to know how the City's building codes work attend a Planning and Zoning meeting. Good neighbors make good fences and good fences make good neighbors. He said that when he was on Board of Adjustments where there had been 3 additions added to the home, and none of them were done to code or with permits. The homeowner had to tear the additions down and start over. He said that is why there is building inspectors and building codes. Secondly, he thanked

councilmember Maxwell for his many years of service and dedication to Universal City. He also thanked the City employees that supported the Clean-Up. Lastly, he said that Jack Finger is a San Antonio resident that speaks ad nauseam at every San Antonio City Council meeting and that any local candidate that would accept his endorsement is not deserving of a seat on the City Council of Universal City. He said that another one of the candidates wants to abolish the Universal City Economic Development Corporation, even though the land that his business sits on was purchased from the UCEDC. It sounds hypocritical and looks like it bites the hands that feeds him. He said that same candidate says that the UCEDC is no longer needed because the City is built out. England argued that if one was to drive around Northlake one could see that it was not fully built out. He said apparently that candidate is not above taking a benefit from the UCEDC when it is in his own best interests but wants to deny that benefit to anyone else.

- Bernie Rubal, 635 Balboa, said that he has been presenting to Council for nearly a year and a half. He said that he had a problem with the \$30M bond presentation at the last meeting because “the cart was put before the horse”, meaning that he wanted to see a list of items that the bond money needed to be spent on before the Council approved to call an election for the approval of a \$30M bond. He said that over \$7M of taxpayers money has been used to subsidize the golf course – weddings, rounds of golf, and drinks. He said that the EDC does good in some areas, but in some areas they have spent money to tear down buildings. He said there is some discordance there. He reminded that there are 2 businesses that have received a combined \$1M. He said if there priority is infrastructure, then make it infrastructure. He thanked Councilmember Maxwell for his service and asked Council to consider adopting term limits for council and mayoral seats.
- Michele Garcia, 405 E. Lindbergh, announced that she is a candidate for the Bexar County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 position, which serves Universal City. She said that she is a lifelong resident of Universal City and graduated from OLL University with a degree in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. She has worked for the Justice of Peace for over 15 years. She said Early Voting for the run-off election is May 16-20th and election day is May 24th. Her goal for her term is to have legal aid present for residents during office hours each day. Her next initiative is to have an after-hours traffic docket to allow more people to attend traffic court via Zoom.
- Steven Buck, 8603 Phoenix Ave, thanked staff, Council, the Building Official, and Fire Department for taking more time to consider the fire and building code and for making some slight adjustments. The thoroughfare and roundabout fare is only authorizing the development and plans, not for beginning construction. He said for the Pat Booker Rd project, it looks like they will be authorizing the construction of the medians and pedestrian amenities. He thanked Councilmember Maxwell for his 12 years of service and said he has done much to further the best interests of the City and he will be missed but suspects that this is not the last time we see Councilmember Maxwell. Lastly, he said that there was 45 minutes left in early voting. He thanked everyone for their time and consideration.
- Ina Nepsund, 8323 Delphian Dr., said she met Councilmember Maxwell a few times before she knew he was a councilmember. She said two weeks ago that she was selling the Citizens Police Alumni Association’s *Back the Blue* signs and Councilmember Maxwell approached her and thanked her for a job well done. She thanked Councilmember Maxwell for recognizing their work and thanked him for a job well done.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Presentation by the Bexar County Appraisal District.

City Manager Kim Turner said that this portion of the meeting was being recorded and will be posted onto the City's Facebook page for residents who are unable to attend the meeting to watch. Mrs. Turner introduced Michael Amezcuita, Chief Appraiser for the Bexar County Appraisal District, who gave a presentation on the recently passed Over 65 and Disabled Persons Tax Freeze.

Chief Appraiser Michael Amezcuita said that after the November 2021 election, they received communication that led them to believe that the freeze would take into effect in 2022. After realizing it was passed by referendum and consulting with legal counsel and City staff, it was determined that it should have taken affect in 2021. The notice of appraisal that was initially sent out did not reflect the freeze. However, since then BCAD has updated their system and the notice of appraisal online will reflect the freeze at this time.

Mr. Amezcuita went on to say that the freeze is very beneficial to the community simple because the values increased drastically from 2021 to 2022. Also, he reminded Council and residents that the protest deadline is May 16, 2022. He explained how BCAD has increased the communication avenues available to residents since COVID-19.

He went on to explain the way that property taxes can be unfair, specifically if a commercial property is compared in an appraisal to other commercial property not similar to it or if a group of property is taxed at a rate different than similar property. He said his staff is highly motivated to work with the community to correct the unfairness.

Mayor Williams said that there was a community wide shock when they received the appraisal notices. Mr. Amezcuita explained San Antonio surpassed Austin for the amount of people moving to the City. Bexar county was 13th in the nation for population growth. The average value of a home sold in Bexar County when notices were printed was \$309,000. One month after notice were printed, the average value of a home sold had increased to \$326,000. The demand is growing faster than the supply.

Councilmember Goolsby asked if there was a maximum amount that a home appraisal can increase each year. Mr. Amezcuita said that a Homestead Exemption caps the increase at 10%.

Councilmember Shelby asked what process that appraisal districts use to determine property values for taxation. Mr. Amezcuita answered that the standard is market value. He explained that he cannot add anything to the appraisal notice except for the value that BCAD comes up with and the exemptions qualified. All the other language on that notice is dictated by the State.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville asked how BCAD determines the price of the land. Mr. Amezcuita explained that comparing it to like land-sales is the best way. He said it is very difficult to determine in an area that is mostly built out. Neville explained that he has an easement in the backyard and asked if that easement negatively affects property value. Amezcuita answered that the easement is as much of an asset as it is a deterrent.

Councilmember Goolsby asked if his neighbor's house had bad plumbing if it would negatively affect his home. Mr. Amezcuita said that if it visible affects your home, then yes it could.

Councilmember Najarian said that people buy property profiles to help them buy or sell property. He asked Mr. Amezcuita if he advises residents to get property profiles. Amezcuita recommended to check the box to protest on the appraisal notice as that allows BCAD to share the sales used to value your property and a study that shows 50 properties higher than yours and 50 properties lower than yours.

City Manager Kim Turner said that the Bexar County Appraisal District has their monthly meetings via Zoom and invited residents to watch those meetings to learn more about the Bexar County Appraisal District.

B. Discuss & Consider Resolution 937: A Resolution approving a project of the Universal City Economic Development Corporation as authorized by Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code, authorizing certain financial assistance to be used for targeted infrastructure located within the City of Universal City, Texas; and providing for an effective date. (1st Reading).

Economic Development Director Kristin Mueller explained that this project would be the first phase in providing connectivity from Kitty Hawk through the upcoming commercial development to Loop 1604 as well as provide the ingress and egress for the 2 Acre tract that the City is looking to develop apart from the 43 Acre development. The scope of this project is to prepare roadway and drainage construction plans for approximately 1,000 LF of future main thoroughfare. The existing signal at Kitty Hawk and Wal-Mart will require a modification due to a roadway expansion. Additionally, median improvements along Kitty Hawk Rd between Quivira Dr. and Quail Dr will be incorporated in the construction drawings, along with a public water extension to the limits of the proposed roadway and rehab of an existing wastewater line from a manhole near Kitty Hawk Rd and Wal-Mart to manhole on HEB property, approximately 1,200 LF. To date, Public Works has paid for tasks 1 and 2, totaling \$80,040. The EDC's portion of the project would be approximately \$350,000.

Councilmember Goolsby asked if a roundabout at that intersection was better than a stop sign. Ms. Mueller answered that the engineers studied the area and had determined that the roundabout would allow for better traffic flow through the thoroughfare and handle the amount of traffic anticipated in the development. She added that the curb on the roundabout will be mountable so if cars do hit the sides of it when learning to drive the roundabout, it will not tear up the cars tires or the curb.

Councilmember Maxwell asked what the anticipated traffic flow is for that circle. Mrs. Turner said that the engineers ran 4 different scenarios for the development: mixed use, multifamily, hospital, and retail. This model worked for any of the potential uses.

Councilmember Shelby said he liked the roundabout idea. He said he heard bypass Kitty Hawk and could see how people would use this road to bypass the Loop 1604 and Kitty Hawk exit to get to the light in front of Wal-Mart adding to the traffic and stress of the road. Mrs. Turner said that adding the multiple access points as well as the additional right-hand turning lane out of Wal-Mart should help alleviate some of the traffic that the proposed thoroughfare may cause.

Councilmember Maxwell said prior to the pandemic he said the traffic count was about 80,000 a day. Mrs. Turner said that they can go back to the traffic counts to look at this area specifically.

Councilmember Volle asked what a mountable curb was. Mueller answered that the curb is low profile and slanted so that when a car drives around it, if it hits the curb it will mount on it and

not damage the tires. She then asked if the retaining wall was because of the flood plain. Public Works Director Randy Luensmann explained that there is a conservancy on the property, which means they cannot touch it or make any improvements at all. The retaining wall will be put at the headwall of the conservancy to support the roadway. Mr. Luensmann also clarified that the roundabout was designed there because it is not possible to put another red light there as it would be too close to an existing traffic light. Lastly, she asked if the proposed new parking spaces for Wal-Mart was to make up for the parking spaces that will be removed to make the roundabout and Ms. Mueller confirmed that was the case.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville asked the timeline for construction. Ms. Mueller answered that this is just the design and bid portion of the project and it would take approximately one year to complete. Public Works Director Luensmann estimated approximately six months.

Councilmember Shelby recalled that the City did something to deter heavy trucks from using Kitty Hawk to make deliveries. Mrs. Turner confirmed that they dedicated the route to be on Gibb Sprawl Rd to Universal City Blvd. Councilmember Shelby said the goal would be to keep the heavy trucks off these new roads.

Councilmember Najarian commented that he has driven several roundabouts and they are very efficient. He offered that Northeast Lakeview has one for people to practice one.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Resolution 937. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Shelby, Maxwell, Neville, Goolsby, Najarian, Volle
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

C. Discuss & Consider Resolution 938: A Resolution approving a project of the Universal City Economic Development Corporation as authorized by Section 505.18 of the Texas Local Government Code, authorizing certain financial assistance to be used for targeted infrastructure located within the City of Universal City, Texas; and providing for an effective date. (1st Reading).

Ms. Mueller stated that this project is to make some operational improvements on Pat Booker Rd. Those improvements being a northbound turn lane on Pat Booker Rd onto northbound Loop 1604 Frontage Rd, a raised median at Pat Booker Rd between Loop 1604 and Athenian, as well as between National and Byrd and Byrd and Aviation on Pat Booker Rd. In addition to the turn lane and median improvements, it would provide sidewalk and pedestrian improvements in the Aviation District that would align with the design guidelines presented in the Aviation District Master Plan. Because Pat Booker Rd is a State Highway, there will be a public input component. The cost of the design, bid, and construction phase services of this project is \$246,960.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville said that he remembers the issues that adding medians on the other end of Pat Booker Rd caused and wondered if doing so had been discussed with the Fire Department. Ms. Mueller answered that because Pat Booker Rd is a State Highway, a Public Hearing component is required. Mrs. Turner answered that the preemptive devices added to the traffic systems will provide the means for the Fire Department to get there more quickly.

Councilmember Shelby asked what obstacles the City face will about adding the right-turn lane at Loop 1604. Mr. Luensmann answered that the City may have to acquire some Right-Of-way for the project to happen.

Councilmember Volle asked if this will help with the number of accidents that happen at Pat Booker Rd and FM78. Mr. Luensmann said that forcing people to use signalized intersections should help remediate some of those actions.

Councilmember Shelby asked if U-turns would be allowed at each of the red lights and Mr. Luensmann said that U-turns would not be allowed. Mrs. Turner commented that because that area was built on a grid system, there are multiple ways to get to every street.

Councilmember Najarian said that this project fits the long-term plan for the Aviation District because it slows the flow of traffic down there and the new sidewalks.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Resolution 938. Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Shelby, Maxwell, Neville, Goolsby, Najarian, Volle
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Williams recessed the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Mayor Williams reconvened the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

D. Present & Discuss Building Code Updates.

Mrs. Turner said that as the Council suggested, the Fire and Building code discussion was separated. At the last meeting, the Fire Code was presented. This meeting will be the Building Code.

Councilmember Volle asked if a permit was needed to install a toilet and Building Official Jaclyn Redmon confirmed that a permit was not needed. Then, she asked what the City's policy was for calling in inspections. Redmon explained that inspections are calling into the inspection hotline before midnight the day prior to the inspection and will receive the inspection the next day unless otherwise requested. Any changes in the policy would be to accommodate new software or procedure moving into the future. Councilmember Volle said that she has seen complaints that the window of time the resident has to wait is too large and that if the inspector cannot make it on time, the resident is not made aware. Redmon clarified that if the homeowners phone number is left when scheduling the inspection, the inspector is to call to let them know they cannot make it or are running late.

Councilmember Volle asked if the hotbox requirement was removed. Mr. Luensmann said that the requirement is still there and required by the plumbing code. It must be in a well-heated room or covered. He said a lot of the water issues during the last freeze were due to uncovered, or uninsulated backflow preventers.

Councilmember Shelby said that his sprinkler system was installed a long time ago. He said as long as it was installed prior to the requirement of it being above ground, then it does not have

to be updated to meet this code unless there is a significant improvement made to it and Mr. Luensmann confirmed that it is correct.

Councilmember Shelby asked what inspections are still being outsourced to the contract inspector. Redmon said that it could be all the inspections one day or none of the inspections one day. She is the only qualified inspection that works for the City. It depends on the other tasks that would require her to be in the office. Councilmember Shelby asked if they follow the same guidelines as the City when making contract with the residents and asked how residents will identify them as contracted with the City. Ms. Redmon explained that they should be following the same guidelines and in a case that they don't the resident should contact the City so that it can be addressed. Also, she explained that the contractor inspector will have their badge on them.

Councilmember Goolsby asked Redmon to explain why she is qualified to do plumbing inspections. Redmon said that she currently holds multiple certifications through the International Code Council, she has been in the business for about 10 years and studies the codes for fun. She enjoys learning about and is a licensed plumbing inspector. To achieve that, she had to take a test similar to a Master Plumber exam and acquire 500 hours of field time where she studied under a licensed plumber. She is a licensed certified building official with the International Code Council, which required her to take a very long and lengthy test over all 14 books of the code. Councilmember Goolsby said that he and Redmon have had several disagreements over the code throughout her time working with the City. He asked her to tell everyone how many he has won and she answered that he has not won any to date. Councilmember Goolsby said that he has a lot of confidence in the City's building code official.

Councilmember Goolsby asked that if the building official fails the first thing they see on an inspection if they would stop the inspection. Redmon answered that they would complete the entire inspection and not stop at the first fail. Then, Goolsby asked if the name of a business changes does it need to get a new Certificate of Occupancy. Ms. Redmon explained that the reason to require a new Certificate of Occupancy is to gather the up-to-date contact information of the new owner or operator. She said that if the previous Certificate of Occupancy was issued in the current code cycle, it would be transferred at no cost. If it was issued under a different code cycle, Development Services would do a Building Safety Walk to address life, health, safety, and property maintenance issues. Councilmember Goolsby asked that during a Building Safety Walk was being done and if it complied with the code when it was built, does it have to be updated to meet the new code. Ms. Redmon said that as long as the device is in good condition and functioning in the capacity that it was meant to function in, it would not need to be replaced.

Councilmember Goolsby said that the code requires a drinking fountain but the City is not requiring it. Redmon explained that if the business is performing similar services as a restaurant and is providing water for free, they do not have to have a drinking fountain if they have a sign that says that they offer free water. She used the QuickTrip as an example.

Councilmember Goolsby said he does not want a 40 page definition of a "public nuisance" and if a Building Official abuses that definition then he asked if the City would fire that Building Official and City Manger Turner responded that they would. To clarify, Redmon answered that the definition of public nuisance is inline with the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 3-4-1.011 which gives a specific definition of public nuisance. He thanked Redmon for her time spent answering his questions.

- E. Present & Discuss Ordinance 370-P-2022: An Ordinance repealing Ordinances 103-A- 04, 324, 324-A, 405, 405-A-2020, 370-J-2013, 370-K-2014, 370-L-2015, 370-M-2015, 370-N-2015, 370-O-2016, codified under the City’s Code of Ordinances, Part IV, Chapter 4-6, Articles II - VII and amending Article I to adopt various International Codes and Appendices relating to construction and inspection activities; repealing Part III, Chapter 3-2 Litter and Weeds in its entirety; establishing penalties thereto; providing for severability and open meeting; and providing an effective date. (1st Reading).**

Councilmember Goolsby asked if plans can be submitted electronically or paper. Redmon said they will be accepted either way.

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve Ordinance 370-P-2022. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Goolsby, Shelby, Neville, Maxwell, Najarian, Shelby
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

- F. Award Presentation to Councilmember Maxwell.**

Mayor Williams said that he had the honor of congratulating Councilmember Maxwell when he retired. Mayor Williams said he will always remember Councilmember Maxwell saying that he really worked hard to get sworn in so, that once he got sworn in, he could be sworn at. Mayor Williams said that Maxwell’s strategic retirement plan would be rest, relax, repeat. He advised that retirement is an issue of mind over matter – if you don’t mind, it sure as heck doesn’t matter. He quoted Mr. Rogers saying, “Often when you think you are at the end of something, you are at the beginning of something else.” Mayor Williams said he believes that is what will happen with Councilmember Maxwell as Maxwell is such a dedicated servant and works hard for his community.

Mayor Williams presented Councilmember Maxwell with a token of appreciation for his 12 years serving as a councilmember for Universal City.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Turner, on behalf of the staff, thanked Councilmember Maxwell for truly serving as councilmember and is dedicated to their community. To quote the Bible, she said, “Well done good and faithful servant.” Lastly, she said she didn’t want to say “goodbye”, so instead will say “see you later” because she still hopes to see him show up and serve his community.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Volle said that Council will miss Maxwell’s wise words but also his wise cracks. She said he is always at events before she gets there and when she leaves he is still there serving.

Councilmember Goolsby said he hopes to one day be able to be like Maxwell in the way that he serves his City and the way that people talk about him. He thanked Councilmember Maxwell for being himself.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville said he can call Councilmember Maxwell Chief because he himself is a Chief. He said that he outranks Maxwell because he served more time. He explained that there is a thing in

the military that some call out to people by their pay rate, “oh, he is just an E9”, then there are those that they call a Chief, then there are those that are called a Chief’s Chief – and that is Tom Maxwell. What Maxwell says he means and what he means to do, he does. He shows up when necessary and goes beyond the call of duty to do what must be done.

Councilmember Najarian said that he met Maxwell at the Citizens Police Academy in 2013. He said Councilmember Maxwell has been a great mentor and a great friend. Najarian said he will see him around at future events.

Councilmember Shelby said he has enjoyed his deliberation and disagreements with Councilmember Maxwell. He said he got to watch him from the audience for over a year. And for him to be the new councilmember who didn’t understand anything, he always appreciated Councilmember Maxwell for being there to answer questions and be a guide for what it means to be a good councilmember. He said that he wants to be like Councilmember Maxwell when he grows up. Lastly, Councilmember Shelby told Councilmember Maxwell a joke. He said, “Why should you never trust atoms?” – “Because they make up literally everything.”

Councilmember Maxwell said that he is practically speechless because everything he had planned to say has escaped him. He said he is blessed and humbled by the outpouring of comments, texts, and phone calls over the last few weeks. He said the Mayor is a terrific leader who he has served under for 12 years and he is the right mix for Universal City. Maxwell said that he and Councilmember Volle go back to 1990 when they were still on active duty. He said they both are conditioned to serving people. Maxwell said he and Mayor Pro Tem Neville go back to serving as Chiefs. He commented that Councilmember Goolsby’s professionalism is something that he has leaned on throughout the years and he always took his lead from Goolsby when it comes to anything related to building codes. Also, Councilmember Maxwell said that he has learned some things from Councilmember Najarian as well. Najarian has helped to change his view or opinion on some things. Then, he said that he leaned on Councilmember Shelby for anything related to IT and applauded him for his ability to ask the most direct questions. He said in the 12 years he has been assigned 288 individual City Council meetings, 4 meetings that were cancelled due to there being no items on the agenda. He missed 5 meetings throughout his years of service, 3 of them because he was assigned overseas with the air force, two he was embedded with the army. He said he spent 6 years and 8 months in isolated remote assignments in his first 10 years of service. It taught him what the creature comforts of life could be. He missed two other meetings, one because he was assigned to Philadelphia for a project and one because his wife had emergency surgery. He said the number one thing he wanted to say was that all the great words that were said tonight were the result of all the great volunteers and superior Staff in Universal City. He said when he first started City Council, there was half the Council that wanted to spend no money and make no improvements. Then, there were only 2-3 month reserves. Now, the City is sitting at 11-12 months of reserves. That is from effective leadership, frugal buying and building and expanding for the future. The most important asset that this City has is its volunteers. Lastly, he said that someone earlier in the meeting had asked how he managed all the different things. He said there is an old saying that if you do something you love, you don’t have a job. And he was lucky enough to do that with his career and his role as councilmember. He said that as councilmembers, they have to do what is best for the majority. And through their fractures and disagreements, they work together. Again, he said that he was humbled and thanked everyone for the kind words. Lastly, he said in a couple of council meetings he will get to utilize Citizens to Be Heard and share his opinion, not the opinion of his constituents.

13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams said it has been a pleasure to serve with Councilmember Maxwell because you serve, and you care about the community. You are a Chief's Chief and the worker bees in this community recognize Councilmember Maxwell as the Chief. Mayor Williams said, "Well done good and faithful servant."

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Williams, Mayor

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk