



LINH CHAU – Mayor
 LARRY GLENN – Councilmember Place 1
 JIM GARDNER – Councilmember Place 2
 CHIP WOOLF – Councilmember Place 3
 TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4
 RAYLYNN SAMORA – Councilmember Place 5
 MICHAEL DOTSON – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 DECEMBER 14, 2021**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6pm

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Chau 6:00 pm

INVOCATION – Councilmember Gardner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Glenn

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Glenn

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Glenn

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM – Any person with city related business may speak to City Council. Speakers must sign in and complete a registration form and give it to the City Secretary no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the council meeting. All speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

1. Krista Griffith spoke on behalf of the Montgomery Home, a home for seniors in Palacios.
2. Danielle Krause with Vagabond Boots discussed her concerns with the Palacios Chamber of Commerce and the Palacios Economic Development Corporation and their lack of support for the Palacios Pop Up event.
3. Paul Saustrup spoke to Council and requested that he be appointed as the Fire Marshall for the City of Palacios.
4. Joel Paniagua asked for an audit on the Palacios Volunteer Fire Department retirement account. He also asked who is in charge at the PVFD because he was recently issued a criminal trespass warning for being on the property.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report – November 2021 – Acting City Manager, Vaughn Dierlam, reviewed the November 2021 report with Council.
2. Christmas Party on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 6pm at the Pavilion
3. Notice of Deadline to File Applications for Place on the Ballot
4. Budget Concerns – Acting City Manager, Vaughn Dierlam, discussed budget concerns from the police department with Council

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider approving the first reading of Ordinance 2021-O-12 to update permit fees for the City of Palacios.
 Councilmember Gardner motioned to table this item
 Councilmember Lewis seconded
 With no opposition, the item was tabled
2. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act for smoke testing and sewer repairs.
 Councilmember Woolf motioned to approve the use of funds from the American Rescue Act as stated
 Councilmember Glenn seconded
 With no opposition, the motion carried

3. Discuss and consider appointing Mary Crocker to replace Mr. Scott Tran until his term expires on December 31, 2022 to the PEDC Board of Directors.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Mary Crocker to the PEDC Board of Directors as stated
Councilmember Woolf seconded
YES – 4
NO – 3
The motion carried
4. Discuss and consider appointing Ms. DC Dunham to replace Mr. Robert Garrett until his term expires on December 31, 2023 to the PEDC Board of Directors.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Ms. DC Dunham to the PEDC Board of Directors as stated
Councilmember Lewis seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
5. Discuss and consider appointing the PEDC Directors for the following terms: 2nd Term for Leland Singer, 3rd Term for Jan Pierce, 3rd Term for Paula Whitney.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Leland Singer, Jan Pierce, and Paula Whitney to the PEDC Board of Directors as stated
Councilmember Lewis seconded
YES – 4
NO – 3
The motion carried
6. Discuss and consider action to adopt Resolution 2021-R-28 casting a ballot for Peter Zamarrippa to serve on the Matagorda County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 term.
Councilmember Woolf motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-28 as stated.
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
7. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-29 designating an engineering service provider for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Contracts Funded by TDEM and Texas Water Development Board
Councilmember Woolf motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-29 as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
8. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-30 designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) General Land Office (GLO) State Contract Number 22-085-048-D301.
Councilmember Gardner motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-30 as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
9. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-31 that adopts a Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy; Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan, Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct Policy, and a Fair Housing Policy.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-31 as stated
Councilmember Gardner seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
10. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-32 approving the City of Palacios' participation in the statewide Opioid Settlement Fund and approving the Texas Term Sheet.
Councilmember Gardner motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-30 as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
11. Discuss and consider allowing a waiver for the property located at 1505 Newsome to install a septic system since the City does not provide services.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to allow a waiver for the property located at 1505 Newsome as stated
Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
12. Discuss and consider appointing Paul Saustrup as the Fire Marshall for the City of Palacios.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Paul Saustrup as the Fire Marshall for the City of Palacios
Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried

13. Discuss and consider accepting the resignation of Robert Garrett from the Airport Committee.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to accept the resignation of Robert Garrett from the Airport Committee
Councilmember Gardner seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
14. Discuss and consider allowing the Palacios Prairie Wetlands to perform prescribed burns of the grassland portions of the nature center.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to allow the Palacios Prairie Wetlands to perform prescribed burns of the grassland portions of the nature center.
Councilmember Gardner seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
15. Discuss and consider allowing the use of fireworks at Texas Baptist Encampment On December 31, 2021 from 11:45 pm to 12 midnight by Faith Family Church from Victoria, Texas.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to allow the use of fireworks at Texas Baptist Encampment On December 31, 2021 from 11:45 pm to 12 midnight by Faith Family Church from Victoria, Texas.
Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
16. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of the November 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting
Councilmember Samora motioned to approve the consent agenda items as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:
Consult with its attorney (551.071) -
Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072) -
Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)
Discuss personnel matters (551.074) -
Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087) -

ADJOURN

Councilmember Glenn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36
Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried.

Linh Chau, Mayor

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

