

# MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING February 28, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gerald Joubert presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present. Cameron Wafer, Carlie Jones, Michielle Benson, Clara Faulkner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Malinda Miller, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, City Secretary Othel Murphree, and City Attorney Warren Spencer. Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks were absent.

## Opening Agenda:

#### A. Call to Order

With a quorum present Mayor Joubert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### B. Invocation

Mayor Joubert delivered the invocation.

# C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

## D. Deliberation Agenda:

1. Discuss and consider taking action on an Order of Cancellation to cancel the Special Election to fill a vacancy (City Council, Place 3) that was called for May 6, 2017.

Councilwoman Jones stated that based upon the terms in the temporary injunction issued by the 153<sup>rd</sup> District Court on February 21, 2017, which prohibits the City of Forest Hill from giving any force or effect to its action on January 6, 2017 declaring that Michielle Benson had resigned from the Forest Hill City Council and depriving or interfering in any way with Michielle Benson in exclusively occupying Place 3 through to expiration of her elected term in May 2018, I, Councilwoman Jones move that the Council cancel the Special Election to fill Place 3 in order to comply with the Court's order. Councilman Wafer made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mayor Pro Tem Birks was absent.

- E. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, the Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting for any posted agenda item, to receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law.
  - **a.** Pursuant to Section 551.071. Consultation with City Attorney to receive information regarding Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill.

Mayor Joubert announced the Council was going to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.071 to consult with the City Attorney to receive information regarding Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Session.

Mayor Joubert called the meeting back to order at 6:14 p.m.

G. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.

There was no action taken as a result of the execution session.

- H. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017
- I. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Joubert adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Othel Murphree, City Secretary

APPROVED;

Gerald Joubert/. Mayor