



**CITY OF  
IOWA  
COLONY**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
7:00 PM**

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**Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Iowa Colony, Texas 77583**

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 10th day of July 2024, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Wil Kennedy  
Mayor Pro Tem Marquette Greene-Scott  
Councilmember McLean Barnett  
Councilmember Arnetta Murray  
Councilmember Tim Varlack

And Councilmember Kareem Boyce and Councilmember Sydney Hargroder being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Varlack prayed aloud.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Barnett mentioned that it is going to be a busy hurricane season. We are on the road to recovery from Hurricane Beryl. He stated that there was good team effort from the city and staff regarding coordination and communication, and he appreciates that. He reminded everyone to be prepared as we don't realize how much something means until we don't have it.

Councilmember Murray provided no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee, Staff, and Sponsors for the wonderful Fourth of July Festival. She mentioned the blessings that came from the hurricane. She stated that Councilmember Barnett is a great meteorologist. She thanked the members in attendance at the council meeting.

Mayor Kennedy thanked the City Council and Staff for the Fourthfest.

Councilmember Varlack thanked Councilmember Barnett for the updates regarding the storm. He would like to look at the emergency plans again. We had a fantastic Fourth of July event fireworks display. Iowa Colony has the longest fireworks display in Brazoria County. He appreciates the first responders during the storm.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager; Robert Hemminger provided the following comments during staff reports.

The Fourthfest turned out great. He thanked the Staff and Parks and Recreation Committee for putting the event together. He recognized the volunteers that helped with the event. He recognized the City of Manvel's partnership for the event.

He provided an update regarding hurricane Beryl. At one point all of the city was without power. Yesterday evening about half of the city's power was restored and this evening about half of Meridiana's was restored. There are trees and fences throughout the city that are down. City crews did go out immediately to clear trees and roadways. Debris collection has been activated. The city has had the contracts in place for a while. The trucks to collect debris will start on Monday to provide residents the weekend to start getting it together. Also, the Mayor provides message updates so he encouraged residents that if they have not signed up to receive the notifications to go ahead and do so as he will be providing information for debris collection. There is an item on the agenda to approve a resolution for debris pickup to include private roads for council consideration later on this evening.

He extended a special thank you to the Staff from the City Council. He heard from every City Council member a thanks to the staff. From the staff to the City Council, thank you for the expressions of concern over their homes, wellness, and safety. He also provided a special thank you to Councilmember Barnett. He appreciates the reports he provided regarding the hurricane. He gave a special thanks to the citizens for looking out for one another and helping each other.

1. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
2. Police Department Monthly Report
3. Municipal Court Monthly Report
4. Public Works Monthly Report
5. City Engineer Monthly Report
6. Finance Monthly Reports

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION-8:19 P.M.**

*Executive session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:*

7. Discuss personnel matters related to City Manager annual performance appraisal.
8. Discussion on potential or threatened legal action related to development agreement default.

## **POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 10:16 P.M.**

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

9. Consideration and possible action on the Mayor's Disaster Declaration for Tropical Storm (Hurricane) Beryl and related matters.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to adopt a resolution ratifying the Disaster Declaration for the City of Iowa Colony issued on July 7, 2024 and authorizing the continuation

of such disaster declaration, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to adopt a resolution declaring a public necessity to remove disaster debris from private roads in Iowa Colony, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

10. Consideration and possible action to set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the proposed Crime Control and Prevention District Plan and Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to schedule a public hearing for the 2024-25 Crime Control and Prevention District proposed budget on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., in the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers at 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

11. Consideration and possible action on City Manager annual performance review.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve the City Manager's annual performance appraisal and related matters as discussed in Executive Session, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

12. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance granting a variance to the transparency requirements in the City's Unified Development Code at 3215 Meridiana Parkway.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to approve an ordinance on first and final reading granting a variance to the transparency requirements in the City's Unified Development Code at 3215 Meridiana Parkway, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. The City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

13. Consideration and possible action on a specific use permit for a car dealership in Sierra Vista.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve a specific use permit for a car dealership in Sierra Vista, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

14. Consideration and possible action on the Crystal Center Entertainment District Plan of Development (PD).

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve the Plan of Development subject to Staff and City Attorney review of the language discussed and with 15 acres to retail establishments in an "L" shape and a maximum 65 ft. height with no more than 650 units in the multi family, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Barnett stated he has a conflict of interest regarding this item

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items:*

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve all the consent agenda items as presented, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack

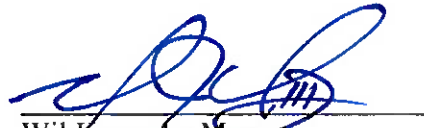
- 15. Consider approval of the June 10, 2024 City Council Worksession minutes.
- 16. Consider approval of the June 10, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
- 17. Consider renewal of Certificate of Deposit xxx7818 with Veritex Community Bank
- 18. Consider approval of the 2023 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 (TIRZ 2) Annual Report
- 19. Consider approval of an engagement letter with Whitley Penn for auditing services.
- 20. Consider acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.
- 21. Consider approval of the Ellwood Section 1A Preliminary Plat.
- 22. Consider approval of the Ellwood Section 1B Preliminary Plat.
- 23. Consider approval of the Ellwood Detention Reserve A and B Preliminary Plat.
- 24. Consider approval of the Ellwood Karsten Boulevard Phase I Street Dedication Preliminary Plat.
- 25. Consider approval of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 57 Lift Station No. 3 Final Plat.
- 26. Consider approval of the Prose Sierra Vista Preliminary Plat.
- 27. Consider approval of the Sierra Vista Corner Replat No. 2.
- 28. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 2 Early Plat Disbursement Request No. 6.
- 29. Consider approval of an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for ROW acquisition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2024

  
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Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

  
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Wil Kennedy, Mayor

