CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MINUTES December 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to order and quorum call. At 6:32 council meeting was called to order by Mayor Martinez. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado, Alderwoman Madero, Aldermen Tremblay, Alderman Fillinger, City Attorney and City Secretary.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance. Led by Mayor Martinez
- 3. Citizens to be heard. Persons wishing to speak may sign up with the City Secretary in the time and manner as indicated above. This time is provided for citizens to address the City Council on issues and concerns related to the City of Sandy Oaks. Please note that the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from responding, commenting, or discussing items or topics during this portion of the meeting that are not included on the agenda. The City Council appreciates hearing from the citizens and your thoughts and questions are valued; however, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to the City Council. Speakers shall refrain from public criticism of members of the City Council that are prohibited by law. This item will be open for up to 30 minutes, with 3 minutes to each speaker. One (1) person may speak on behalf of a group. Up to three (3) people may register on behalf of the group for the spokesperson to be allotted up to nine (9) minutes to speak. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, each will be given two (2) minutes or six (6) minutes for a group spokesperson. No citizens signed up to be heard.
- 4. Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates: None at this time.
- 5. Administration New Business
 - a. Executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Court Clerk Katherine Yelton pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074, Personnel Matters. Mayor Martinez asked Ms. Yelton if she would like a closed Executive Session, which Ms. Yelton stated she would like an open session.
 - b. Discuss and/or possible action on the appointment, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Court Clerk Katherine Yelton. At this time, Katherine Yelton, Court Clerk was given the floor to speak. Ms. Yelton stated she would like to bring a former complaint that prompted this suspension. After a very lengthy discussion between Council and Ms. Yelton to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Court Clerk, Katherine Yelton, where a motion was moved by Alderman Tremblay, second by Alderman Repino for Katherine Yelton, Court Clerk to be placed on a personnel improvement plan with the list of expectations for 180 day probation period, with periodic reviews, passed unanimously.
- 6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Passed and approved this 9TH day of January 2025.

Michael Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Delma Doyal, City Secretary

NOTE:

Enumerated agenda items are assigned numbers for ease of reference only and will not necessarily be considered by Council in that order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Discussion only – closed to the Public) The Council may close the meeting at any time and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney--on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or any other authorized provision of Chapter 551 on any of the above items. The Open Meetings Act permits a governing body to consult with its attorney privately in executive session by telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the Internet. Tex. Gov't Code 551.129(a).

I certify that the above notice of a regular meeting was posted at City Hall on or before the 6th day of May 2024 by 6:30 P.M. and notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Delma Doyal City Secretary