



MINUTES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

120 W. 7th St., Anna, TX 75409

Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum.

Theresa King-Bell called the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nate Pike called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Theresa King-Bell, Valencia Edwards, Elijah Nelms, Yoshanda Sims, Glenn Brown, Dallen Morgan and Rahul Luthra. Quorum is present.

Council Members Present: Mayor Nate Pike, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Miller, Council Liaison Kevin Toten, Pete Cain, and Elden Baker. Council Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Randy Atchley and Stan Carver. Quorum is present.

Others in Attendance: Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Winarski, Assistant City Manager Taylor Lough, and City Manager Ryan Henderson

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pike provided an invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Neighbor's Input.

No neighbor's input.

4. Work Session.

a. Discussion and Direction on Council and Board Expectations for Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting.

Mayor Pike stated the board was created with intention and understanding that there is a need in the community. Funding and action will require Council approval and the Commission is encouraged to plan in advance, based on budget schedules.

Kevin Toten shared that attendance is very important. He shared he will be the liaison.

Valencia Edwards shared the Board should come up with rules for missed meetings.

Glenn Brown provided a proposal to create a multidisciplinary team to create operational and procedural guidelines for the Commission with adoption planned for March. Theresa King-Bell made a motion to include this proposal on the January Commission meeting. Yoshanda Sims seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Elden Baker asked the Board to review the planned and current events and advise how they can be more inclusive. Theresa replied that the Board has asked for an event calendar to include that for future discussion.

b. Discussion and Direction on Project Unity Together We Dine Partnership and Program.

Dallen Morgan shared information about the Project Unity organization and the Together We Dine program. Taylor Lough shared the partnership opportunity levels. Pete Cain shared there is no budget set for the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission. Glenn Brown suggested budget requests be part of the process. Lee Miller agrees there needs to be a funding mechanism. Mayor Pike agreed with a procedural mechanism for action for the Commission to advise the Council. He stated that the Commission will act. Staff will inform the City Manager who will consult with the Council for the agenda or other action that may be needed. The City Council hires only the City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge.

Valencia Edwards stated the first dine could include all Anna City Boards and Commissions as well as the Anna ISD School Board, and other invited attendees.

c. Discussion and Direction on Anna Youth Employment Program.

Valencia Edwards shared the purpose statement and action the Commission took in October. Kimberly Winarski explained three interns for eight weeks are planned to work for the City of Anna at federal minimum wage over the summer. Staff has applied for a grant.

Theresa King-Bell made a motion to amend the purpose statement for the item. Glenn Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Report.

a. Multicultural Event.

A memo from Director of Neighborhood Services Marc Marchand was provided outlining proposed details for the event. Mayor Pike explained that Juneteenth was created by a neighbor when the city was not able to host the event. In 2024 the city will plan and host the event. Mayor Pike stated the Commission will advise the event. Staff will plan the Multicultural event with input from the Commission.

b. Youth in Government Day.

Kimberly Winarski shared the event is January 26th and the information will be shared in the city newsletter.

c. National Day of Prayer

Kimberly Winarski shared that this item has been brought before the Commission. Elden Baker shared there was a casual event at the previous city hall previously.

6. Items for Individual Consideration

a. Consider/Discuss/Act on Approval of the Minutes from the October 23, 2023 Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting.

Theresa King-Bell made a motion to approve the minutes..... Dallen Morgan seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

7. Adjourn.

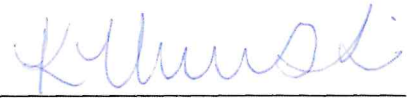
Kimberly Winarski provided a recap of the meeting's discussion. Theresa King-Bell thanked the City Council for their attendance.

Theresa King-Bell adjourned the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Nate Pike adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Theresa King-Bell, Chairperson

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Kimberly Winarski, Staff liaison