

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 17, 2022 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

PRESENT: COMMISSION CHAIR Derrick Thaxton
COMMISSIONERS Richard Zaker, Francie Johnson, Byron Hansbro,
Joyce Keller and Vivian Goodman

ABSENT: VICE CHAIR Nikki Garry and COMMISSIONER Gina Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER Penny Rogers
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Sherry Beasley

I. Call to Order

Commission Chair Thaxton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Four out of eight Commissioners were present at the time of roll call. Commissioners Francie Johnson and Joyce Keller entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Commission Chair Thaxton declared a quorum does exist to conduct and approve business.

Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton asked the new Commissioner Vivian Goodman to introduce herself.

II. Appearance of Citizens

The following citizen provided comments to the Commission: Abeer Motan.

III. Approval of the January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zaker. Upon roll call, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Francie Johnson and Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. Commissioner Vivian Goodman abstained. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the motion carried.

IV. Monthly Activity Report & Summary of Cases

Human Resources Manager Penny Rogers provided a monthly status report of cases.
(Exhibit A)

V. Unfinished Business

A. Recap of Black History Month

Mrs. Rogers stated she thought the program went very well, despite the speaker having to cancel at the last minute for personal reasons. The essays, poems, drawings and short film were very good. Administrative Assistant Sherry Beasley thanked Commissioner Gina Taylor for helping with the judging of the essays and poems and Administrative Assistant Angie Roberts for helping with the judging of the drawings. Commission Chair Thaxton stated the students are very talented and the program went well.

B. Update on Women's Forum

Commissioner Hansbro stated he will talk to Commissioner Taylor regarding the forum. Human Resources Manager Rogers stated she did not think there would be enough time to hold the forum in March, as originally planned. Commissioner Hansbro agreed not to have the forum this year and look at it again at the beginning of next year. He suggested to have something in conjunction with Juneteenth.

VI. New Business

A. Human Relations Commission Annual Report 2021

Human Resources Manager Rogers referenced the Commission's annual report for 2021 and explained that Chapter 28 requires the Commission to at least annually report to the City Council its activities and recommendations. This report was included in the City Council Meeting packet on March 7, 2022.

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Zaker welcomed Commissioner Goodman to the Commission. He said he would like to put out feelers for more events the Commission can participate in and join forces with other groups.

Commission Chair Thaxton announced he will be resigning from the Commission due to other commitments. His last meeting will be May 19, 2022. The Commission will have nominations for Chair and Vice Chair at the April 21, 2022 meeting. The elections will take place at the May meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon roll call, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Francie Johnson, Vivian Goodman, and Commissioner Chair Thaxton voted aye. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.