

# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 19, 2022 4:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

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

**ABSENT:** VICE CHAIR Nikki Garry  
COMMISSIONERS Francie Johnson and 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 4:00 p.m.

### **A. Roll Call**

Five out of eight Commissioners were present at the time of roll call. Commission Chair Thaxton declared a quorum does exist to conduct and approve business.

## **II. Appearance of Citizens**

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

## **III. Approval of the April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Zaker to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon roll call, Commissioners Vivian Goodman, Byron Hansbro, Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, and Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. 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) Discussion followed regarding case #220331.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

Commission Chair Thaxton called for Unfinished Business.

### **A. Election for the position of Chair**

Commissioner Hansbro motioned to elect Vice Chair Garry as Commission Chair for the minimum term allowed by the Commission's By Laws, seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Upon call of the roll, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Vivian Goodman and Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the motion carried.

B. Election for the position of Vice Chair

Commission Chair Thaxton motioned to elect Commissioner Hansbro as Vice Chair for the minimum term allowed by the Commission's By Laws, seconded by Commissioner Richard Zaker. Upon call of the roll, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Vivian Goodman and Commissioner Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the motion carried.

C. Motion to purchase buttons for Juneteenth

Commissioner Zaker motioned to approve two packages of buttons for Juneteenth at the cost of \$15.99 each, seconded by Commission Chair Thaxton. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to order four packages. Commissioner Zaker motioned to accept the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon call of the roll, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Vivian Goodman and Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the motion carried.

**VIII. New Business**

Commission Chair Thaxton called for New Business.

There was none.

**IX. Other Business**

Commission Chair Thaxton reported Evelyn Hood stated it was okay for someone from the Commission to talk about the Commission at the Juneteenth event in Central Park. He gave Ms. Hood Commission Chair elect Garry and Vice Chair elect Hansbro's names. Commissioner Zaker asked about the items we will need for the Juneteenth. Human Resources Manager Penny Rogers stated we have a skirt for the table, a banner and she will check on the pamphlets. Commissioner Hansbro will bring a table.

Human Resources Manager Rogers presented Commission Chair Thaxton on behalf of the Commission, a plaque thanking him for serving on the Commission for 9 years.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Upon call of the roll, Commissioners Richard Zaker, Joyce Keller, Byron Hansbro, Vivian Goodman, and Commission Chair Derrick Thaxton voted aye. Commission Chair Thaxton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.