

WORKSHOP & SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, May 15, 2017  
5:00 p.m.

A Workshop and Special Meeting of the Anahuac City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Anahuac City Hall located at 501 Miller Street, Anahuac, Texas on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the above noted time.

There were present:

Cheryl Sanders	Mayor
Janice Jircik	Aldерwoman
Deidre Crews	Mayor Pro Tem
Charlie Henry	Alderman
Danny Thompson	Alderman
Ken Bays	City Administrator
Julie Harvill	City Secretary

Those not present:

Richard Baker	City Attorney
Richard Ferguson	City Attorney

Guests:

**Workshop**

Mayor Sanders called the workshop to order at 6:32 p.m. Alderman Henry led the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Crews led the pledges.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 the purpose of the workshop is to discuss and develop an amusement park ordinance, the \$100 non tax charge on the water bills.

Mayor Sanders informed Council she would like to have an amusement park ordinance developed in regards to Gatorfest, she stated she is mainly concerned for the safety of the patrons attending the festival as well as the citizens of the City. She spoke about the issues concerning last festive where people were walking from the airport down the main streets/highways and the number of calls she received regarding patrons almost getting hit. Robbie King, with the Chamber of Commerce was present and spoke before Council about the issues from last year's festival. Mrs. King informed Council that the festival was aware of the issues from last year and that it was a last minute plan last year and they are already working fixing the issue for this year. Mrs. King said that Gatorfest personnel would like to sit down with the City to come up with a plan. City Administrator Bays suggested that if the main concern was just traffic and safety that we have our City Attorney Richard Baker develop an ordinance pertaining strictly to those areas.

Mayor Sanders discussed the \$100 fee for the entities in the City that do not pay property taxes such as the school, the Volunteer Fire Department, the EMS, the Chamber of Commerce, and the County properties. She informed Council that the \$48,000 a year revenue that would be brought in from this charge was not included in the figures to approve the loans with TWDB. If this amount was taken away, the City would be about \$9,000.00 to the good with the rates that was adopted. Alderman Henry stated he didn't the charge and was ready to do away with it. Mayor Sanders stated that no action could be taken tonight but it could be placed on the June 12, 2017 agenda.

With no further business needed to be brought before the council Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 and the workshop was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

### **Special Meeting**

Mayor Sanders called the special meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 1 canvass the votes for the 2017 General Election.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 2 consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 2017-05-04 – **ARESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHUAC, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENEAL ELECTON HELD ON MAY 06,2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCILPERSON; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crews. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 3 consideration and possible action on swearing in new Council members. Alderwoman Janice Jircik, Alderman Charlie Henry, and Alderman Sean Perry were sworn in.

Mayor Sanders moved to item 4 consideration and possible action on selecting a new Mayor Pro Tem. A motion was made by Alderwoman Crews suggesting Alderman Charlie Henry as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jircik, all were in favor and the motion carried.

With no further business needed to be brought before the council Mayor Sanders moved to item 5 and the special meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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**Cheryl Sanders, Mayor**  
**City of Anahuac**

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**Julie Harvill, City Secretary**  
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