

**City of Killeen**  
Special City Council Meeting  
Killeen City Hall  
March 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Debbie Nash-King

Attending: Councilmembers Jessica Gonzalez, Nina Cobb (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Michael Boyd, Ken Wilkerson, Rick Williams, and Mellisa Brown

Vacant: District 2 Seat

Also attending were Assistant City Manager Danielle Singh, City Attorney Traci Briggs, City Secretary Lucy Aldrich, and Sergeant-at-Arms Papp

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Citizen Comments**

Mr. Ronnie Russell spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Amani Mitchell spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Khandiese Cooper spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Cassandra Owens spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Jessica Webster spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Mr. Eric Franklin spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Toni Ringgold spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Carla Medina spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Mr. Sean Price spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Mr. Roland Stewart spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Mr. Victor Vinziant spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Ms. Maraa Johns spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.  
Mr. Zion Ringgold spoke on agenda item RS-22-037.

**Discussion Items**

**DS-22-037** Discuss Small Business Applications for American Rescue Plan Act Funding.

**Staff Comments:** Danielle Singh, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Singh gave a brief update in the application process. While reviewing applications, it was brought to her attention that two businesses have requested for the city to consider providing a letter of intent of funding in order for them to move forward with the initial phases of purchasing buildings downtown for their businesses. Ms. Singh further requested for City Council to provide a direction for staff to follow as review of the applications is conducted. Suggestions from Ms. Singh included: is the business currently operating; have they identified/secured a downtown location; and is the application complete.

*Motion of direction was made by Councilmember Wilkerson for staff to draft a letter of intent as requested. Councilmember Cobb seconded the motion of direction. During discussions, Councilmember Cobb withdrew her second. Without a second, the motion of direction died. Motion of direction was made by Councilmember Gonzalez to close the application submission on April 12, 2022. Councilmember Wilkerson seconded the motion of direction. Motion of direction carried unanimously. Motion of direction was made by Councilmember Wilkerson for staff to draft a letter of intent to both business owners without a specific fiscal amount noted. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion of direction. Councilmember Brown made an amendment to the motion of direction to include in the letters of intent that the City would provide funding in the amount of \$90,000 to Ms. Ringgold and \$40,000 to Ms. Cooper. Without a second, the motion to amend the motion of direction died. Motion of direction carried unanimously. Motion of direction was made by Councilmember Brown to approve Ms. Singh's recommended application criteria and bring back applicable applications for City Council consideration at the May 3, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion of direction. Motion of direction carried 5 to 1 with Councilmember Williams in opposition.*

**DS-22-038** Conduct and Discuss Interviews for District 2 Applicants.

Mayor Nash-King asked City Council if they would like to conduct the interviews in open or closed session. A consensus of the City Council requested closed session as has been done historically.

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Nash-King called for City Council to recess the meeting to Executive Session.

Per V.T.C.A, Government Code Section 551.074, the City Council will conduct and discuss interviews for the District 2 applicants.

At 8:59 p.m., Mayor Nash-King reconvened the City Council meeting.

### **Resolutions**

**RS-22-045** Consider a memorandum/resolution appointing a Councilmember to fill the unexpired term for District 2.

Following the resignation of Mayor Segarra, Mayor Protem Nash-King (District 2) was sworn in as Mayor leaving the District 2 seat vacant. City Council solicited applications for the vacancy and conducted interviews.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Gonzalez to approve RS-22-045, the appointment of Mr. Riakos Adams to serve the remaining term of District 2. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cobb. Motion carried 5 to 0, Councilmember Brown was not at the dais when the vote was taken.*

### **Oath of Office & Standards of Conduct**

City of Killeen City Secretary Lucy Aldrich administered the Oath of Office to Riakos Adams. Mr. Adams signed the Standards of Conduct form and joined City Council on the dais.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, upon motion being made by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Debbie Nash-King, Mayor

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Lucy C. Aldrich, City Secretary