



**VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
MINUTES**

Special Called City Council Work Session
April 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order: Mayor Dan Thost called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.
- B. Call Roll and Establish Quorum:

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Isabelle Evans, Kit Hopkins, Ed Racht, Kristin Ruff and Claudia Wilson. Councilmembers Absent: None. Quorum established.

Also Present: Mayor Dan Thost and City Secretary Sonja De La Fuente.

II. WORK SESSION

- A. Review and discuss Village of Volente Committees and Applicants.

The Mayor provided a brief report on this item.

There was discussion held regarding the role of the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember's Hopkins, Ruff and Wilson advised that they would not be interested in assuming the role of the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Evans indicated she is comfortable supporting the Mayor, but not conducting the meetings.

There was discussion held regarding whether Council should or must serve as the Committee chairperson. There was a consensus of the Council that it is not a r to chair the committee they sponsor. However, a Councilmember has a particular expertise in an area (i.e. Councilmember Hopkins and Budget/Finance) then they should serve as the chair.

Councilmember Wilson volunteered to sponsor the Public Works Committee. Councilmember Evans volunteered to sponsor the Public Relations Committee. Councilmember Hopkins volunteered to sponsor the Budget & Finance Committee. Councilmember Ruff volunteered to sponsor the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Evans also volunteered to incorporate the Parks & Environmental Committee into the Public Relations Committee.

Council Member Evans provided a presentation regarding the various committees and the volunteer applications received. She explained that there must be three members to form a committee.

City Council discussed the fact that the City Council appoints the Chair and Vice Chair for the Board of Adjustment and Chair of Planning & Zoning.

There was discussion held regarding late applicants, as there were three applications received after the deadline. It was determined that the late applications would not be considered at this time.

The presentation will be summarized and updated with comments and suggestions from the City Council and brought to the Regular Called City Council Meeting on April 20, 2021.

B. Review and discuss Village of Volente City Council Goals.

The Mayor provided a brief report on this item.

Councilmember Hopkins provided clarification on the goals, indicating they should read as follows:

- 1) Office Modernization (facilities & functionality)
- 2) Citizen Communication, Spirit & Involvement
- 3) Community Survey (Comprehensive Plan)

There was discussion held regarding the goals, their priority, and the fact that some tasks related to the goals have been achieved.

The City Secretary will create a Word document with the Council's goals and email to the Council for input/updates for approval at the April 20, 2021 Regular Called City Council Meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to adjourn the City Council Work Session. Seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Exhibit to Minutes - Meeting Packet: [https://www.villageofvolente-tx.gov/vertical/sites/%7BA12E976C-9CE3-4BFC-BC01-DA09425A5BE6%7D/uploads/Packet\(2\).pdf](https://www.villageofvolente-tx.gov/vertical/sites/%7BA12E976C-9CE3-4BFC-BC01-DA09425A5BE6%7D/uploads/Packet(2).pdf)

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