

# MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: June 17, 2021

Rev. Dwight Benoit

Mr. Rodney Robichau

Ms. Alma Hodge

Mr. Jesus Abrego

Mr. Karl Duerr

Mr. Roy McGrath

Mr. Roy Steinhagen

Mr. Shawn Javed

Mr. Glen Johnson

Mr. Bill Sam

Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Rev. James Reed

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**Call to order by Community Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson Sandra Womack:** A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**, , Beaumont, Texas on **June 17, 2021 at 1:08 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Jesus Abrego, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Karl Duerr, Alma Hodge, Glen Johnson, Roy McGrath, Jon Reaud, James R. Reed, Rodney Robichau, Bill Sam, Roy Steinhagen, Sandra Womack

**Members not in attendance:** Shawn Javed, Rev. Vernon Tubbs

**Members of the Police Department in attendance:** Dana Ward, Captain Chris Schuldt, Captain Ocnashek, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief James Singletary, Judy Rawls, and Assistant Chief Jim Clay

**Guest in Attendance:** Councilperson Mike Getz, Councilperson Taylor Neild, Councilperson Chris Durio, Mayor Becky Ames

**Invocation:** Rev. Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call-Sandra Womack

Minutes for May 20, 2020 were approved via acclamation

Vice Chairperson, Sandra Womack, started off the meeting with compliments towards the farewell gathering for Mayor Becky Ames. She made mention that it was enjoyable, well put together and Pastor Benoit, Chief Singletary and Chief Earl White did an amazing job.

Chairperson, Jon Read, soft introduction of guest speaker, Mayor Becky Ames. Stated that after 14 years she will step down as Mayor for the City of Beaumont, wanted to give her the opportunity to speak at her last Community Advisory Committee that she once started 7 years ago.

Mayor Becky Ames, stated that she appreciated everyone for being here today, her officially last day as Mayor will be June 29, 2021. She then began to go over the highs and lows of her term as

Mayor. For the lows, “hated to see the world in strife, however, we are so blessed to have that not happen here in our city, our protest were peaceful which says a lot about our officers and community.” For the pros, “My proudest moments as Mayor is to see what people can overcome and what our staff can fix.” She feels like she gets a lot of accolade but she gives that all to her staff. “The high, was to look around the City of Beaumont what has developed during her term, such as the Event Center.” Her lowest point is the officers lost during line of duty. States “that is a phone call that you never want to hear as much less a person, but also as Mayor.” What I see in the future for Beaumont she adds “Riverfront and downtown development for economic development.” She mentioned she will still offer the best for our community, her awards and memorabilia will be placed in the Tyrrell Historical Museum for archiving.

Alma Hodge asked the Mayor “Do you think the new Mayor will encourage and support this board?” Mayor responded: “I hope so.”

Chief James Singletery noted to the Mayor: “Looking forward to working with the new Mayor, however, Mayor Becky Ames, will be greatly missed. She has always supported us and stood behind us. Being the Chief of Police is hard, but having you has made it easier.”

Mayor Becky Ames quoted: “The key is if you have something go wrong, address the issue and come together. Always support one another.”

Chairperson, Jon Reaud, thanked the councilmembers for attending today’s meeting. Appreciated them taking the time to be a part of this group and getting to know everyone. He stated “we want to do a good job for you.”

Assistant Chief Jim Clay: Took a few minutes of the meeting to discuss an upcoming event, Cops and Kids Fun Day in the park will be hosted at Alice Keith Park on June 27 from 3-6 PM. We will be hosting these in various parks throughout the city during the year. Also, we will be hosting a parade instead of a carnival this year.

**Benediction:** Rev. Dwight Benoit

**Meeting Ended:** 2:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes Taken by:** Dana Ward/ Community Relations Specialist  
Beaumont Police Department/Administration Division