

JAMES BURGESS

Mayor

JEANNIE PRAZAK

Councilmember Place 1

LINDA HARRIS

Councilmember Place 2



JEANIE SCOTT

Councilmember Place 3

GERONIMO HERNANDEZ

Councilmember Place 4

PHYLLIS LEWIS

Councilmember Place 5

VENUS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Venus Council Chambers

210 S. Walnut Street

Venus, Texas 76084

Monday, February 22, 2021 7:00 PM

Special Agenda

In conjunction with the guidance and provisions provided by the Governor of Texas in the Declaration of Disaster and subsequent executive orders altering certain Texas Open Meetings Act requirement and ordering that government buildings shall allow a percentage of people to assemble, the City Council Special Called of the City of Venus will allow the public to attend the meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the Venus Civic Center or view by livestreaming on <https://www.facebook.com/CityofVenusTX/> in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face interaction (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **Although citizens will be allowed to attend the meeting in person, keeping social distancing in mind is required and wearing a facial mask is required.**

A recording of this meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act upon written request.

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

2. Announcements from Mayor:

Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate/silent only. No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.

3. Citizen Public Comment Period:

Citizens may sign up before the meeting begins and will be allowed up to 5 minutes to address the Mayor and Council. The Mayor, Council members and staff members may not respond or converse with speakers during this time. The comments from the speaker must be in the form of a statement. By State law, no questions may be asked or answered for items not appearing on the agenda.

4. Public Hearing and Consideration Items

- 4.1. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding Ordinance No.720-2021-02 declaring the unopposed candidates for the City Council Place 1, City Council Place 2, and the Mayor, as elected; cancelling the May 1, 2021, general election and finding and determining that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public as required by law.

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5. Adjournment

The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, pursuant to authorization by the Texas Open Meetings Act TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 551.071 (Private consultation with attorney for the city), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

This is to certify that a copy of this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin of City Hall, 700 W. Hwy 67 Venus, Texas and at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times and to the City's website www.cityofvenus.org, Friday, February 19, 2021 by 5:00 P.M..

Callie Green,
City Secretary

For more information or a copy of the Open Meetings Act, please contact the Attorney General of Texas at 1-800-252-8011; the City Secretary at 972-366-3348, ext. 211 or visit the City of Venus web site at www.cityofvenus.org. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any requests for Interpretive Services must be named 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. To make arrangements please call 972-366-3348.

**CITY OF VENUS
ORDINANCE NO. 720-2021-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS,
DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1,
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2, AND THE MAYOR, AS ELECTED; CANCELLING THE MAY
1, 2021, GENERAL ELECTION AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE
MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED WAS OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas, ordered on February 8, 2021, that a municipal General Election be held on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing City Councilmembers to Place 1, Place 2 and electing the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 143.007 and 146.054, Texas Election Code, the deadline for filing applications for a place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy for the City's General Elections has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary, in accordance with Section 2.052, Texas Election Code, has prepared Certifications of Unopposed Candidates for the Venus City Council stating that the following candidates are unopposed for election to offices for the election scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021, and are therefore elected to the following offices:

**Rita K. Bishop, to the office of City Council Place 1
Kayla Sanguinetti, to the office of City Council Place 2
James Burgess, to the office of Mayor; and**

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and accepted the Certifications of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF VENUS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. That the facts and matters set forth in the preamble and recitals of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 2.053(a), Texas Election Code, the above listed unopposed candidates are hereby declared duly elected to the respective offices shown and shall be issued a certificate of election following the time the election would have been canvassed.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 2.053(b), Texas Election Code, the General Election heretofore called and ordered by the City Council for May 1, 2021, shall not be held and is cancelled.

SECTION 4. The City Secretary is hereby directed for a copy of this Order of Cancellation to be posted on Election Day, same being May 1, 2021, at the polling places that would have been used in such Election.

SECTION 5. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or work of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and to this end the provisions of the Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by Section 551.001 et. Seq., Texas Government Code, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a special called meeting of the City Council of Venus, Texas, on this 22nd day of February 2021.

APPROVED:

James Burgess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Callie Green, City Secretary

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES
FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (NOT COUNTY)
CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLITICAS (NO EL CONDADO)**

To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body-Mayor James Burgess, City of Venus

Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante -Alcalde James Burgess, Ciudad de Venus

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021.

Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 1 de mayo 2021.

List offices and names of candidates:

Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Candidate(s) <i>Candidato(s)</i>	Office(s) <i>Cargo(s)</i>
James L. Burgess	Mayor <i>(Alcalde)</i>
Rita K. Bishop	Councilmember, Place 1 <i>(Concejal, lugar 1)</i>
Kayla Sanguinetti	Councilmember, Place 2 <i>(Concejal, Lugar 2)</i>

Signature *(Firma)*

Callie Green

Printed name (*Nombre en letra de molde*)

City Secretary

Title *(Puesto)*

February 17, 2021

Date of signing *(Fecha de firma)*