

MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A regular session of the Human Relations Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Attending: Villalobos, Major, Holycross, Keller, Lewis

Presiding Officer: Chairperson Sonia Holycross

Others Attending: City Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m. by the Chairperson's call to order.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Major, seconded by Mr. Keller, August 21, 2025, minutes were approved by the Commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

NEW INITIATIVES:

Ms. Holycross, chair of the Beloved Community Planning Team, discussed the upcoming MLK Walk. The walk will begin at the Senior Citizens' Center and move to Richard's Chapel. Two awards will be presented during the MLK ceremony. The Beloved Community / MLK planning team are working on procuring catering and speakers. Commission members are invited to volunteer with the planning committee or on the day of the event. Mr. Major suggested Sharee Brown as a potential speaker.

Ms. Holycross stated that recruitment of new members goes through email requests to the Mayor. Mr. Major stated that the Commission members will continue to submit new requests as they come. Ms. Holycross stated that she hopes the HRC will eventually reflect more diversity and potentially could better represent youth. Several potential new members were mentioned. Mr. Keller noted that he, Ms. Holycross, and Ms. Villalobos have terms expiring in 2025. City staff member Salome Hekate shared that the Mayor's office will contact those members with expiring terms.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Keller asked if the initiative to bring local church leaders together had been advanced. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Major will lead a subcommittee on that project and plan to meet before the next HRC meeting. Mr. Major stated that he hoped to meet with church leaders annually.

Ms. Holycross recommended that the City have representation on the Beloved Community team in planning the MLK Walk.

Mr. Major stated that he would like to see a school principal or other school staff member added to the HRC.

Ms. Holycross asked HRC members to consider upcoming initiatives for the HRC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.