



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wooldridge
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Richard Fregoe
Council Member Greg Giessner
Council Member Tony Shotwell
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Lila Thorn

Staff Presentations

1 Electric Outages - Presented by Buddy Bridges, Area Manager, Oncor Electric Delivery

Buddy Bridges, Area Manager, Oncor Electric Deliver, updated Council on the recent electrical outages in the city. He said there were various options to replace damages caused by storm or needed equipment maintenance. Mr. Bridges said a week or so before the storm there was some equipment at the Mayfield substation that was in need of maintenance and so loads were changed to other feeders. However, the air switch failed after being struck by lightning. The air switch was repaired and customers were provided with power. However, another switch failed and other customers were out of power and were restored after around four hours. On Wednesday evening another breaker locked out and these customers were changed to another feeder which later failed. Thursday additional crews were sent out to test cable.

Council Member Copeland thanked Mr. Bridges for being so responsive to him and his neighbors and for providing information in language they could understand.

Council Member Fregoe thanked Mr. Bridges for his fast response and for keeping them informed. He asked if the outages had anything to do with lack of preventive maintenance. Mr. Bridges said the equipment is completely insulated so you cannot see it. He said he was thankful these equipment failures occurred during mild weather. Council Member Fregoe said his area has had repeated problems in this area but they were generated by stormy weather. Mr. Bridges said residents can sign up for My Oncor Alerts (at Oncor.com) so that when power is out, they would be sent a text or voice mail.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge said last summer there was a transformer that needed to be replaced and was scheduled 10 days in advance and people were

notified of the outage in advance and were only out of power for 4 hours.

Council Member Copeland said the stoplights at Great Southwet Parkway and I-20 were out totally. He asked if those lights were the responsibility of the City or Oncor. Mr. Hart said they are the city's responsibility and some lights are UPS protected which gives a 2-hour power supply. Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, said the street crew places a portable generator out there when they hear about traffic light outages.

Presented

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Matthew Road Truck Route - Presented by Bill Crolley, Assistant City Manager

Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, went over the original layout of Matthew Road which is a 4-lane roadway and has approximately 600 vehicles and 4-5 trucks per day. He said Matthew Road is a No Truck Route which means there should be no through trucks on Matthew Road. Trucks have to come out to Bardin Road rather than to I-20. He said staff is trying to determine where the 4-5 trucks per day are going. They can come down from I-20 and then down Matthew Road. Council Member Copeland clarified that no thru trucks means they must be going to an address on that street but there is nothing addressed on Matthew Road. Bill Crolley, Assistant City Manager, said the new warehouse is addressed off Bardin because of GPS. Even though it is addressed on Bardin they can come down Matthew, so it is the building they are accessing not necessarily the address. Council Member Giessner asked if they are heading north on Matthew past Ernie, were they are in violation. Mr. Crolley replied that would be a violation. Council Member Copeland asked if there should ever be a truck north of Ernie Lane. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge said that some trucks miss the Walmart exit then they come down Matthew to go the back way.

Council Member Copeland asked if truck drivers know what these signs mean. Mr. Shumac replied that truckers know what these signs mean. Council Member Copeland said he thought staff and Council were clear to the developer about the traffic direction. Mayor Jensen said staff had looked at what is legally enforceable with the traffic signs. Mr. Shumac said truck drivers must have some paperwork that says he is going to these warehouses. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge noted that when they lease out the space, they provide traffic counts. Council Member Shotwell said we do not want truckers turning down Ernie or Vickie. There should be signs at the corners of Matthew and Ernie and Matthew and Vickie for no trucks down these streets. Council Member Copeland clarified that the only way legally a truck can go north on Matthew is if he is pulling out of the southern lot to the northern part. If he is coming east on Bardin, they can go to one of the new warehouses. Mr. Crolley said the situation changes if there is just one lessee for the entire development. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge said there are multiple signs in this area. Mr. Shumac said some signs cannot be on the same poll because some are safety signs and some are directional. Assistant Police Chief Christy Martinez said the police department is addressing truck route violations and has set up an email address for these violations which are routed to the traffic unit. A camera has been placed for truck route violations at Duncan Perry and Egyptian. They have reviewed 10,000 pictures and 10 were trucks. If in violation, the truck business will be contacted to let them know they are in violation going down this street. There will be traffic officers in these locations for different periods of time. Council Member Copeland asked if we can legally photo enforce these violations. City Attorney Don Postell replied the city could not. Council Member Shotwell asked the approximate amount of the fine. Assistant City Attorney Megan Mahan said fines run between \$150 and \$200.

Council Member Copeland asked if Council would be violating any of the terms of the previous minutes by placing these signs. Mayor Jensen said it would not be in conflict of what had already been approved by Council.

Presented

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Libraries Change Communities - A Library Update - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Communications/Library Director

Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Communications/Library Director, stated that Grand Prairie Libraries had won the 3CMA 2016 National Award for Community Engagement "TLA Libraries Change Communities Award."

Ms. Sprinkles went over major accomplishments in 2016 including the remodel of the Main Library; reclassification of the children's collection by topic; achieved Family Place designation; added a car for programming; began quarterly program guide; and replaced the fence at Warmack Library. Ms. Sprinkles said the library has many partnerships in the community and takes part in trade shows. She said significant increases in visitors, participation in events, and circulation numbers have been seen over the past year. Ms. Sprinkles said she will be briefing the Council on the Summer Reading Program at a future meeting.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson referred to Item 20 (Change Order with Austin Bridge and Road for MacArthur Paving and Drainage Improvements) and said the amount of the change order has changed from \$150,000 to \$120,800. Mayor Jensen asked to make that amendment in the motion for Consent Agenda items.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:38 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." Mayor Jensen adjourned the closed session at 5:59 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Gerard Gipson, Practical Christian Church and Grand Prairie Police and Clergy Coalition. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Lila Thorn.

Presentations

- 4** Grand Prairie Library System - Texas Library Association "Libraries Change Communications Award for 2017" - Presented by Amy Sprinkles, Library/Communications and Marketing Director
- Amy Sprinkles, Marketing/Communication/Library Director, stated that the libraries had won the "Libraries Change Communities Award at the Texas Library Association Conference.*
- Presented**
- 5** Recognition of Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director - 2017 Terry Hershey Award for Excellence - Presented by Tom Hart, City Manager
- City Manager Tom Hart recognized Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director, for winning the 2017 Terry Hershey Award for Excellence from Texas A&M University.*
- Presented**
- 6** Eagle Scout Sean Searcey Recognition - Presented by Mayor Ron Jensen
- Mayor Jensen presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sean Searcey for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Searcey's Troop 388 attended the meeting.*
- Presented**

Consent Agenda

- Mayor Pro Tem Jackson moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to approve Items 7 through 19 on the Consent Agenda, amend Item 20 to reduce the change order amount from \$150,000 to \$120,800, remove Item 21 for individual consideration, and approve Items 22 through 27. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 7** Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 8** Price agreement for flex base material from Big City Crushed Concrete (\$264,000 annually) for one year with the option to renew four additional one-year periods totaling \$1,320,000 if all extensions are exercised and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal term(s)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9** Price agreement for grass and sod replacement from Grey Construction (up to \$59,925.00 annually) for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$299,625.00 if all extensions are exercised; award a secondary to Blue Sky Sod Farm, LLC (up to \$58,412.50 annually) to be used only if the primary is unable to fulfill the needs of the department for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$292,062.50 if all extensions are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10** Award bids for the completion of two residential reconstruction projects as part of the HOME Reconstruct Program to Johnson Construction Services in the amount of \$172,390

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 11** Right-of-Way Acquisition - Great Southwest Parkway from Sara Jane to Mayfield Road

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12** Contract with Jelco Gymnasium Specialists for Arena Backstops for "The EPIC" in the amount of \$77,560 through TIPS

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13** Amendment #1 to the Local Project Advance Funding Agreement (LPAFA) with TxDOT in the amount of \$46,178 for interchange improvements along SH360 Frontage Roads at Camp Wisdom Road, Lynn Creek Parkway, New York Avenue and Ragland Road.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14** Contract with Stageline Mobile Stage, Inc. in the amount of \$277,165, for a mobile stage at Grand Central and special events

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15** Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract with Modern Contractors for pre-construction services for the Charley Taylor Recreation Center in the amount of \$1,000 and approve a Construction Services Fee of 2.65% to be applied to the actual approved construction costs for the Charley Taylor Recreation Center additions and renovations.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 16** Contract with the recommended low bid contractor, C. Greenscaping, LP, for the installation of a landscape irrigation system at the Charles V. England Training Center at a cost of \$63,400; and authorize the City manager to execute change orders with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation for the change order

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 17** Contract with the recommended best value contractor, Carruthers Landscape, for Median and Right-of-Way mowing services with an estimated annual cost of \$222,000 for one year with the option to renew for (4) four additional one-year periods totaling \$1,110,000, if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal option with aggregate price fluctuations of the lesser of up to \$50,000 or 25% of the original maximum price so long as sufficient funding is appropriated by the City Council to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal terms

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 18** Contract with PlayGrand Adventures non-profit Corporation to allow Corporation to offer City assets to potential sponsors as part of sponsorship packages to aid in Corporation fundraising for PlayGrand Adventures Playground; Contract has a five-year term with the option to renew for three additional five-year terms

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 19** Amendment to a mutual Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Dallas Baptist University (DBU) that grants their police department the use of the City's Detention Center facilities and personnel, and to provide terms for enrollment and training of DBU personnel in the City's Police Academy with a renewal option of up to five (5) years

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 20** Change Order/Amendment No. 9 in the net amount of \$150,000 with Austin Bridge and Road, L.P. for MacArthur Paving and Drainage Improvements

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 21** Contract with Pepsi for exclusive pouring rights at the EPIC, EPIC Waters, Playgrand and Grand Lawn for five years with two optional one-year renewals that includes payments to the City for the following: annual payment for pouring rights in the amount of \$150,000 per year, signing bonuses of \$50,000 for year one and \$25,000 bonus for year six and seven, \$35,000 marketing

support for year one and \$25,000 marketing support per year for years two through seven, and 30% share of vending machine gross revenue

Mr. Herold, stated that Pepsi would be the soft drink purveyor for the EPIC and EPIC Waters, with a \$1,000,000 investment. Council Member Shotwell asked if Dr. Pepper products would be available. Curt Webber, Pepsi representative, stated that Dr. Pepper fountain drinks will be available.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to approve Pepsi for exclusive pouring rights at the EPIC, EPIC Waters, Play Grand and Grand Lawn. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wooldridge; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford and Council Member Lila Thorn

- 22** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and Grayson County, Texas

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4886-2017

- 23** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/17 Capital Improvement Project Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 8 with Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. for Epic and Epic Waters in the amount of \$252,377 for low voltage/fiber pathway, domestic water sub-meter, revised retaining wall detail at safety walls, credit for eliminated HVAC pumps, 8" domestic water line stop, Oncor service for site amenities and additional construction testing; and ratification of change of funding source on Change Order/Amendment No. 7

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10252-2017

- 24** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Provide additional sidewalk funding in the amount of \$150,000 and guard rail repair funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the current fiscal year (2017) for a total request of \$250,000 from the unobligated fund balance of Street Capital Projects Fund

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10253-2017

- 25** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 2 for engineering and surveying services contract with KSA Engineers, Inc. for Waterwood Drive Extension from Arkansas Lane to north of Warrior Trail, for Drainage, Water and Wastewater Improvements in the total amount of \$15,000

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10256-2017

- 26** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvements Projects Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 2 with SYB Construction in the net amount of \$166,791.55 for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Wastewater Rehabilitation project

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10257-2017

- 27** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; award contract to Lemco Construction Services L.P. in the amount of \$195,000 for security upgrades to the Public Safety Building and Auto Pound, and authorize a 5% contingency of \$9,750 for a total project cost of \$204,750

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10254-2017

Items for Individual Consideration

- 28** Public Hearing and Standards of Care Ordinance for 2017 After School Programs and Summer Camps

Mr. Herold stated this public hearing and ordinance are State requirements for the summer camps and after school programs. Mayor Jensen invited anyone who wished to speak during the public hearing to approach the podium. There were no speakers.

Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Copeland, to close the public hearing and approve the standards of care ordinance. The motion pass unanimously.

Ayes: 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wooldridge; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Richard Fregoe; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Tony Shotwell; Council Member Jim Swafford and Council Member Lila Thorn

Enactment No: ORD 10255-2017

Citizen Comments

Martha Harvey, 2309 January Lane, said she has seen an increase in truck traffic. She said Sgt. Hansen has been trying to help but the 18-wheelers have been increasingly taking the shortcut to SH161. Sgt. Hansen occasionally has an officer there but unless an officer sits there all the time, this is not going to stop. Ms. Harvey said she was not sure what can be done to stop this.

Jeanette Barnett, 2313 January Lane, stated she has two granddaughters who walk on the street to catch the bus and these trucks are going very fast taking a shortcut to SH161. She said she has called the Police Department and discussed speed bumps. Ms. Barnett said there are lots of children on the street walking to school and also it is difficult to get out of the driveways on January Lane.

Jennifer Martin, 634 Dallas Avenue, said her house is in the worst location because it is the last house before the warehouses. She said sometime between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. an 18-wheeler turned around in her driveway and bumped her SUV and this sort of thing happens often. She said this is a very serious situation

Esmerelda Rodriguez, 1322 Clark Trail, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for a very successful Main Street Fest.

Mildred Sheer, 2333 January Lane, expressed support for the previous comments regarding January Lane.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen announced the birth of twins to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Stephanie Wooldridge. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wooldridge thanked everyone for their love and support for them and the new babies, John William and Charlotte Kay.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson invited everyone to attend the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4 at noon at the Liberty Bell.

Council Member Copeland reminded everyone of the GPISD Education Foundation event on Friday, May 5 at Lone Star Park.

Council Member Shotwell reminded everyone that Saturday, May 6 is election day and there is nothing more important to our citizens than your local government, so let your voice be heard.

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the May 16, 2017 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary