



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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** 6 - Mayor Ron Jensen
Council Member Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Lila Thorn
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge
- Absent** 3 - Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tony Shotwell
Council Member Greg Giessner

Staff Presentations

- 1 Victim's Assistance Coordinator Program - Presented by Police Chief Steve Dye

Stephanie Paulson and Samantha Tello, Victim Assistance Coordinators, updated Council on their work with victims of violent crime and with victims of other types of crime. As coordinators, they assist with obtaining protective orders; crisis intervention; Crime Victims' Compensation; education and counseling. Ms. Paulson said they meet with victims, review offense reports, and follow up with the victim. They provide information on resources; assist detectives with getting copies of necessary documents from the victim; and document each step of their interaction with the victim, detective or contact made on behalf of the victim. She said they are on call 24/7 for additional support in the event of a crisis.

Presented
- 2 Prairie Lights Traffic Plan - Presented by Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director

Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that Prairie Lights are now in Round Rock and Sugarland which allows Grand Prairie to move the shows around each year. Grand Prairie receives 50% of the gate in these cities.

Beverly Grogan, Prairie Lights Manager, invited Council to VIP night, on Monday, November 24. She said there will be a new laser show inside, dancing trees, and a new VIP experience which will provide an opportunity for those who do not want to wait in line to do a "fast pass." They will start at Loyd Park and will be brought into the park on a bus, they will have a special seating area, discounts on food and gifts, and will be returned to Loyd Park. The VIP bus will run on Fridays, Saturdays, holidays and Christmas week.

Mr. Herold said staff had met numerous times to identify options for reducing wait times and traffic congestion. One of those changes is telling people new available routes. Police Chief Steve Dye said that with Lynn Creek Parkway now open this will maximize queue space and minimize wait time. Also, additional message boards will be placed on I20, Great Southwest Parkway and SH360, to let them know of the various ways to approach Prairie Lights. Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, said staff is trying to manage traffic better to make it a good experience for visitors.

Council Member Wooldridge asked if more barricades will be used. Chief Dye replied if traffic is backed up at Camp Wisdom, police will be keeping that intersection clear. Mr. Shumac said cones will be more dense this year to keep traffic from cutting in between them. Council Member Copeland suggested the VIP experience be advertised on the message boards. Mr. Herold said the "fast pass" is available only online to make sure bus space is available.

Council Member Copeland asked if it would be possible to have a message on the boards to order online and come back another night if the wait is too long. Mr. Herold said that a 3-day notice is required for the busses. Council Member Copeland asked if port-a-potties could be placed on Lake Ridge and Lynn Creek. Chief Dye said he was concerned that some areas are not brightly lit and going in and out of traffic was not safe. Ms. Grogan said there were port-a-potties as you enter the park and one right before the gate as they are in the park. Council Member Copeland asked if someone could be taking money from the queued cars before they reach the toll booth. Ms. Grogan said they had experimented with that last year, but there is still gridlock in the park anyway on busy nights.

Presented

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Grand Prairie ISD Update - Presented by Dr. Susan Hull, GPISD Superintendent, and Teri Wilson, GPISD Chief of Staff

Dr. Susan Hull, Grand Prairie ISD Superintendent, addressed the Council regarding student achievement. Dr. Hull stated that GPISD is 88% non-Anglo with 65% Hispanic students. She gave several statistics of student performances on state tests. She said one of the goals for the GPISD students is to close the performance gap as compared to the State. She said high school graduates had closed the gap, and in 2014, students in grades 3-8 were 9.2% ahead of the state. Dr. Hull said 30% of GPISD student are second language learners and there has been a 14.7% growth in the number of Hispanic students taking AP exams compared to 10.5% Texas growth. The graduation rate is at 89.4% compared to the State at 88%. Council Member Copeland asked if Dubiski affected those rates positively. Dr. Hull replied Dubiski is a school of choice and there are no extracurricular opportunities and there is a 98% graduation rate at Dubiski.

Presented

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Development Update - US287 Corridor - Presented by Bill Crolley, Planning and Development Director, and Ron McCuller, Public Works Director

Postponed

Agenda Review

Council Member Swafford asked to remove Consent Agenda Item 9 (Dalworth Recreation Center Change Order) so that a change could be made in the funding source.

Council Member Wooldridge referred to Planning and Zoning Public Hearing, Item 23, Case S140501, and stated that the request for a variance for the fence had been removed, and this case would only involve lot consolidation.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened an executive session at 5:42 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney" Arlington ISD v. City of Grand Prairie and Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The executive session was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Pastor Oza Jones, Senior Pastor, Grace Tabernacle of Praise, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Wooldridge.

Presentations

- 5** Recognition of Jessica Stephens - Master Chef Jr., Fox TV
- Council Member Clemson read a proclamation recognizing Jessica Stephens and Mayor Jensen presented the proclamation and a gift to Jessica and her family.*
- Presented**
- 6** Eagle Scout Certificate - Presented to Vincenzo Rosario Vassallo
- Tom Hart, City Manager, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Vincenzo Rosario Vassallo, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*
- Presented**

Consent Agenda

Mayor Jensen moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson, to approve Items 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda, remove Item 9 for individual consideration, and approve Items 10 through 16. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7 Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 8 Purchase of print, digital, non-print and selection resources for the library through an interlocal purchasing agreement with the State of Texas CPA Term Contract, as funding allows through the expiration of said contract (September 2019) and all subsequent renewals
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 9 Change Order #04 for the Dalworth Recreation Center Renovation Construction Manager at Risk contract with Pete Durant and Associates in the amount of \$90,052.59 and correct the amount of change order #03 of \$103,151.11 to \$103,351.11.
- Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Copeland, to change the funding for Change Order 4 for the Dalworth Recreation Center Renovation Project from the Park Capital Fund to the contingency account for that project. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 10 Change Order No. 1 for design, purchase and installation of the new ASTRO 25 trunked radio system from Motorola Solutions in the net credit amount of \$16,758.74
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for a pet adoption event in the amount of up to \$5,000.
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: RES 4735-2014
- 12 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Petco Foundation for the opportunity to receive a Holiday Wishes grant in the amount of up to \$100,000.
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: RES 4736-2014
- 13 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a master inter-local purchasing agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the City of Allen, Texas
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: RES 4737-2014
- 14 Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Solid Waste Equipment Acquisition

Fund and the purchase of a Caterpillar D7E Track-type Dozer with waste handling package from HoltCat in the amount of \$770,955 through BuyBoard.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9794-2014

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Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Street Maintenance Sales Tax Program as outlined for Grand Prairie Streets, Alleys and Pavement Leveling, utilizing approved Price Agreements and Service Contracts

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9795-2014

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Ordinance amending the FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the abatement and rehab of City Hall for \$64,185

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9796-2014

Public Hearing Consent Agenda

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to close the public hearing and approve Items 17 and 18, table Item 19 to January 6, 2015; postpone indefinitely Items 20 and 21 and table Item 22 to December 9. The motion carried unanimously.

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S080303A - Site Plan Amendment - 2337 W. Warrior Trail (City Council District 4). Approval of a site plan amendment. The subject site is located at 2337 W. Warrior Trail and is zoned Planned Development District 58 (PD-58). This property is generally located on the south side of W. Warrior Trail and east of Great Southwest Parkway. The owner/agent is Anna Blackwell, Carrillo Engineering.(On November 3, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 8-0.)

Adopted

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SU131103A - Specific Use Permit Renewal - 1818 Dalworth Street (City Council District 5). A request for the renewal of a Specific Use Permit for a self-service coin operated laundry in an existing multi-tenant commercial building located on .957 acres. The property is located on the northeast corner of Dalworth Street and N.W. 19th Street, zoned General Retail (GR) District and within the State Highway 161 (SH-161) Overlay District. The owner is Christopher Dao. (On November 3, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to renew this SUP by a vote of 8-0.)

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9797-2014

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SU120402B - Specific Use Permit Renewal - 3018 E. Main Street (City Council District 5). Consider a request for approval of a Specific Use Permit Renewal for a used car sales dealer with general automotive repair, auto body shop and paint booth, and major component replacement with outside storage on 1.3 acres. The subject property is zoned Commercial (C) District and is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Main Street and N.E. 31st Street. The subject property is located within the Central Business District-Four (CBD-4) Corridor Overlay District. The owner/applicant is Shahrukh and Shahzeb Inc.

City Council Action: January 6, 2014

Tabled

Enactment No: ORD 9798-2014

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SU141101/S141101 - Specific Use Permit/Site Plan - 1629 E Main Street (City Council District 5). Consider approval of a Specific Use Permit for Automotive Re-Builder and Inoperable Auto Holding Yard uses in a Light Industrial (LI) District. The subject site is located at 1629 E Main St and is located within the Central Area Overlay District, Central Business District No. 2 (CBD 2). This property is generally located on the south side of E. Main St and east of S.E. 16th St. The agent is Danny Moussavi and the owner is Hamid Moussavi.

Case Postponed

Tabled

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S141103 - Site Plan - Stripe-A-Zone (City Council District 1). Consider a request for the approval of a Site Plan for the expansion of an existing Contractor Shop with Heavy Equipment and Outside Storage on 6.5 acres. The subject property, zoned Commercial Office (CO) District and within Central Business District No. 1, is located south of Jefferson Avenue and west of Cox Drive. The agent is Walter Nelson and the owner is David Sargent, Strip-A-Zone.

Case Postponed

Tabled

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SU141103 - Specific Use Permit - 301 N. Belt Line Road (City Council District 5). Consider approval for a Specific Use Permit for Quick Lube and Tune services and Tire Sales and Installation with Outside Display within a General Retail (GR) District. The subject site is located at 301 N. Belt Line Rd at the northwest corner of Small Hill St. and N. Belt Line Road. The agent is Joel Downs, Texas Horse Stalls and the owner is Mohammad Ghanim, Belal Investment, Inc.

City Council Action: December 9, 2014

Tabled

Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

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S140501 - Site Plan - Mira Lagos East Phase 2 (City Council District 6). Approve a lot consolidation of two contiguous multi-family residential lots within the same development for the purpose of development review. The 19.44 acre property, located at 2629 S. Grand Peninsula Drive, is zoned Planned Development District 298-A (PD-298A) and is within the Lake Ridge Overlay District. The agent is Daniel Dewey, JBI Partners, Inc., the applicant is Ben McCaslin, Mira Lagos East Partners Ltd., and the owner is Walter Damon, Mira Lagos East Partners Ltd. (On November 3, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 8-0.)

Jim Hinderaker, Chief City Planner, stated that this case was for a lot consolidation to enable the developer to not have to consider interior property lines with regard to setbacks. He said the applicant's original request asked for a variance to the masonry fence requirement but that had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Council Member Wooldridge moved, seconded by Council Member Copeland, to close the public hearing and approve as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

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SU141102 - Specific Use Permit - 632 E. Pioneer Parkway (City Council District 3). Approval of a specific use permit and site plan to operate a general automotive repair garage. The 0.86-acre property, zoned General Retail (GR) district, is located at 632 E. Pioneer Parkway. The applicant is Alaa Hufaila. (On November 3, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 8-0.)

Mr. Hinderaker stated this site was just under one acre and the applicant is currently doing vehicle inspections but wants to include tire sales and minor auto repair. He said that on the east side of the property there is drainage that runs through and must not be disturbed. Mr. Hinderaker said staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this case.

Alaa Altufaila, 613 Ataslosa, submitted a speaker card to answer questions if needed.

Council Member Thorn moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson, to close the public hearing and approve Case SU141102. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Enactment No: ORD 9799-2014

Items for Individual Consideration

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Board and Commission Appointments

Council Member Copeland moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford, to appoint Tashara Robinson to the Public Health Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Council Member Jorja Clemson; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Jim Swafford; Council Member Lila Thorn and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the December 9, 2014 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary