



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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** Impact of the CTE Program on the Grand Prairie Community - Presented by Beth Rustenhaven, Campus Life Coordinator, and Grand Prairie ISD CTE Students

Students who are currently participating in the Career and Technical Education Program at Grand Prairie ISD high schools presented the various opportunities, internships and career paths available for students.

Presented

- 2** Body Worn Camera Briefing - Presented by Polic Chief Steve Dye

Assistant Chief Ronnie Morris briefed Council on the born worn cameras. He stated that body cameras provide transparency; accountability; and streamline processes throughout the department. Chief Morris went through the selection process and criteria used to decide upon Taser Axon cameras. He said the department is communicating with citizens to let them know that officers have the body worn cameras.

Council Member Fregoe asked if the audio syncs with video. Chief Morris replied that it does. Council Member Swafford asked about the technological life of these cams. Chief Morris replied that every two and half years there would be an automatic upgrade to the newest device. He added that the department has worked with the legal department to come up with policies. For example, if they see a crime in progress or in an investigatory type of contact the officer will activate their camera. They can shut the cameras off in sensitive situations. Council Member Copeland asked if the videos are subject to public information requests. Chief Morris stated that not all videos would be because there are exempt situations such as a private home, hospital rooms, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked how many were

purchased and the cost. Chief Morris stated that 215 were purchased for officers and 15 will be deployed to code enforcement officers. The cost was close to \$2 million for cameras and the integration with CAD and in-car equipment. The department received a \$223,000 State Grant to offset costs of the cameras and the department is investigating more grants. Chief Morris said the state requires a certain retention but depending on the encounter there is a retention for each video. Chief Morris said every video would be kept 180 days. Chief Dye stated the Local Government Code requires 180 days minimum. Teresa Coomes, Administrative Manager, stated that State retention schedules require a certain amount of time according to State Statute. Council Member Shotwell asked why they would keep videos for a year if it is just a traffic ticket with no issues. City Attorney Don Postell said the Municipal Court has requested this and after a year it will be disposed of. Chief Dye stated that only people with the highest level of security will have access to the videos. He said traffic citations can take up to a year to get tickets processed so the court requested traffic tickets be kept for a year. Chief Morris said State law requires for low level offenses, they must get permission from the person for it to be issued. Ms. Coomes said anything submitted as evidence would not be released. Council Member Copeland asked if there was any data indicating body cameras are deterring negative attitudes of people being approached by officers. Chief Morris said he did not have hard numbers on that. Chief Dye thanked Chief Morris and his team and the IT Department and added that the majority of officers want the cameras.

Presented**Agenda Review**

Council Member Shotwell referred to Item 23 (Reallocation of funds for Old Fire Station Number 1 repurpose efforts). Tom Cox, Deputy City Manager, said the \$2.3 million is currently in the capital lending fund and this would move the funds to a budgetary fund for a separate budget. He said he had met with Hill and Wilkinson and their estimated budget is \$4 million which is \$1.4 million over budget. He said he thought that some of the more expensive items could be deleted. Mr. Cox said the City is paying the architect.

Bill Crolley, Executive Director, asked that Item 31 be tabled to the March 7 meeting.

Mayor Jensen said he had spent some time with Judge Arnold doing arraignments and invited other Council Members to do so between 11-11:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:26 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.087, "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The closed session was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

Pastor Michael Brooks, Pastor, St. Joseph's Anglican Church, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Swafford.

Presentations

- 3** Proclamation for CTE Month in Texas - Presentation by Mayor Jensen to CTE Board and Students
- Mayor Jensen read a proclamation designating February as Career and Technical Education Month. Mayor Jensen then presented the proclamation to CTE teachers and students.*
- Presented**
- 4** Honoring Netvious - Presented by Mayor Ron Jensen
- Mayor Jensen read a proclamation declaring February 7, 2017 as Netvious Day. Mayor Jensen stated that Netvious was listed by Inc. Magazine as one of the 500 fastest growing private companies and they are ranked #138 in I.T. services.*
- Presented**
- 5** Presentation of the STAR (State of Texas Alliance for Recycling) Award - Presented to the Solid Waste Division and Florence Hill Elementary School
- Dr. Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste Manager, stated that the Grand Prairie ISD (GPISD) and the City had been recognized at the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) Summit and Keep America Beautiful Conference in Wash. D.C.*
- Heather Douglas, Program Manager, for Balcones Resources, presented the state level award for the three-day STEM Camp held at the Grand Prairie landfill for 300 students. Bharati Maskey, Recycling Coordinator, accepted the award.*
- Ms. Douglas presented the Linda B. Smith Honorable Mention Award for youth education and outreach to Florence Hill Elementary School. Dr. Catherine Bridges Cynthia Capocci and Lauren Nelson of the Grand Prairie ISD accepted the award.*
- Dr. Redfearn introduced Cheri Reynolds, Keep America Beautiful Board Member. Ms. Reynolds presented the 2016 Youth and Education Award to GPISD for the April Month of Service district-wide community service project from Pre K to 12 grade which involved 1700 students, staff and community volunteers who participated in the beautification of 37 campuses. Dana Jackson and Brenda Townsend, GPISD, and Amanda Lindbergh, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful, accepted the award.*
- Presented**

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve Items 6 through 30 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6** Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Meeting
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 7** Contract with Collabor8 Advisors, LLC to develop sponsorships for city venues for a six-month term with the option to renew for up to five one-year terms
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 8** Contract with Luber Bros. through TASB BuyBoard for the purchase of a Smithco Spray Star 3184, self-contained sprayer in the amount of \$69,126.52 and a Lely WFR tow behind spreader in the amount of \$5,500 for a total of \$74,626.52
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 9** Contract for Janitorial Services with UBM Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$701,645.52 for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$3,508,227.60; 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** Contract for the construction of three (3) segments of Safe Routes to School Sidewalks with Reytech Services, LLC in the amount of \$226,572.62
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 11** Five year extension to drill gas wells on the Auto Impound Gas Well padsite at 3010 Hardrock Road
- Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- 12** Price agreement for ground maintenance on Drainage Channels (\$17,600), Levees (\$24,000), Drainage Easement areas (\$8,450) and services not specifically listed (\$500) with Terry Rutland for a combined total of \$50,550 annually, for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$252,750, if all extensions are exercised; and authorize 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

- 13** Agreement with Dallas Area Agency on Aging for \$216,109 as a reimbursable meal (\$157,119) and Transportation program (\$58,928).

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14** Change Order/Amendment No. 4 (additional architectural consultant services in the amount of \$117,300 and reimbursable amount of \$4,500) and No. 5 (additional architectural consultant services \$40,250, and \$4,000 for digital three-dimensional model) with HKS Architects, Dallas, Texas for the EPIC Recreation and Indoor Water Park Project

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15** Change Order/Amendment No. 1 with Modern Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$74,298 for temporary office trailer provisions for housing Fleet Services staff during construction renovations and expansion

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 16** Resolution Calling For a Public Hearing on Water & Wastewater Impact Fees on March 21, 2017

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4869-2017

- 17** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the construction of traffic signals at IH 20 at Robinson Road, IH 20 at Beltline Road, and IH 20 at Carrier Pkwy.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4870-2017

- 18** Resolution authorizing the sale of two tax foreclosure properties located at 834 Manning Street and 922 Pangburn Street to the City of Grand Prairie, Texas

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4871-2017

- 19** Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Part I, Chapter 29 - Code Compliance, Section 29-2, "Same - Duties," Section 29-20, "Administrative Seizure Warrant," Section 29-129, "Declaration of Nuisance," authorizing the code compliance manager to enforce article; providing criteria for administrative warrants; modifying the maximum penalty for a junked motor

vehicle, providing for a cumulative clause, a savings clause and a penalty clause; and to become effective upon passage, approval and publication

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10223-2017

- 20** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Contract with Nu-Way Construction, LLC. for Channel Repair (\$88,618) and Culvert Rehabilitation (\$301,035) as well as a 5% contingency (\$15,052) on the Culvert Rehabilitation, for a total of \$404,705 (this project consists of the Channel Repair at East Arkansas Lane at Forum Drive and Culvert Rehabilitation on NE 5th Street at East Tarrant Road)

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10224-2017

- 21** Ordinance amending the Red Light Safety Operating Budget in the amount of \$321,303

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10225-2017

- 22** Ordinance amending FY 2015/2016 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Operating Budget by an increase of \$21,958

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10226-2017

- 23** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Reallocation of funds for Old Fire Station No. 1 repurpose efforts

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10227-2017

- 24** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Cemetery Operating Fund Budget by appropriating \$424 from Ending Resources and adding \$52,986 in revenues from increased Section Sales, Marker Sales, Internment Fees, and Burial Vault Sales.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10228-2017

- 25** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; authorization to increase funding for FY17 Ambulance Replacement by allowing a \$12,000 contingency through HGAC interlocal co-op with Frazer through licensed franchise dealer Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Houston, Tx for a total capital cost of \$495,636.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10229-2017

- 26** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Contract Amendment with Itron, Inc. and the acceleration of the Automated Metering System installation

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10230-2017

- 27** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Employee Insurance Operating Budget by an incremental amount of \$22,693

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10231-2017

- 28** Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 "Taxation," to increase the Homestead Exemption

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10232-2017

- 29** Ordinance calling the May 6, 2017 General Election for the offices of Council Member District One, Council Member District Three, Council Member, Place 7 at large, and a Special Election for the reauthorization of a 1/4 cent sales tax for maintenance and repair of municipal streets

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10233-2017

- 30** Ordinance adopting the Housing Administration (Fund 3001) and Housing Choice Voucher - Section 8 (Fund 3002) operating budgets for both calendar year 2017 and fiscal year 2016-2017; and allocating the Housing Relief Fund for fiscal year 2016-2017

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10234-2017

Items for Individual Consideration

- 31** Reject bids for 1401 Ranch Road and 1701 Corral Road (tabled at the January 10, 2017 Council Meeting)

Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn to table Item 31 to the March 7 meeting. 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

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the February 21, 2017 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary