



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall - Briefing Room
317 College Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

- Present** 7 - Mayor Ron Jensen
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tony Shotwell
Council Member Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Greg Giessner
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge
- Absent** 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe
Council Member Lila Thorn

Staff Presentations

- 1 Update on engaging citizens in the upcoming EPIC project - Presented by Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director

Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the architect for the Epic would be HKS Architects, the firm that built AT&T Stadium. He said the contract would be coming to Council in October for approval. He said there would be meetings in each Council District and a website had been set up so that citizens can share their input online. Mayor Jensen asked about the timeline for construction. Mr. Herold said construction would begin within 12-15 months after hiring an architect. Tom Cox, Deputy City Manager, said he would like to have an operator by November 2015. Council Member Swafford stated that preliminary costs should come out of design costs.

Presented
- 2 FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget Presentation - Presented by Kathleen Mercer, Budget Director

Kathleen Mercer, Budget Director, presented the proposed FY2014/15 Budget. She stated that General Fund Revenue is \$109,629,814. Council Member Swafford noted that this year is the first time that property values have gone over \$10 billion. Ms. Mercer said that General Fund Expenditures were \$109,401,232. She stated that a 4.5% increase in water/wastewater fees was being proposed, but no increases were anticipated in stormwater or solid waste fees. The Budget Workshop is scheduled for August 29, with the first public hearing on September 2 and the adoption of the budget on September 16. Council Member Shotwell asked about the decrease in sales tax. Mr. Hart said that this was most likely due to one company changing from point of sale to destination sales tax.

Mr. Hart stated that the city had seen tremendous growth and staffing had not grown

with it so there was some demand for additional staff as well as staffing for new Fire Station 10 that has been absorbed in this budget. He pointed out that many citizens are paying less taxes than they did five years ago because of home devaluations in the past. Council Member Swafford asked when the proposed tax rate could be changed. Diana Ortiz, Finance Director, said that it needs to be published so it would need to be changed before the notice is published. Mr. Swafford asked if it was changed at the August 29 workshop for some reason, could it be changed at that point. Ms. Ortiz said the notice would have to be published.

Presented

Agenda Review

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shotwell referred to Item 11 on the agenda and asked if this was maintenance for all city elevators. Mr. Hart replied that it was. Bill Crolley, Planning Director, referred to Item 18 on the agenda and stated that the event center had not had any problems in the past year and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a one-year extension.

Mayor Jensen stated that he had been invited to attend the Mayor's Institute on City Design in September. He said they pay all expenses and will come to Grand Prairie to do a 3-day evaluation.

Mr. Crolley introduced Stephanie Griffin, the new Stormwater Manager and Floodplain Administrator.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened an executive session at 5:08 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney" Tommy Winn and Leland Gjetley v. City of Grand Prairie, Cause No. DC-11-08305-J and related cases; and Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." Mayor Jensen adjourned the executive session at 5:26 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

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

Jose Luis Luna, Pastor, Restauracion y Luz Church, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Jeff Copeland.

Presentations

- 3 Employee of the Month - Tobianne Vaughn, Police Dispatcher

Chief Dye introduced Tobianne Vaughn, Communication Specialist, as Employee of the Month for August. Mr. Hart presented Ms. Vaughn with an engraved clock and certificate and thanked her for her dedication to the city.

Presented

Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Clemson, to approve Items 4 through 17 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4 Minutes of the July 15, 2014 Meeting

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 5 Price Agreement Renewal #3 for pavement resurfacing services, with Reynolds Asphalt & Construction Co., at an estimated annual cost of \$3,269,104 for a total of \$12,098,670 (2,780,213*2+\$3,269,104*2) if all renewal options are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute any additional 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

- 6 Primary price agreement for sanitary sewer manhole products with HD Supply Waterworks (up to \$34,956 annually) for a one-year contract with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, totaling up to \$174,780, if all extensions are exercised; a secondary price agreement with Fortiline Inc., and authorize the City Manager to execute any 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

- 7 Place a proposal on the September 16, 2014 agenda to adopt a 2014 proposed tax rate of \$0.669998/\$100 valuation, and call two public hearings on a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate for August 19, 2014 and September 2, 2014

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 8 Contract Termination - MACVAL Associates, Inc. for the construction of the Main Street sidewalks
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 9 Change the award for the purchase of Video Security System Equipment from Knight Security in the amount of \$374,284.27.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 10 Change the award for the purchase of building maintenance, repair and operating supplies and construction materials, tools and equipment from exclusively The Home Depot to several vendors with price agreements including HD Supply, The Home Depot, Fastenal, Grainger, and Lowes in the amount of \$250,000.00
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 11 Price Agreement Renewal #1 and Change Order #2 with Texas Independent Elevator Co., for elevator preventative maintenance, monitoring and repairs at an estimated annual cost of \$9,944.00 for a total of \$49,983.95* if all renewal options are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute any additional 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
- 12 Resolution for City Council to ratify an Arts Engagement in American Communities Grant project in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4708-2014
- 13 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 \$10,000
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 4709-2014
- 14 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit to the Texas Comptroller's Office Trust Fund an application for reimbursement of state tax revenue acquired from the Bank of America Challenge Championships; approve a contingent professional services contract with Texas Trust Funds and allow the City to use its 1% sales tax to reimburse a portion of certain costs associated with the Bank of America Challenge Championship

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4710-2014

- 15** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for the Grand Prairie Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections, conduct public awareness campaigns and fund a full time police officer position in the amount of \$184,561.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4711-2014

- 16** Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for an upgrade to the air suspension system to a liquid spring system for the two ambulances currently in production at a total cost of \$5,000 from Frazer, Ltd through licensed franchise dealer, Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Dallas, TX

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9740-2014

- 17** Ordinance amending the FY 2013/214 Water Wastewater Operating Fund Budget for Cedar Hill Water Settlement

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9741-2014

Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

- 18** SU130701A - Specific Use Permit Renewal - Jefferson Event Center (City Council District 1). Consider a request to renew a Specific Use Permit (SUP) allowing a multipurpose special event center. The 6.40-acre property, located at 2515 W. Jefferson Street, Ste. 117, is zoned Commercial (C) District. The applicant is Jessie Aguilar and the owner is Rosemary Johnson. (On July 7, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to renew this SUP by a vote of 6-0.)

Mr. Crolley stated that this case was for the renewal of a Specific Use Permit for an event center. He said the center was under new management and there had been no issues for the past year. He said staff recommended approval and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a one-year review.

Council Member Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Copeland, to close the public hearing and approve Case SU130701A, with a one-year review by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: ORD 9742-2014

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Adjournment

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

The foregoing minutes were approved at the August 19, 2014 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary