



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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

Marty Wieder, Economic Development Director, stated that an RFP had been sent out to developers on the 55 acres at the corner of Beltline and I-30. There will be a meeting on September 27, a month prior to the submittal date.

1 Flight of the Monarch Celebration - Presented by Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director

Mae Smith, Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, updated Council on September 24 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Summit. Ms. Smith went over the planned festival activities including three live butterfly releases. She stated that the focus of the festival is to educate the community and increase awareness about the plight of the monarch butterfly. .

Presented

2 Public Health Emergency Response to Zika - Presented by Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager

Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager, stated there have been 46 locally transmitted cases in Florida and 2,487 travel-associated cases. In Texas there have been 146 travel related cases (Dallas County has had 31); Tarrant County has had 17); and Grand Prairie has had 3). Ms. Mendez went over efforts to prevent local transmission of the virus.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson commented that neighboring community are purchasing mail mosquitoes that are altered. Ms. Mendez replied that there is information out there regarding this effort that releasing these altered mosquitoes results in eggs being sterilized. Jim Cummings, Environmental Services Director, said that basically they are altering the male mosquito's DNA. He said there is a bacteria than can

infect the mosquito which prevents eggs from hatching. He said that there is a lot of research that is not yet available for use.

Council Member Fregoe asked if the spray was similar to that used for West Nile. Ms. Mendez replied that is similar. Mr. Fregoe asked if citizens would need to take the same precaution about protecting pets. Ms. Mendez replied that they would since it is the same chemical used for spraying. She said the residual spray has a more lasting impact, but citizens should cover up fish ponds and take dogs indoors.

Presented

3

Grand Prairie ISD Request to City of Grand Prairie - Presented by Tom Hart, City Manager, and Bill Crolley, Executive Director

Tom Hart, City Manager stated that Grand Prairie ISD has requested a variance from Section 423.4 of the 2015 Edition of the International Building Code for storm shelters in schools which would save \$7,500,000 in construction costs. Dr. Hull, GPISD Superintendent, thanked Council for considering this request so that classroom based projects would not have to be cut back. Mayor Jensen asked if the school board had voted on this request. Dr. Hull replied that she had not put the request before them as an action item but they are aware of the request. Mr. Hart stated this would require Council action. He said two charter schools have not been required to do this but have built the storm shelters anyway because they have planned expansions. Council Member Fregoe asked if there would be an issue of putting the safety of the children second. Dr. Hull replied that if we were building those facilities at five campuses the board would have to answer to those at other campuses who would not have the shelters. Mayor Jensen stated that the council supported this variance so there would be no reason to put an item on the school board agenda.

Presented

4

Preview of Park Amenities (at the former Great Southwest Golf Course) - Presented by Rick Herold, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director

Tim Shinogle, Parks Supervisor, went over park proposals for this site. He said the park land is within the 100-year floodplain. He said staff would be looking for matching funds through the Texas Parks and Wildlife. The city can use the value of the donation of this land as the city's matching portion. There are 1.6 miles of potential trail. There would have to be some parking spaces constructed. He said this would be a linear park with some pocket parks and a connection to Mike Lewis Park. The plan would be to place this in trust through Texas Parks and Wildlife. If Council supports accepting this land, formal action can be taken at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Jensen said this is a good plan that would not have a large impact because the developer is donating the land. Council Member Swafford asked what the potential dollar exposure is at this point. Mr. Shinogle said there is the cost of routine maintenance adjacent to the existing multi-family on a three-week schedule which would cost approximately \$3-4000 for this year. Mr. Hart said the grant request is to use the ½ of the matching as the donated land. Mr. Shinogle said the total cost of the project is \$1.4 million, but \$500,000 would be the initial amount. Council Member Copeland asked if the \$500,000 was for parking and walking trails. Mr. Shinogle said the exiting cart trails would be used and there would be some picnic areas. Mr. Hart there were some low water crossings and some relocations. Council Member Giessner asked if the maintenance by the residential areas was included. Mr. Shinogle said that would be a maintenance cost, not an operating cost. Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked when the city would know if we have the grant. Mr. Shinogle said that would be in 2018. Mr. Hart added that the citizens can use the

park before that time. Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked about lighting. Mr. Shinogle said they would not be lighted. Council Member Copeland stated that the land is donated but what if we do not get the grant. Mr. Shinogle said we would not have to give the land back. Mr. Hart: added that the \$500,000 would not be available. Council Member Copeland asked what staff would like to accomplish if there would be the possibility of additional funding. Mr. Shinogle said we could add a water element. Council Member Wooldridge asked if the developer would be erecting a fence on the developer's property. Mr. Hart: said he did not think the developer is fencing any of his development.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson: asked if Council had questions on Consent Agenda Items 8-22. Council Member Shotwell referred to Item 14 (abandonment of a water line in Irving) and asked if the \$400,000 was planned. Ron McCuller, Public Works Director, said the contract with Southgate had two parts; one part for relocation of the first part of the line and the second part is to do away with the old line. He said the cheapest option was to fill with cement grout and the city's portion of the total cost is ¼.

Bill Crolley, Executive Director, asked to table Item 23.

Mayor Jensen referred to Item 27 (2017 Council Meeting Schedule). Mayor Jensen recommended the 2nd and 4th meetings in January to avoid the New Year's holiday. There would be one meeting in July, October and December as in past years.

Mayor Jensen asked Walter Shumac, Transportation Director to get the Railroad Right-of-Way mowed. He also commented that there have been several accidents at SH161 and Jefferson and SH161 and Main Street. Council Member Shotwell stated there should be a red light camera study where cameras may get moved around and a camera might help at these intersections.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

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.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Nathan Watkins, Associate Pastor, Gateway Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Tony Shotwell.

Presentations

- 5** Keep Texas Beautiful Awards - Presented by Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste Manager

Amanda Lindbergh, Environmental Services, and Sherry Reynolds-Howard, Keep Texas Beautiful representative, presented the Keep Texas Beautiful Awards.

Presented

- 6** Kirby Creek Natatorium Life Saving Presentation - Presented by Chief Robert Fite

Fire Chief Robert Fite presented the Kirby Creek Natatorium Life Saving Award to Kirby Creek staff who assisted Ms. Mason who had a life threatening condition while swimming in the pool. Because the staff took fast action and administered CPR and called 911, Ms. Mason's life was saved.

Presented

- 7** Recognition of and performance by the Grand Prairie ISD National Award-Winning Mariachi Sol Azteca - Presented by Mayor Ron Jensen

The Grand Prairie ISD Mariachi Sol Azteca entertained Council with a live performance. The band had recently received a national award.

Presented

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Thorn, to approve Items 8 through 22 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8** Minutes of the August 9, 2016 Special Meeting (CIP Workshop) and the August 16, 2016 Council Meeting

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9** Price agreement for the rental of two carnival amusement rides from Carnival Americana, in the amount of \$20,000 per year, for the Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Prairie Lights event for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$100,000, if all extensions are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options as 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** Price agreement for providing tent rentals of one 60'x180' and one 30'x60' tent from Peerless Events and Tents, in the amount of \$39,064.99 per year, for the Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Prairie Lights event for one year

with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$195,324.95, if all extensions are exercised, and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options as 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

- 11** Price agreement for hot-applied joint and crack sealing services with Curtco, Inc. at an annual cost of \$500,700 for one year with the option to renew for four additional one year periods totaling \$2,503,500 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

- 12** Change Order No. 1 with McMahon Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$54,908.51 for Capetown Drive paving, drainage, and wastewater improvements project

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13** Final Reconciliation Change Order/Amendment No. 7 with McMahon Contracting, LP for Freetown Road Paving, Drainage & Water Phase III project in the net negative amount of \$27,790.56

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14** Amendment to the contract with Southgate Constructors for the abandonment of the 48" North Dallas Water Supply Line from Loop 12 to MacArthur Blvd. in Irving at an estimated cost of \$403,400.33

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 15** Annual software and maintenance agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$56,200

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 16** Resolution establishing a policy concerning Creek Erosion and other Drainage Policy Updates

Adopted

- 17** Second and final reading of an ordinance modifying the solid waste collection franchise agreement with Republic Waste Services of Texas Ltd. to include a 5% rate increase for both residential and commercial solid waste customers

Approved on First Reading

- 18** Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, amending the Utilities and Services Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas by amendment of Article VI relating to the regulation of garbage collection and disposal within the city; making this ordinance cumulative; containing a Savings Clause, providing a Severability Clause; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to become effective upon its passage, approval and publication

Approved on First Reading

- 19** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Amendment/Change Order No. 3 with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. for miscellaneous water replacements in the amount of \$14,960

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10120-2016

- 20** Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of an un-needed utility easement at 2807 England Parkway

Adopted

- 21** Ordinance amending the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and approval of a planning services contract with David Pettit Economic Development (DPED) in an amount not to exceed \$55,000

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10121-2016

- 22** Ordinance amending the FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget; Change Order/Amendment No. 3 with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for Miscellaneous Engineering Services

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 10122-2016

Public Hearing on Zoning Applications

- 23** RA160901 - ROW Abandonment - NE 6th Street (City Council District 5). Approval of request for a Right of Way Abandonment of a non-improved, dead-end section of NE 6th Street located approximately 220 feet north of Keck Street and abutting the western property line of 710 Davis Street. The Right-of-Way in question is a 0.018-acre tract of land out of the John W. Kirk Survey, Abstract No. 726, Dallas County, Texas, and being the northern most part of NE 6th Street. The applicant is Brdecka Enterprises, LLC.

Council Member Shotwell moved, seconded by Council Member Swafford, to close the public hearing and table Case RA160901. 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

Items for Individual Consideration

- 24** Second Public Hearing on proposed tax rate seeking citizen comments on proposed tax rate of \$0.669998 per \$100 assessed valuation in accordance with the Texas Property Tax Code
- Mayor Jensen called the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak. No one asked to speak during the public hearing. Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.*
- Presented**
- 25** Second and Final Public Hearing and adoption of the FY 2016/2017 Operating Budgets
- Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. No one asked to speak. Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.*
- Presented**
- 26** Second and Final Public Hearing and adoption of the FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budgets
- Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. No one wished to speak. Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.*
- Presented**
- 27** 2017 Council Meeting Schedule
- Council Member Swafford moved, seconded by Council Member Fregoe, to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule. 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 7:02 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 20, 2016 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary