



Minutes
City Council
Regular Meeting

City Hall
214 Meadow Park Drive
White Settlement, TX 76108

7:00 PM

February 2, 2021

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THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the open meeting to order at 7:00 PM announcing a quorum of council members present as follows:

Council Member Moore,
Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock,
Council Member Munoz,
Council Member Grudzinski, and
Council Member Geesa

Executive Staff present included City Manager Jeffrey J. James, City Secretary Amy Arnold, and City Attorney Drew Larkin. Other staff present included Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Elias, Human Resources Manager Shannon Jordan, Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght), Building Official Robert Nunley, Police Chief J. Bevering, Assistant Police Chief T. Denison, City Marshal M. Wilson, City Marshal R. Rogers, and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Prior to acknowledging speakers, Mayor White made the following statement: *The purpose of this item is to allow citizens an opportunity to address the City Council on items that are not listed on the agenda, as well as any consent agenda, executive session, or workshop items. Any person desiring to make a public comment must first fill out a speaker request form, and be recognized by the presiding officer. Individual citizen comments are limited to three minutes. The City Council has no obligation to respond in any manner to comments or questions from the public. Any response from a member of the City Council to comments on items not listed on the agenda is limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or direction to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future City Council meeting. Mayor White commented that anyone addressing the city council is refrained from making comments to or about individuals working for the city as city staff or elected members.*

Scott Evans of 805 Perry Drive addressed the City Council stating his opinion of past events and encounters with city employees prior to playing a portion of a personal recording. Mayor White commented that he did not believe what was being played had anything to do with city business. Mr. Evans disagreed and continued. Mayor White asked Mr. Evans to turn off his recording on several occasions, with Mr. Evans ignoring each, before calling for the City Marshal. Mr. Evans was escorted from council chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Spurlock of 1213 Doreen Street addressed those in attendance with information regarding the opening day of Silver Wheel Skating Rink being Friday, February 5, 2021, and invited all to attend.

Eddie Delgado of 519 Comal addressed the City Council concerning side streets and speed concerns. Mr. Delgado provided information related to his concerns and proposed a 20 mph speed limit on side. Mr. Delgado referenced the process for changing speed limits and requested council members consider his request.

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Presentation of FY 2019-2020 CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) introduced Paula Wilde of Patillo, Brown, and Hill who presented the CAFR to council members.

- 2) Presentation from Economic Development Consultant Trent Petty, President of Petty & Associates, Inc., related to the convention center.

City Manager Jeff James introduced Mr. Petty who provided research information related to the convention center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the consent agenda with items 6 and 7 being removed to the Deliberation Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Approval of the consent agenda includes the following:

- 3) Approval of City Council meeting minutes:
January 5, 2021
- 4) Acknowledge acceptance of and approval of FY 2019-2020 CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report).
- 5) Acknowledge receipt of Quarterly Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2020.
- 6) Acknowledge receipt of the White Settlement City Marshal's Office 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report.
- 7) Acknowledge receipt of the White Settlement Police Department 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report.
- 8) Acknowledge infrastructure repairs, budgeted for replacement during the FY20/21 budget year and completed ahead of schedule, to the 9200 block of Rowland Drive.
- 9) Acknowledge receipt of Monthly Financial Statements for FY 20-21 as of November 30, 2020 & December 31, 2020.

- 10) Approval of a resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the ACSC to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

(Items 6 and 7 removed from consent agenda to be discussed here)

- 6) Acknowledge receipt of the White Settlement Police Department 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report.
- 7) Acknowledge infrastructure repairs, budgeted for replacement during the FY20/21 budget year and completed ahead of schedule, to the 9200 block of Rowland Drive.

City Manager Jeff James presented both items noting the reports were prepared by Del Carmen Consulting, LLC (Alex Del Carmen). Mr. James stated each department received favorable reports with no issues identified noting each department complies with the Texas Racial Profiling Law. Mr. James addressed concerns of the current social climate relating to police and public relationships stating other cities conducted reviews of their departments and implementing new policies whereas the City already had such policies in place benefiting both the department and our community. Police Chief JP Bevering touched on Mr. James' comments, praised his department, and thanked council members for their support. Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Spurlock noted both departments received favorable reports and thanked both departments for their work and commitment to the community.

**Council Member Munoz left the meeting at 8:05 PM due to illness.*

FINANCIAL

- 11) Discuss and consider adoption of a resolution expressing official intent to reimburse cost of projects for future sale of \$6,000,000 in bonds.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) provided information on the proposed resolution stating the item is being brought to council in advance of the bonds due to engineering contracts included on this agenda for two projects relating to these funds. Mrs. Crump (Foght) explained the projects as being street, water, sewer, and drainage repair/replacement on Kimbrough and Mirike streets, street and drainage on Clyde, and sewer line on Colton and Tacoma which are all on current capital improvement list. Mrs. Crump (Foght) explained debt capacity is in the Water Sewer Fund, current debt (2011) has been paid off, staff meetings with bond counsel and their recommendations, noting this intent allows staff to reserve the right to apply costs to the funds before issuing the bonds to reimburse costs of the projects.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to approve resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 12) Discuss and consider an agreement for Professional Civil Engineering Services between the City and James DeOtte Engineering, Inc. for the Kimbrough Street Capital Improvement Project, being the 600 block to 1300 block of Kimbrough Street from Wyatt Drive South to Downe Drive.

Community Services Manager Rich Tharp explained the project noting specifics. City Manager Jeff James mentioned this is one of the projects Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) mentioned in her previous presentation.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the agreement. Council Member Grudzinski seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and consider an agreement for Professional Civil Engineering Services between the City and James DeOtte Engineering, Inc. for the Mirike Drive Capital Improvement Project, being the 800 block to 1300 block of Mirike Drive from Wyatt Drive South to Downe Drive.

Community Services Manager Rich Tharp explained the project noting specifics, also noting the item is not a CDBG project.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- 14) Discuss and consider a resolution adopting a City Property Trespass Policy.

City Manager Jeff James explained the item stating the policy is the same as neighboring municipalities and has been reviewed by the city attorney. Mr. James explained the policy is intended to provide the public and staff an environment free from unlawful and disruptive behavior and activities that interfere with city and public business and activities.

City Attorney Drew Larkin noted the policy is for all city property, not just city hall, not to address those being rude but rather to address people who are disrupting staff and other citizens and their tasks. Mr. Larkin explained his review of the document mentioning training to address questions is included in the policy noting all staff will be trained.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve the policy. Council Member Grudzinski seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 15) Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a final project and finance plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of White Settlement, Texas.

City Manager Jeff James explained the item was presented to and approved by the TIRZ Board (current council members), was presented at the beginning of this meeting and noted Kirk McDaniel and Trent Petty are available to answer questions.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the ordinance. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and consider amending the name Splash Dayz Convention Center to The White Settlement Convention Center. This item is not to change the name of the Splash Dayz Water Park.**

City Manager Jeff James introduced EDC Consultant Trent Petty who presented information related to research he had done at the request of staff (as requested at a previous meeting) to assist with deciding on an updated name for the current facility.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock noted Council Member Amber Munoz had to leave the meeting due to illness and would like this item postponed until all members can be present, stating Council Member Munoz has expressed desire to be present during this discussion. No member disagreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to postpone the item. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- 17) Make appointments and/or reappointments to boards and commissions as follows:**

- a) Board of Adjustments and Appeals:**

Place 1, currently held by Rebeca Ornelas, with a new term to expire February 2023;

Place 3, currently held by Brinda Rhodes, with a new term to expire February 2023;

Place 4, currently vacant, with an unexpired term to expire February 2022;

Place 5, currently held by Richard Huff, with a new term to expire February 2023.

- b) Crime Control and Prevention District:**

Place 1, currently vacant, with a new term to expire February 2024;

Place 6, currently held by Angie Nolan, with a new term to expire February 2024.

- c) Library Board:**

Place 1, currently held by Patricia England, with a new term to expire February 2023;

Place 2, currently held by Pamela Kenney, with a new term to expire February 2023;

Place 3, currently held by Mary Jackson, with a new term to expire February 2023;

Place 4, currently held by Misty Smethers, with a new term to expire February 2023.

- d) Parks and Recreation Board:**

Place 3, currently held by Adam Valle, with a new term to expire February 2024;

Place 4, currently held by Angelo Destro, with a new term to expire February 2024;

Place 5, currently held by Paige Marie Babb, with a new term to expire February 2024.

- e) Planning and Zoning Commission:**

Place 6, currently vacant, with a new term to expire February 2024;

Place 7, currently held by Victor Corralejo, with a new term to expire February 2024.

Mayor White stated one application has been received. The applicant, Marcella Delgado, has expressed interest in serving on BAA, CCPD and/or Parks and Recreation boards.

Council Members discussed boards on which the applicant may currently serve. City Secretary Amy Arnold explained Mrs. Delgado does not serve on the P&Z therefore she is eligible to serve on the BAA and other boards as requested, at the desire of the council. Council may make appointments for this applicant then postpone other appointments in order to receive applications requesting appointment and/or reappointments.

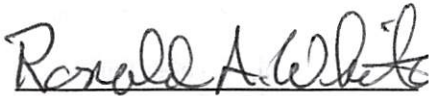
Council Member Moore made a motion to appoint Marcie Delgado to BAA Place 4, with a term to expire February 2022 and to CCPD Place 1, with a term to expire February 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to postpone other appointments. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion, Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Approved this 2nd day of March, 2021.


Ronald A. White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Arnold, City Secretary

