



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS**

6:30 PM – August 3, 2021

City Hall – Council Chambers

214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Spurlock, Council Member Amber Munoz, and Council Member Christina Grudzinski, and Council Member Gregg Geesa. Council Member Paul Moore was absent for medical reasons.

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, Community Services Director Rich Tharp, Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght), Building Official Robert Nunley, Police Chief J. Bevering, Assistant Police Chief Tim Denison, Fire Chief Brandon Logan, City Marshal Randy Rogers, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor White offered 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.

Daniel J. Bennett of 408 Pemberton addressed the City Council regarding a letter from Senator Jane Nelson to Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors (addressed to Mr. Mike O'Donnell) requesting an investigation of the substantial increase in protests noting testimony heard at a Senate Finance Committee hearing.

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

The following presentations were heard.

1. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 No New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rate.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) provided the current and proposed tax rates, 10 year value history, 5 year appraised taxable values, noting the values are on trend with neighboring communities. **A copy of the presentation will be attached to adopted minutes.*

2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Operating Budgets.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) noted citizens were given the opportunity to ask questions of staff regarding the proposed budget; no questions were submitted. She explained fund increases and decreases,

staffing , salary and benefit changes and other items noted on the presentation. **A copy of the presentation will be attached to adopted minutes.*

3. City Manager presentation on items of community interest.

City Manager Jeff James thanked Krystal and the finance department staff for their hard work in preparing for the budget. Mr. James updated members on the new Public Works Director Larry Hoover stating he is doing a good job over the department. Next, Mr. James introduced Kevin Johnson who made a presentation to the City of White Settlement on behalf of the Chula Chasers. Mr. Johnson explained the Chula Chaser organization supports community youth, MHMR of Tarrant County, participates in various events including clean up events, and would like to be more involved in the community. Mr. Johnson thanked the City Council for their support of the community and presented a plaque to Mayor White and Council Members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Geesa made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Approval of the consent agenda included the following items:

4. Approval of City Council meeting minutes:
 - a. July 6, 2021
5. Approval of TIRZ #1 Participation Agreement and Resolution between the City of White Settlement and Tarrant County, Texas.
6. Approval of Ordinance 2021-08-015 calling for a General Election to be held on November 2, 2021 to elect persons to the offices of Council Member Place 4 and Council Member Place 5.
7. Approval of appointments to the Wholesale Water and Wastewater Customer Advisory Board, appointing Finance Director Krystal Crump as Voting Member and Public Works Director Larry Hoover as Alternate Member.
8. Approval of City of White Settlement submission of acceptance of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
9. Acknowledge receipt of Monthly Financial Statements for FY 20-21 as of June 30, 2021.
10. Acknowledge receipt of and accept Audit Engagement Letter 2021 from Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP.
11. Acknowledge receipt of Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2021.
12. Acknowledge receipt of and accept Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget.
13. Approval of Adult Activity Center Agreement for Congregate Meal Partnership with Meals on Wheels, INC. of Tarrant County.
14. Approval of contract with Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center for continued emergency dispatch services
15. Approval of a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the city and ATMOS Energy Corp., regarding the 2021 Rate Review Mechanism filing.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

FINANCIAL:

16. Discuss and consider award of RFP#2021-001 for Employee Benefits Insurance to Cigna for medical insurance and to Blue Cross Blue Shield (Dearborn) for both vision and accident insurance.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item explaining the bid process including advertising and opening of 13 received submissions. She noted Higginbotham negotiated with top bids received to obtain the best options for the city being; Cigna for medical, BCBS Dearborn for both vision and accident insurance.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve award of RFP#2021-001 for Employee Benefits Insurance to Cigna for medical insurance and to Blue Cross Blue Shield (Dearborn) for both vision and accident insurance. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

17. Public Hearing and consider an ordinance adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item explaining revenue and expenditures noting major increase in expenditures due to enterprise lease cost and uniforms.

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m. No speakers were heard. Mayor White closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Council Member Munoz made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Council Member Grudzinski seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

18. Public Hearing and consider an ordinance adopting the Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item explaining revenues, debt service cost and fund balance transfers.

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. No speakers were heard. Mayor White closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

19. Discuss and consider calling a Public Hearing to be held August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item explaining staff requests the hearing to be held as listed per state statute.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to call a Public Hearing to be held August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

20. Discuss and consider calling a Public Hearing to be held August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Tax Rate.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item explaining staff requests the hearing to be held as listed as it is required by state law.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to call a Public Hearing to be held August 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Tax Rate. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

21. Discuss and consider appointing a TML Business Meeting Delegate for the 2021 TML Annual Conference.

This item was presented at the request of Council Member Geesa. Council Member Munoz stated her nomination of Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Spurlock. No other nominations were heard.

Council Member Munoz made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock as the city's TML Business Meeting Delegate for the 2021 TML Annual Conference. Council Member Grudzinski seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

22. Discuss and consider results of survey conducted for renaming the convention center located at the Splash Dayz Water Park site to be more easily identified as a choice event center separate from a park facility.

This item was not heard. No action was taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor White announced City Council would convene in Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. after first reading the following statement:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into Executive Session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

23. Sec. 551.074 Deliberation Regarding Personnel Matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:
- a. City Manager
 - b. City Secretary

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mayor White announced City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to take action on items discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to authorize Mayor White to execute contracts in accordance to discussion in Executive Session. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion, Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of September, 2021.



Ronald A. White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Arnold, City Secretary



