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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

Alderman Mary Morse led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF.

City Administrator Brick said the Police Committee recommended Art Chapa as the city's new Police Chief.

2. DISCUSS CONTRIBUTING AND/OR PAYING THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL FOR THE JBIC BUCCANEER ESPLANADE PALM TREE UPLIGHTING PROJECT.

City Administrator Brick reminded Council about the presentation giving by JBIC during the last Council Meeting.

MPT Burke spoke in favor of JBIC's palm tree lighting project; he said it would also make it easier to decorate during Christmas if the city decided to decorate the trees again.

Alderman Morse inquired what line item could the city use if they decided to contribute.

City Administrator Brick replied we would figure it out depending on the contribution amount.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlaw, asked if the city had any plan to decorate with lights during Christmas.

Alderman Montgomery inquired if city staff recommended a dollar amount to contribute towards the project.

City Administrator Brick replied the city staff did not have an amount to recommend; he would leave it to Council to decide the amount, if any.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON OCTOBER 21, 2013.)

No requests to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

- a. JOHN DAVIS – BUCCANEER EAST
- b. HENRY MORGAN – BOB SMITH TO BUCCANEER
- c. FRANCIS DRAKE – BUCCANEER WEST
- d. FLAMINGO WAY – BOB SMITH TO DEAD END

Alderman Morse motioned to approve street improvements to the above listed streets. Second by South. Item was opened for discussion. John Mercer said the city would receive \$185,975 disaster recovery funding for the street improvements; the city would only contribute \$13,148 of local funds; he provided Council the proper wording that had to be mentioned in the motion approved by Council.

Alderman Morse amended her motion to award a reduced scale project for the Street Improvement Project to El Dorado Paving with a total construction cost of \$199,123 to be funded with \$185,975.00 of Disaster Recovery Grand Funds and \$13,148.00 of local funds, with execution of the contract being subject to completion of the environmental assessment and receipt of the "Authorization to Use Grant Funds for Construction." Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE 96-5, SECTION 14-401.

Item tabled.

3. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION VARIANCE REQUEST FOR FENCE AT 16700 KINGSTON WAY.**
Alderman Morse approved the variance request to put a fence on the outside of the palm trees & 3 ft. from the bulkhead at 16700 Kingston Way. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved.
4. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION VARIANCE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AND BOATHOUSE AT 4427 PELICAN WAY.**
Item tabled.
5. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION VARIANCE REQUEST FOR GARAGE/CARPORT IN FRONT OF HOUSE AT 4218 SPANISH MAIN.**
*Alderman Montgomery motioned to approve the original variance request for a carport to extend 15 ft. in front of the house. Second by Alderman Morse.
All in favor: Montgomery, Morse, Burke, Green; Opposed: South
Motion approved.*
6. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN ACCOUNTS.**
Alderman Morse motioned to approve the city funding the employee retirement plan accounts. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.
7. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.**
Alderman Green motioned to authorize city staff to advertise for bids for the bank depository contract. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.
8. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF.**
Alderman Montgomery motioned to appoint Art Chapa as Police Chief. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.
9. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION CONTRIBUTING AND/OR PAYING THE MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL FOR THE JBIC BUCCANEER ESPLANADE PALM TREE UPLIGHTING PROJECT.**
*Alderman Green motioned to approve the city to contribute and pay the monthly electric bill for the JBIC Buccaneer Esplanade Palm Tree Uplighting Project. Second by MPT Burke. Motioned died.
Alderman South amended the motion to approve the city to contribute \$1,500 towards the JBIC project and pay the monthly electric bill. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved.*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick said he is actively working on Flood information; he mentioned Heavy Trash pick-up is this Saturday, October 26th.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery said the Pool Committee is waiting on a stamp from the Environmental Group before they can go out for bids.

Alderman Morse reminded everyone of the Annual Halloween event starts at 5:30 on Halloween Night; please sign up by contacting City Hall.

POLICE REPORT – No Report

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. MPT Burke motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.