



City of University Park

City Hall
3800 University Blvd.
University Park, TX 75205

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:07 - 3:31 P.M. Pursuant to TGC§ 551.072, the City Council met in closed session to discuss real estate matters. No action was taken. Executive Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall.

PRE-MEETING WORK SESSION(S)

3:35 - 4:00 P.M. The City Council met in open work session to receive an overview of the proposed FY15 budget from staff. No action was taken. Council Conference Room, 2nd floor, City Hall.

4:00 - 5:00 P.M. The City Council met in open work session to receive agenda item briefings from staff. No action was taken. Council Conference Room, 2nd floor, City Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Councilmember Bob Begert, Councilmember Dawn Moore, Councilmember Tommy Stewart, Councilmember Taylor Armstrong and Mayor Olin Lane

- A. INVOCATION: Councilmember Tommy Stewart
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout Ruoming Fan of Troop 730 was present as part of earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. He assisted Councilmember Tommy Stewart and the City Council in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL: Mayor Olin Lane, Jr.

D. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: City Manager Robbie Corder

Staff in attendance included Community Information Officer Steve Mace, Assistant to the City Manager George Ertle, Chief of Police Greg Spradlin, Director of Public Works Bud Smallwood, City Secretary Christine Green, Director of Parks and Recreation Gerry Bradley, Library Director Sharon Martin, Director of Human Resources Luanne Hanford, Fire Chief Randy Howell, Director of Finance Tom Tvardzik and Purchasing Manager Elizabeth Anderson.

II. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION - None**III. CONSENT AGENDA****14-155**

Consider approval of a contract with UT Southwestern for Fire Department Paramedic Services.

City Manager Corder explained that this contract will continue paramedic continuing education provided by UT Southwestern for an additional year with the option to renew annually through 2018. The total annual amount of the contract is \$50,717.

This Contract was approved.

14-157

Consider approval of increase in quantity of asphalt used in connection with the current In-Place Asphalt Recycling project.

City Manager Corder said that staff is requesting the Council's approval to purchase an increased quantity of asphalt used in connection with the current in-place asphalt recycling project. On September 17, 2013, the Council approved the amount of 7,150 tons asphalt required for this project. An additional 7,300 tons of asphalt is required to complete the project at a unit cost of \$62.00 per ton. The total purchase amount is now \$452,000, a difference of \$22,000. Asphalt for the project is being purchased from Austin Asphalt.

This Action Item was approved.

14-161

Consider approval of a contract renewal with Universal Recycling Technologies to provide drop-off e-waste recycling service.

City Manager Corder said that this will renew a contract with Universal Recycling Technologies to recycle e-waste free of charge to University Park residents.

This Contract was approved.

14-163 Consider approval of a resolution adopting the 2014 Certified Property Appraisal Roll.

The City Manager said that the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) provides the City with a certified tax roll each year. The sum of the total taxable values is the tax base upon which the City applies its property tax rate supporting the next fiscal year budget. This year, the certified taxable value increased by 7.61% for a total of over just over \$6.3 billion in taxable value in the City.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: RES No. 14/007

14-168 Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth ISD and Bank of America for City Purchasing Card Program.

This interlocal agreement with the Fort Worth ISD will allow the City to piggyback on the ISD's contract with Bank of America for a purchasing card program. The City's existing purchasing card program will remain in place, but the new contract will provide some enhancements like improved annual rebate potential.

This Agreement was approved.

14-165 Consider a resolution to appoint members to the SMU Land Sale Reserve Committee and the Public Works Committee for the term from August 2014 to August 2016.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: RES No. 14/008

14-162 Consider approval of the minutes of the August 5, 2014 City Council Meeting with or without corrections.

The Minutes were approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

IV. MAIN AGENDA

14-164 Public hearing to discuss proposed FY2015 budget and tax rate.

Mayor Lane opened the public hearing. Director of Finance Tom Tvardzik presented the FY2015 proposed budget. He said this is the first of two public hearings required before adoption of the budget. The next public hearing will be September 9. The total budget for FY15 is \$47.3 million, an increase of 2.4% or \$1.2 million more than last year's budget. The tax rate is being lowered to 26.979 cents per \$100 tax rate, down from 27.432 cents in FY14. However, the effective tax rate will increase due to the 7.61% increase in the certified taxable value. The average University Park homeowner will pay an additional \$180 in property taxes next year. There were no speakers, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

14-158 Consider proposal from Binkley & Barfield for design of certain water and sanitary sewer improvements.

Director of Public Works Bud Smallwood presented a proposal in the amount of \$45,475.50 from consulting engineers Binkley and Barfield for survey and engineering services for a utility upgrade that will take place prior to the replacement of the McFarlin Bridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Begert, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

14-159 Consider proposal from RL Goodson for design of bridge improvements across Turtle Creek at McFarlin.

Director of Public Works Bud Smallwood presented a contract with R.L. Goodson consulting engineers in the amount of \$276,312 for the design of bridge improvements and appurtenances for the McFarlin Bridge across Turtle Creek.

Mr. Smallwood recommended approval of the contract subject to the deletion of the "Limit of Liability" clause.

A motion was made by Councilmember Armstrong, seconded by Councilmember Begert, that this Contract be approved subject to the deletion of the "Limit of Liability" clause. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

14-167

Consider approval of an ordinance abandoning the Preston Road Fresh Water District easement at 4404 Bryn Mawr.

Public Works Director Bud Smallwood said this ordinance will abandon any rights the City has to the easement at 4404 Bryn Mawr. The property owner is seeking a permit to build a swimming pool and they require this easement abandonment in order to proceed. At one time, the easement was designated for installation and maintenance of water mains by the Preston Road Fresh Water District, but that entity no longer exists.

A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Begert, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

Enactment No: ORD No. 14/021

14-166**Consider award of RFP #2014-04 for Indoor Pool Feasibility Study.**

Parks and Recreation Director Gerry Bradley presented this recommendation to award Ballard King RFP #2014-04 in the amount of \$31,800 to perform a feasibility study for the possible construction of a natatorium at Curtis Park.

Dan Coffman, 3443 Lovers Lane, asked the Council to postpone action on this proposed natatorium. He asked the Council to establish a forum for residents present their concerns and pose questions about the proposal.

Joe Dishner, 3449 Westminster, spoke in favor of building a natatorium but expressed concerned that the proposed location is not appropriate. Mr. Dishner said he is concerned also that the proposed feasibility study will not address parking, traffic, or pedestrian safety concerns.

Ann Burns, 3522 Rankin expressed concerned about the proposed development due to the potential for increased traffic in the area. She asked the Council to hold public hearings about the natatorium proposal. She said she is opposed to a feasibility study at this time.

Dan Coffman, 3443 Lovers Lane, approached the podium again and requested that the Council deny the feasibility study. He asked the Council to establish a public forum so that the public can speak about the proposed natatorium.

Councilmember Begert asked the City Manager to explain what steps would be required before a permit would be issued to construct a natatorium. City Manager Corder explained that the feasibility study is a only a preliminary step in the process of constructing of natatorium. Before a permit could be issued, Highland Park ISD would need to hold a bond election, and voters would have to approve funding for the natatorium's construction. Mr. Dishner, 3449 Westminster, came forward again and stated that the feasibility study will not address their concerns. Mayor Lane said that the study is intended to help answer some of these questions. He said that this is a good opportunity to work with the school district if it is feasible. Ms. Burns, 3552 Rankin, came forward again and said that the feasibility study won't address their specific concerns about traffic and environmental impact.

Councilmember Moore said that she understood the concerns of the speakers but believes that the study will consider some of these issues and answer some of the questions that the residents have. Ms. Burns asked for the opportunity to provide public input. Councilmember Stewart said that a public hearing might help identify and clarify specific concerns for authors of the feasibility study. Councilmember Begert thinks the feasibility study should be broadened to address some of the concerns brought forward by the speakers.

John Mulcahy, 3528 Rankin, said that this may be a change of use for this area that will impact traffic and parking. He asked that the City have its

advisory committees and staff study these issues rather than have consultants perform this work. Councilmember Moore said the study may not answer all of the potential questions about the proposed natatorium, but she was in favor of proceeding with the study to gather facts. She also said that she would like to have the feasibility study consultants appear at a future public hearing so that public concerns can be heard at the outset of the study process.

Councilmember Armstrong said that he is in favor of going forward with the feasibility study.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong, to approve the feasibility study with the condition that a public forum be held at the City Council meeting on September 16 with a representation from the consulting firm in attendance. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

14-156

Consider Park Reservation Request - UPPA - "Up All Night" Event.

Parks and Recreation Director Gerry Bradley showed several PowerPoint slides to explain the logistics involving this event request. This event was successful and well-managed last year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Begert, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong, that this request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Begert, Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Armstrong, and Mayor Lane

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Coffman asked to speak about the Resolution to appoint the SMU Land Sale Reserve Committee. He wanted to know the history and purpose of the committee. Mayor Lane explained that the City sold Potomac Park and various rights-of-way to SMU in 2009 following an election in which the citizens of University Park approved the sale. At that time, the City Council appointed a committee to oversee potential disbursement of the funds. The committee is comprised of the current Mayor, two former Council members, the current Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee and the Chair of the Capital Projects Review Committee.

None of the \$16 million in the SMU Land Sale Reserve has been spent.

Anyone wishing to address an item not on the Agenda should do so at this time. Please be advised that under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council cannot discuss or act at this meeting on a matter that is not listed on the Agenda. However, in response to an inquiry, a Council member may respond with a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. Other questions or private comments for the City Council or Staff should be directed to that individual immediately following the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any Agenda items listed herein.