



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

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 Greg Giessner
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe
Council Member Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Tony Shotwell
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Lila Thorn
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Staff Presentations

Tom Hart, City Manager, addressed a Transportation funding article which indicated that funding for the city's Grand Connection may be cut. He said staff is looking into this to determine the depth of the cut.

Mr. Hart introduced Kasey Cook, new City Manager Intern. He added that his mother is Kathleen Mercer, Budget Director.

1 Communicate with City Council - Presented by Council Member Jeff Copeland

Council Member Copeland stated that he asked staff to add a link on the city website so citizens could easily identify who their Council representative was and for them to easily communicate with Council. He said this link is not meant as a complaint box but simply a way for constituents to get a message to Council Members. Each Council Member can have their phone number listed on the website or not. Gloria Colvin, Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office, and the Council Member will each receive the email and she will forward to the appropriate department for action/response.

Council Member Shotwell said he would like staff to not take action until the Council Member knows how it will be responded to. Consensus from the Council was that the Council Member should be informed ahead of time of the response from the department before it is sent to the citizen.

Presented

2 Update on the Naval Air Station and Reserve Base - Presented by Bob O'Neal, Economic Development Director

Bob O'Neal, Economic Development Director, updated Council on the Naval Air

Station and Reserve Base. He stated that Triumph Aerospace have moved out and Dallas Global Industrial Center will take over this site. They are hoping to get a single industrial user for this facility. Mr. O'Neal said the City of Dallas had leased the runway to General Motors for vehicle storage and in the long-term Dallas says it would be for industrial uses.

Mr. O'Neal said that many bases have been consolidated at the Grand Prairie Armed Forces Reserve base where there are 100 full-time employees; 24 military units; 3,300 soldiers who train on Sundays and Saturdays. The Bureau of Prisons has built a new 50,000 sq. ft. building with 650 employees.

Council Member Copeland asked which area was in the Grand Prairie ISD. Mr. O'Neal said the entire area is just within GPISD. He said the former Triumph facility is no longer a federal facility and GPISD will get tax revenue from the new use. Mr. O'Neal showed the area that is deed restricted to never allow residential uses.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe asked if the only federal property was the Reserve Base. Mr. O'Neal replied that was correct.

Council Member Shotwell stated that three years ago Dallas looked at moving their auto pound there but instead moved their fleet services there. He said he had spoken with Council Member Alonzo and she said the auto pound still was not off the table but the cost is more than they are willing to spend at this time.

Mr. Hart asked Mr. O'Neal if there was any mention of limited use of the runway. Mr. O'Neal stated at one time when Triumph was in business there was an agreement that Triumph could fly so many times per week into that runway, but the agreement went away with Triumph, so they will probably have to come back for support from Grand Prairie for runway use restrictions since this conflicts with DFW and Love Field air traffic.

Council Member Thorn asked if they will be cleaning up the waterway next to the National Guard facility. Mr. O'Neal said they are currently monitoring, testing and treating. Council Member Swafford asked about the status of the lake. Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager, said that is a private lake, but the water meets state standards, but the soil under it does not.

Presented

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Public Safety Dive Team Update - Presented by Robert Fite, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Robert Fite stated that the dive team was formed in 1967 with Mountain Creek Lake and quarries. He said there are currently 30 divers on the team which is a joint effort between the Police and Fire Departments. The dive team serves Irving, Cedar Hill and some other area cities. Chief Fite showed some of the equipment that is used by the dive team: masks, dry and wet suits and back up oxygen tanks. He said the team had been awarded a \$50,000 grant. He said the team wants to focus on preventing drowning at Joe Pool Lake. Council Member Clemson asked if there were any women on the dive team. Chief Fite replied there were not. Council Member Copeland asked if other cities pay for the dive team. Chief Fite said they do not, but they assist Grand Prairie for Hazmat and other things. Council Member Shotwell stated that he would like to have the city once again provide life jackets at Joe Pool Lake.

Presented

Agenda Review

Jim Sparks, Transportation Director, (Ref: Agenda Item 15 - Wildlife Parkway) stated this is a \$25 million project that the county is going to design and the City and Dallas County are each putting in \$2.5 million. This agreement allows the County to proceed with design and environmental clearance and authorizes \$250,000 of the city's total contribution of \$2.5 million. Mr. Sparks said there will be a future amendment in the remaining amount of \$2.25 million. He said the North Central Texas Council of Governments originally funded the project for \$20 million with a \$5 million local contribution. Since that time, Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds in the amount of \$20 million became available which allowed Dallas County to act as the lead agency.

Council Member Copeland asked Mr. Sparks as this goes east where does it come in to Lone Star Park. Mr. Sparks said it is an extension of Hunter Ferrell. Council Member Copeland asked if it would be possible to change the name to Lone Star Parkway. Bill Crolley, Planning Director, said the street name will be changed but he was not sure what it will be named. Council Member Clemson stated that traveling west on Wildlife Parkway drivers would have to turn on Lower Tarrant. Mr. Sparks said they are connecting the part that runs east and west.

Mayor Pro Tem Giessner stated there were no items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened an executive session at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The executive session was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Recess Meeting

Mayor Jensen recessed the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

6:30 PM Council Chambers

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Ray Bush, First Baptist Church Grand Prairie (Victim Relief Ministries Volunteer) and the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Council Member Thorn.

Presentations

- 4 Civitan Awareness Month Proclamation - Presented to Frank Kelley
- Council Member Jorja Clemson read Civitan Awareness Proclamation and presented it to Frank Kelley and members of the Civitan Club.*

Presented

- 5 Employee of the Month - Amber Martin, The Summit
- Rick Herold, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Amber Martin, as Employee of the Month for April. Mr. Hart presented Ms. Martin with an engraved clock and certificate and thanked her for her dedication to the city.*

Presented

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fregoe, to approve Items 6 through 18 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6 Minutes of the March 18, 2014 Meeting

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 7 Price Agreement for Asbestos Surveys and Air Monitoring from EFI Global, Inc. (\$100,000 annually) and secondary to Advanced Environmental Analysis for one year with the option to renew for four (4) additional one year periods totaling \$500,000 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

- 8 Price agreement for mosquito laboratory services and chemical application with Municipal Mosquito (\$52,500 annually) for one year with the option to renew for four (4) additional one year periods totaling \$262,500 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with the 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

- 9 Price agreement with Martin Eagle Oil Co., Inc for motor fuels at an

estimated annual cost of \$2,350,000 through an inter-local cooperative agreement with Tarrant County for one year with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year periods totaling \$9,400,000.00 if all extensions are exercised; and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options with aggregate price fluctuations 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 renewal term.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 10** Price Agreement for Fleet Tire Repairs from Ricks Tire Service, Inc., at an estimated annual cost of \$32,190 for one year with the option to renew for four (4) additional one year periods totaling \$160,950 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

- 11** Contract with Metheny Commercial Lawn Maintenance, Inc. for landscape maintenance (\$430,812) in Peninsula PID (Council District 6)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12** Contract with Site Landscape Development for landscape maintenance (\$173,165) in Lake Parks PID (Council District 6)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 13** High Hawk PID (Council District 6) Contract with Future Outdoors, LLC for Fence Construction in the amount of \$223,775.13

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 14** Resolution in support of a Constitutional Amendment for increased State funding for transportation

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4687-2014

- 15** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Project Specific Agreement with Dallas County in the amount of \$250,000 for the widening and extension of Wildlife Pkwy between Beltline Rd and SH 161 and a future amendment obligating the city to the remaining \$2,250,000

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4688-2014

- 16** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Multiple Use

Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for any future construction as well as maintenance and operation of a public Park and Ride Facility on the IH-30 Right-of-Way.

Adopted

Enactment No: RES 4689-2014

- 17 Ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 Risk Fund Budget and contractual services for the abatement and rehab of the Fiscal Administration Building (former Parks Administration Building) for \$178,206. Several vendors included for Move Solutions, PODS, Advanced Environmental Analysis, Gallagher Construction Services, R & R Electric, Dallas Security System (DSS) internal work.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9688-2014

- 18 Ordinance amending Schedule II of the Traffic Register by rescinding the existing 35mph speed limit and establishing a new 30mph speed limit on Egyptian Way between N. Carrier Parkway and Northwest 7th Street.

Adopted

Enactment No: ORD 9689-2014

Items for Individual Consideration

- 19 Increase of Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates

Don Postell, City Attorney, stated that these access fees are based on cost of living increases. He said the rate increase would be automatic unless Council rejected the fees. He said the increase is three cents per line and if Council takes no action, they would be accepting the new fees.

Council Member Shotwell asked if this represented a pass-through cost to consumers. Mr. Postell replied that the fee would be passed on to consumers.

No action was taken on this item.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Adjournment

Council Member Shotwell noted the passing of Clarence Brown, Jr. who had worked for the Grand Prairie ISD in the Tax Department for 40 years. Mayor Jensen stated that former Fire Chief Conover was not doing well, and asked to pray for him.

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the April 15, 2014 meeting.

Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary