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Topic: City of Grand Prairie - PSHE Meeting

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Call to Order

Agenda Items

Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by following the instructions to join the meeting on the first page of the agenda.

1. **20-10192** Minutes of July 6, 2020, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting
   
   **Attachments:** PSHE July 6, 2020 Minutes.docx

2. **20-10124** Animal Services Update - Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager
   
   **Attachments:** PSHE080320

3. **20-10199** Housing and Neighborhood Services Update - Presented by Esther Coleman, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services

4. **20-10216** 20th Judicial Quarterly Report
   
   **Attachments:** 20th Quarterly Report

5. **20-10129** Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Parks and Recreation," of the Code of Ordinances, through the amendment of the title of the Chapter to "Parks, Arts, and Recreation"; and amendment of Sections 18-5, 18-10, 18-18, and 18-22 relative to park hours, parking, animals, and engaging in activities which may interfere with others use of parks: repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a cumulative clause, a savings clause, severability clause, a penalty clause, and to become effective upon passage and publication.

6. **20-10103** Republic Services Rate Increase
   
   **Attachments:** Solid Waste and Recycling FY2021a

Executive Session

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. to discuss the following:

1. Section 551.071 “Consultation with Attorney”
2. Section 551.072 “Deliberation Regarding Real Property”
3. Section 551.074 “Personnel Matters”
4. Section 551.087 “Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations”

Citizen Comments
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Adjournment

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee meeting agenda was prepared and posted July 31, 2020.

Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary

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From
Lana Yancey

Title
Minutes of July 6, 2020, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting

Presenter
Chairman Jeff Copeland

Recommended Action
Approve

Analysis
Minutes Attached
The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was called to order by Council Member Jeff Copeland at 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020 via Zoom Videoconference.

Attendees:
Chairman Jeff Copeland, Council Members Cole Humphreys and John Lopez were present. Staff members present: Deputy City Manager Steve Dye, Code Compliance Manager Steve Collins, Deputy City Attorney Mark Dempsey, Information Technology System Administrator Barron Fraker, Assistant City Attorney Chuong Phung, Finance Director Becky Brooks, Landfill Manager Patricia Redfearn, Assistant City Attorney Tiffany Bull and Recording Secretary Lana Yancey.

Consider Minutes of June 1, 2020
The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee minutes for June 1, 2020 were approved by Public Safety Health and Environment Board Members and Chairman.

Discuss Eviction Ordinance:
Deputy City Manager Steve Dye briefed the committee on this topic. The ability to evict has expired under the Cares Act provisions, so now landlords have the ability to evict. Several cities, including us have looked into passing an ordinance and the City of Dallas has decided to pass an ordinance not allowing landlords to evict during this time. After doing research on this, my recommendation is to not pass an ordinance. First reason is because we have a rental assistance program in place. When we first looked at putting an eviction ordinance in place we didn’t have the rental assistance program, now that we do, I think we have to consider the adverse impact not allowing evictions for another extended period would have on our property owners and landlords. There is a potential for legal issues as well. Lastly, I have heard from our Realtor, Landlord and Property Management Associations for the Council to oppose this ordinance. I think organically tenants will get several more months and if someone is hurting for rental assistance we have a program in place where they can receive help. Council Member Lopez I want to thank you for bringing this to my attention, it was interesting to research all the aspects. Lopez agrees and thinks that it will take several months for any evictions to take place and we will continue to pay attention to this issue. No action is needed at this time, this is just a discussion item.

Republic Services Rate Increases:
Landfill Manager Patricia Redfearn briefed the committee on this item. Republic Services has come in with a 3% rate increase request across the board, which would be for residential, commercial and industrial. There are a couple of different options for us.
Currently we are below the average of $20.03 per household, per month to our comparable cities like Frisco, Arlington, McKinney, Richardson, Mesquite and Denton to name a few. Steve Dye recommends no rate increase on the Commercial side due to us being at or above the midpoint of rates. The 3% Residential rate increase is a reasonable request which would be .22 cent increase per month. That would bring us from $16.35 to $16.57. Three years ago they did not request a rate increase. Going back two years ago they requested a rate increase of 7.25% Commercial, 3.5% Industrial and 3.67% Residential in which this committee approved. Last year they requested an increase of 3.8% Commercial and 5.5% Residential in which this committee approved as well. The .22 cents would equal to about $125,000 a year. If you all want to go with staff recommendations and have no increase on the Commercial side and agree with the 3% increase on Residential side we have three options to consider. The City of Grand Prairie totally encumbers the $125,000 annual increase and the residents would not have an increase in their bill, in which the $125,000 would come out of the solid waste budget. We could give the complete increase to the residents, or we could split the cost and the city can take on half and the other half is passed on to our residents. We also have Becky Brooks from finance in attendance to answer any questions you all have. Chairman Copeland inquired about the Republic Bid and curb side containers that this committee previously considered and if this ever went into effect. Steve Dye advised we asked for this at the first of the year because we are sending out a citizen survey with the potential price increase so that the citizens can give their opinion. Due to Covid-19 there was a delay in this service and the bid has yet to be sent over by Republic Services. Next month we should have the bid and you, as committee members can have the citizen input on this issue and we can discuss. Steve Dye is happy with service level but disappointed with the delay in getting the bid to us. Chairman Copeland inquired if we send this bid out to Republic Services competitors. Steve Dye advised we have not since we are in the middle of a contract, but if we go to cart service that would start a new contract, due to different routes, staffing level, and equipment. Chairman Copeland inquired if we reject the 3% increase what action can they take against us? Steve Dye clarified that Republic Services is able to come to us with an annual rate increase request per their contract. Landfill Manager Patricia Redfearn advised that on or before March 1st of every year they are able to come to us with a rate increase. If we reject it two years in a row they can give us 18 months to find another service and the contract would be over. We understand that cost of doing business goes up, and we have a great working relationship with Republic Services. Council Member Lopez asked how much each resident’s bill would be raised. Steve Dye advised that if we split the costs with residents, they would only have a .10 to .12 cent increase per month. Chairman Copeland expressed that he is in favor of passing the entire 3% rate increase to our residents and rejecting the Commercial rate increase. Committee Member Humphreys agrees. Committee Member Lopez agrees as well. Committee Member Humphreys makes a motion as presented to pass entire rate increase to residents and reject Commercial rate increase. There is no further discussion. All committee Members agree.

The Following Agenda Items are combined below:

Resolution ratifying and amending the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the State of Texas Department of Transportation, providing for the City to conduct all mowing and litter collection along TxDOT rights-of-way in Dallas County.

Resolution ratifying and amending the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the State of Texas Department of Transportation, providing for the City to conduct all mowing and litter collection along TxDOT rights-of-way in Tarrant County.
Code Compliance Manager Steve Collins briefed the committee on both of these items. This is part of the Clean Prairie Initiative and has taken 10 months communicating with TXDOT to get resolved. This will allow our city to take control of mowing in the right of ways and make it look more presentable for our citizens. The problem we were having is that TXDOT only mows three times a year, starting in May which the grass is already six feet high at that point. Code Compliance receives complaints from citizens asking why the city doesn’t maintain the grass. Under these agreements, we can control what our city looks like when citizens and travelers drive through it. Mr. Collins included photos of how high the grass can be in the right of ways when only mowing three times a year. We will start working with contractors to be able to start mowing in March when weed season starts. We will be responsible for highways 360, I30 and I20. The reimbursements will be $55 per acre in Dallas County and $45 per acre in Tarrant County. Mr. Collins recommends 2 additional mowing’s done by the city per year. Steve Dye explained it was a battle to get TXDOT out to mow, and when they finally made it out it was 2 weeks to a month after we called. This will also allow us to work with Litter Abatement so that TXDOT doesn’t just mow over all the litter and it scatter all over the place. Chairman Copeland thanked everyone for working on this agreement. He thinks this is money well spent to keep our city looking good and also the roads clear for safety reasons. The city is going to contract this out and this will be great for the city because we can make one phone call and the mowing will get done without having to wait several weeks. This should be out for bid very shortly and it will be for an annual contract. We can build in options to renew but we want an evaluation at the end of that year. Council Member Lopez made a motion to approve both of these resolutions as presented with the contractors given a one year contract with the evaluation at the end of the contract. Chairman Copeland and Council Member Humphreys agree and motion is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

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Jeff Copland, Chairman
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From
Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary

Title
Animal Services Update - Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager
Updates:

(1) COVID-19
(2) Livestock Ordinance
(3) Breeding Ordinance
(1) COVID-19

“Roses”
• Amazing community support
• Best Friends Grant
• Meals on Wheels
• Innovative processes
  • Virtual Investigation
  • Curbside Adoption
• Acceleration of pet resource campaign

“Thorns”
• Necessary pre-cautions
  • Block scheduling
  • Capacity for care
Sec. 5-26. - Requirements on keeping livestock and fowl.

(a) Livestock.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any owner to keep or harbor any livestock within the corporate limits of the city in any pen, stable, shed, or enclosure at a distance less than one hundred (100) feet from any residence, business or commercial establishment or office, (other than the owner's), grocery stores, restaurants, schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any owner to keep or harbor any livestock within the corporate limits of the city where there is less than five thousand (5,000) square feet per each animal.
(2) Livestock Ordinance: Updates

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any livestock within the corporate limits of the city, where there is less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet for each head of cattle or horse and three thousand (3,000) square feet for all other types of livestock.

(3) Enclosures and shelters shall be stable in build and free of hazards that may cause injury to confined horses, including sharp edges and exposed wires, damaged electric sockets or light switches that could cause fire or electrocution. Flooring shall be kept dry and free from standing water or mud.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in control of any livestock to maintain yards, pens, stables, sheds, or other enclosures in which such animals are confined in such a manner as to give off odors offensive to persons of ordinary sensibilities residing in the vicinity, or to breed or attract flies, mosquitoes or other noxious insects or rodents, or in any manner to endanger the public health, safety or welfare, or to create a public nuisance. Manure and droppings shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, coops, and other enclosures regularly.

(5) Watering troughs or tanks shall be provided, which shall be equipped with adequate facilities for draining the overflow so as to prevent the breeding of flies, mosquitoes or other insects.

(6) No putrescible material shall be allowed to accumulate on the premises; and all such material used to feed, which is unconsumed, shall be removed and disposed of by burial or other sanitary means.
Sec. 5-57. - Breeding of dogs and cats.
The owner of a female dog or cat in season commits an offense if he/she fails to confine such animal in an anti-escape house, building, or enclosure in such a manner that the animal cannot come into contact with another animal of the same species and opposite sex, except for planned breeding.
(3) Breeding Ordinance: Proposal

- Permit Process
  - “Commercial breeder”
    - 12 animals
    - 2 litters (whichever is greater within 12 mths)
  - Agreement to abide by provision of Chapter 5 and Animal Services inspection upon request
  - Application requirements:
    - Veterinarian approval
    - Microchip & rabies record
    - Approved kennel club registration

- Prohibited Sale
(3) Breeding Ordinance: cont...

Prohibited sale of dogs and cats

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, trade, barter, lease, rent, or give away, any animal on any roadside, public right-of-way, commercial parking lot, flea market, festival, park, community center or outdoor public place.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any manager, operator or property owner to allow the conduct described in subsection (1).

(3) This section shall not apply to any tax-exempt non-profit organization founded for the purpose of providing humane sanctuary or shelter for abandoned or unwanted animals that have an active 501c3 nonprofit registration.
Questions?
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Housing and Neighborhood Services Update - Presented by Esther Coleman, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services
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From
Olivia Tucker, Administrative Supervisor

Title
20th Judicial Quarterly Report

Presenter
Judge Bryan Arnold, Presiding Judge
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Ordinance Amending the Code Of Ordinances Chapter 18, Parks And Recreation", Sections 18-5, 18-10, 18-18, and 18-22

Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Parks and Recreation," of the Code of Ordinances, through the amendment of the title of the Chapter to "Parks, Arts, and Recreation"; and amendment of Sections 18-5, 18-10, 18-18, and 18-22 relative to park hours, parking, animals, and engaging in activities which may interfere with others use of parks: repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a cumulative clause, a savings clause, severability clause, a penalty clause, and to become effective upon passage and publication.

From
Gary Yakesch, Assistant Director of Parks, Arts, & Recreation

Title
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Presenter
Duane Strawn, Director of Parks, Arts, & Recreation

Recommended Action
Approve

Analysis
Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 criteria was reviewed and changes to sections were required in order to incorporate PlayGrand Adventures operations as well as other minor modifications.

The proposed ordinance modification was reviewed by the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee on July 6, 2020.

Financial Consideration
None
Body
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, “PARKS AND RECREATION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE OF THE CHAPTER TO “PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION”; AND AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 18-5, 18-10, 18-18, AND 18-22 OF THE PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION CHAPTER RELATIVE TO PARK HOURS, PARKING, ANIMALS, AND ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY INTERFERE WITH OTHER’S USE OF PARKS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the “PARKS AND RECREATION” Chapter of Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances is hereby amended through the amendment of the title of the Chapter to “PARKS, ARTS, and RECREATION and amendment to Sections 18-5, 18-10, 18-18, and 18-22 of the PARKS, ARTS, and RECREATION Chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 18 - PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION

Sec. 18-5. -Park Hours.

(a) All public parks located within and/or leased outside the city limits by the city and which are owned and/or managed by the city shall be open to the public only during the posted park hours. If no park hours are posted, the park shall be open from 6am to midnight.

(b) It is an offense for any person or persons to remain or be found in any park or facility outside of the designated hours which said park or facility is open to the public.

(c) This section shall not apply to the following parks and recreation sponsored/sanctioned functions:
   (1) Park closing times do not apply to parks and recreation sanctioned athletic events, leagues or tournaments.
   (2) Any activity properly permitted through the office of the Director.
   (3) Permitted camping at Loyd Park.

Sec. 18-10. - Operating or parking vehicles.

(a) No person shall operate or park a vehicle over, through or on any park ground except along or upon park roadways and designated parking areas as set forth in park rules and regulations.

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle on project lands between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for emergency purposes or in conjunction with special activities permitted by the director.

(c) No person shall park or place an inoperable motor vehicle, or allow an inoperable motor vehicle to remain on project lands for a period of more than twenty-four (24) continuous hours.

(d) The Director may prohibit parking in park facilities at times when the park is closed.

(e) The Director may designate parking areas located in or near parks, recreation centers, or other properties operated or managed by the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department as being restricted for the use of said
facility’s patrons.

(f) Vehicular towing from property operated or managed by the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department may be conducted in accordance with state law.

**Sec. 18-18. - Animals.**

(a) It is an offense for any person to:

(1) Ride a horse or other animal in any park areas, paths, or trails not designated for such use by park rules and regulations.

(2) Permit a horse to use any park areas, paths, or trails when said horse has not successfully passed a Coggins test.

(3) Permit any dog or other pet owned or possessed by such person to be unrestrained or (run at large) in a park other than a designated pet park;

(4) Abandon or otherwise leave any animal in a park;

(5) Allow or permit any animal, other than a specially trained service/comfort animal in or on a swimming area, sanitary facility, playground, the playing fields and spectator area of athletic fields, or other area designated by signage as being closed to animals, whether on leash or not;

(6) Fail to properly remove and dispose of waste produced by the animals or pets brought or allowed into a park or other public area by said person,

(b) Any animal ridden shall be properly restrained and ridden with due care and shall not be allowed to go unattended.

**Sec. 18-22. - Interference with users or permittees.**

(a) No person shall prevent, disturb or unreasonably interfere with any other persons occupying any area or participating in any lawful activity permitted within any park.

(b) No person shall operate or use any audio or other noise producing device including, but not limited to, radios, televisions or musical instruments and motorized equipment in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state and local laws governing noise levels from motorized equipment.

(c) No person shall disrobe in public or display public nudity in any city park.

(d) No person shall use or operate rollerblades, skates, bicycles, scooters or skateboards in a public park unless such use is in an area designated for that use.

(e) No person shall use or operate rollerblades, skates, bicycles, scooters or skateboards in and around concession areas, spectator seating, parking lots and adjacent walkways during athletic events, concerts or special events.

(f) In addition to smoking prohibitions in Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances 13-133 (Smoking Prohibited in City Facilities and Grounds), no person shall make any use of any tobacco product within fifty (50) feet of the boundaries of youth athletic fields or concessions facilities located at youth athletic facilities.

**SECTION 2. Severability Clause.**

If any article, section, sub-section, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid for any reason whatsoever, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 3. Cumulative Clause.**
All ordinances or parts of ordinances not consistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this Ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Penalty Clause.

Any person, firm, association of persons, company, corporation, or their agents, servants, or employees violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this article shall be fined in accordance with Texas law and Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances, with a maximum fine of five hundred dollars ($500.00), and each day any violation of noncompliance continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. The penalty provided herein shall be cumulative or other remedies provided by state law and may be exercised in enforcing this article whether or not there has been a complaint filed.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS ON AUGUST 4, 2020
Legislation Details (With Text)

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**From**

Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary

**Title**

Republic Services Rate Increase

**Presenter**

Steve Dye, Deputy City Manager, and Dr. Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager

Recommended Action

Approve
Solid Waste and Recycling
For your Consideration
Comparison of Residential Rates FY 2021

Comparison Cities - Garbage Rate for FY 2021

- Frisco: $13.00
- McKinney: $15.36
- Arlington: $16.01
- GP Current: $16.35
- GP Current + 1.5% increase: $16.46
- GP 2.0% increase: $16.50
- GP 3.0% increase: $16.57
- Average (without GP): $20.03
- Garland: $20.58
- Carrollton: $20.92
- Richardson: $21.00
- Mesquite: $21.25
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- Irving: $24.42
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