



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
300 W. Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

4:30 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers
300 W. Main Street

Call to Order

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Mike Del Bosque
Council Member Greg Giessner
Council Member Cole Humphreys
Council Member John Lopez
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Staff Presentations

- 1 EMS 20th Anniversary - Presented by Chief Robert Fite

Chief Fite gave the history of Grand Prairie's EMS program and distributed a 20th anniversary memorial coin.

Presented
- 2 COVID-19 Update - Deputy City Manager Steve Dye

Deputy City Manager Steve Dye updated Council on the COVID-19 pandemic case numbers, testing and programs for assistance to small businesses and to citizens.

Presented
- 3 Community Inclusion - Deputy City Manager/Chief Operating Officer Steve Dye and Community Inclusion Coordinator Gerald Hodges

Gerald Hodges, Community Inclusion Coordinator, presented a newly created community inclusion initiative to Council.

Presented
- 4 Proposed Grand Connection Budget - Presented by Walter Shumac, Transportation Director

Tony Flowers, Grand Connection Manager, went over the transit system's FY2020-21 budget which included revenues from the FTA; TXDOT; Dallas County, City and fares. Mr. Flowers also reported on \$3.8 million in COVID-19 assistance for number of trips

lost because of social distancing.

Presented

Agenda Review

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson asked if Council had questions on Items 6-17 on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions.

Executive Session

Mayor Jensen convened a closed session at 5:33 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" and Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations." The closed session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Recess Meeting

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

Reconvene Meeting

Mayor Jensen reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and to the Texas Flag were led by Council Member Wooldridge.

Presentations

- 5** **Announcement of the 2020 Governor's Community Achievement Award - Presented by Dr. Patricia Redfearn**

Patricia Redfearn, Solid Waste Manager, introduced Timothy Hamilton, Keep Texas Beautiful Board Member. Mr. Hamilton said Grand Prairie received first place in its population category and will receive a \$310,000 award.

Presented

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Swafford, to approve items 6 through 17 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6** **Minutes of the August 4, 2020 Council Meeting**

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 7 Ratify a Street Services contract with Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$78,495 as well as a 5% contingency of \$3,925, for a total of \$82,420 for Professional Engineering Services related to the street reconstruction and slope rebuild of Cross Creek Circle

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 8 Price Agreement for mowing of TxDOT ROW (Right-of-Way) from Hancock Glen (up to \$84,211.88 annually) for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$421,059.40 if all extensions are exercised; and award a secondary mowing agreement to Lawn Patrol Service (up to \$109,704.10 annually) to be used only if the primary contract agreement is unable to fulfill the needs of the City 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

- 9 Price Agreement for building maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) supplies, parts, equipment, materials and related services from Lowe's Home Center, Inc. through a national inter-local agreement with OMNIA Partners' at an estimated cost of \$15,000 for seven months with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods totaling \$75,000 if all extensions are exercised and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options 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

- 10 Price agreement for Sodium Hypochlorite from Petra Chemical Acquisition Company, LLC dba DCC Inc., through a national inter-local agreement with BuyBoard at an estimated annual cost of \$96,750 for nine months with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods totaling \$290,250 if all extensions are exercised and authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal options 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 Appointment/Reappointment for expiring terms of members on the Crime Control and Prevention Board

Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 12 Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation, Board of Directors
Appointment of President
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 13 Final Reconciliation Amendment (Change Order) No.2 to construction contract
with Gra-Tex Utilities for Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Improvements in
the net total negative amount of (\$86,670.15)
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 14 Three extended warranty agreements for three Caterpillar equipment's powertrain
and/or hydraulics at the landfill from Holt Texas, Ltd. DBA Holt CAT in the
one-time cost of \$64,617.90, through a national inter-local agreement with
BuyBoard
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 15 Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, of the City to create
Grand Prairie PFC, a Public Facility Corporation
Adopted
Enactment No: RES 5103-2020
- 16 Ordinance amending the FY 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for
the purchase of GETAC body cameras along with In-Car video equipment from
Trinity Innovative Solutions in the amount of \$67,150.02 through the Texas
DIR-TSO-4075 State contract
Adopted
Enactment No: ORD 10871-2020
- 17 Ordinance amending the FY 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Projects Fund;
Inter-local Agreement for Cost Sharing of Sales Tax Advocacy & Consultation
from Castle Group, a coalition of cities, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with
an expiration date of June 1, 2021
Adopted
Enactment No: ORD 10872-2020
- Public Hearing on Zoning Applications**
- 18 S200703 - Site Plan - Jefferson at Grand Prairie (City Council District 6). Site
Plan for a multi-family development with 23.03 dwelling units per acre on 16.5
acres. Tract 17, Stephen B McCommas Survey, Abstract No. 888, City of Grand
Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, zoned PD-400, within the I-20 Corridor Overlay
District, generally located south of I-20 on the west side of Vineyard Rd, and

addressed as 1225 W Interstate 20. (On July 27, 2020, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request by a vote of 9-0).

Savanna Ware, Chief City Planner, reviewed Case S200703 for 380 units and 14 buildings. Ms. Ware went over variances and the amenities that offset some of the variances. She said that with the added amenities, staff recommended approval of this case. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved with staff recommendations.

Council Member Giessner asked for clarification that there was only an emergency exit onto Vineyard. Ms. Ware confirmed that. Council Member Giessner asked if the access through the development to the pond area had been changed to a gate with a fob. Ms. Ware replied that was correct. Council Member Humphreys said he was concerned with not having enough parking. Ms. Ware said the applicant had met the minimum parking requirements; the variance was for garage and covered parking. Council Member Lopez asked about the exit from retail onto Vineyard. Ms. Ware said that would be left turn only. Council Member Lopez asked what would happen if people parked on Vineyard. Mayor Jensen commented that Vineyard was not big enough to park on. The Transportation Department and Police Department would need to monitor. Council Member Copeland asked if the developer would be providing a unit for police. The applicant replied that there would be a unit for police.

Council Member Wooldridge moved, seconded by Council Member Copeland, to close the public hearing and approve Case S200703. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Mike Del Bosque; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Cole Humphreys; Council Member John Lopez and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Items for Individual Consideration

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Public hearing regarding the FY 2021 Transit Grant Application for "The Grand Connection" and adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Fiscal Year 2021 grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$355,000 for capital expenses, \$262,000 for operating expenses, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits; and to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for \$170,584. The City will provide a matching requirement of \$382,993 from its General Fund, and the balance of \$24,500 will be funded by Dallas County (\$20,000) and rider fares (\$4,500). The total budget to operate the Grand Connection for Fiscal Year 2021 is \$1,228,027.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Humphreys, to close the public hearing and approve the FY2021 Trans Grant Application. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 9 - Mayor Ron Jensen; Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jim Swafford; Council Member Jeff Copeland; Council Member Mike Del Bosque; Council Member Greg Giessner; Council Member Cole Humphreys; Council Member John Lopez and Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

Citizen Comments

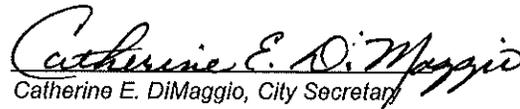
Harold Willis, 538 Linly, spoke regarding the 20th anniversary of Grand Prairie's ambulance service.

Melissa Ford, 2222 Houston, said a stereo store near her played music very loud.

Adjournment

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 1, 2020 Council meeting.


Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary