



City of Grand Prairie

City Hall
300 W. Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Meeting Agenda

Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee

Monday, June 1, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Briefing Room

Call to Order

Agenda Items

Citizens may speak for up to five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

- 1 [20-10011](#) Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

 Attachments: [May 4, 2020 Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Minutes.docx](#)

- 2 [20-10020](#) COVID-19 Update - Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager, and Chase Wheeler, Emergency Management Coordinator

- 3 [20-10013](#) Resolution supporting the one-year continuation of the Police Department's Victim Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$139,802

- 4 [20-10016](#) Ordinance amending the FY 2019/2020 Red Light Safety Fund in the amount of \$336,265, for the purchase of 29 license plate recognition cameras in the amount of \$116,000 from Flock Safety for an initial two-year term, and three additional optional one-year terms at \$58,000 per year, totaling \$290,000, through a sole source purchase agreement; and the purchase of other traffic safety related equipment, in the amount of \$220,265; 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

 Attachments: [20-10016 FS Redlight Safety Fund 2021](#)

- 5 [20-9986](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 17, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-31 "Fishing from Waters in Residential Areas."

- 6 [20-9987](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-32 "Parking Near Mailboxes During Specific Times"

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

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

Adjournment

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A. the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting agenda was prepared and posted May 29, 2020.

Mona Lisa Galicia, Deputy City Secretary

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From
Lana Yancey

Title
Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action
Approve or Deny

Analysis
Minutes are attached.



PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 4, 2020

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Copeland at 4:00 p.m. on May 4, 2020 at the Grand Prairie City Hall, Council Briefing Room; 300 W. Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas.

Attendees:

Chairman Jeff Copeland and Council Member John Lopez were present via Online Zoom Meeting. Staff members present via Online Zoom Meeting: Deputy City Manager Steve Dye, Assistant City Attorney Tiffany Bull, Environmental Service Manager Cindy Mendez, Emergency Management Coordinator Chase Wheeler and Recording Secretary Lana Yancey.

Consider Minutes of March 2, 2020

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee minutes for March 2, 2020 were approved as written by Chairman Jeff Copeland and John Lopez.

Covid-19 Update – Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager and Chase Wheeler Emergency Management Coordinator

Deputy City Manager Steve Dye started out this presentation with information regarding Covid-19 and introduction of Chase Wheeler and Cindy Mendez. Chase and Cindy are on the Public Safety Committee and are two of the leading experts in the area of Covid-19 in which Dallas County has sought out their opinion. He advised thankfully there have been no complaints from Grand Prairie citizens regarding the hindrance in the level of service in the city. Tentatively we were planning on opening some of our public buildings on May 11th, but due to the rise of numbers in Covid-19 cases in the area we are now looking at May 18th as an opening date. We will also bring some of our employees back from work remotely on May 18th. We are following protocol put in place by Governor Abbott and continue to watch the numbers and this date could be delayed again. Steve Dye asked, Are there any questions on city dates regarding opening city venues? Chairman Copeland commented that staff is doing a tremendous job opening up what we can, when we can. Lloyd Park opened recently and it was a joy to see people there complying with social distancing and enjoying themselves. If you get a chance to get out to Lloyd Park, go! Lynn Creek also had a long line of people to get in there. Encouraged people to get to these locations and continue to social distance and enjoy time at our parks. Steve Dye thanked Chairman Copeland for commenting on that and advised we are trying to balance these decisions in accordance with health and safety to ensure our citizens use these services in accordance to Covid-19 guidelines. Chairman Copeland commented that the City Council doesn't get together and make all these decisions, city employees meet and make these decisions and try to be as flexible as possible. Council Member John Lopez asked about the opening of the pavilions and bathrooms at Lynn Creek. Steve Dye advised that yes, they were open with proper social distancing and staying within the required 25% capacity which included the beach to remain closed and no tent camping. We are also hoping that this will help with citizen mental health, to ensure people can get out and enjoy some of the city parks. Council Member John Lopez also asked about the reimbursement of membership fees to The Epic and other facilities. Steve Dye advised that yes we have looked at all fees that are being collected during this time to make sure that they are not being charged, and if so they are taken care of. Cindy Mendez updated and clarified about where Covid-19 came from, if it was created in a lab in Wuhan China or if it came from Nature. Almost all scientists agree that this is not a lab made virus. Covid-19 Pandemic can be compared to Swine Flu in talking about number of infected and is not as deadly as most other pandemics. Regarding the United States

numbers, they have stayed pretty steady since April with 30,000 new cases per day and 1,500 deaths. There are multiple models to show the death rate of the Covid-19 pandemic. The United States has about 68,000 deaths in which some of these models show this, but some predict by end of May we could be up over 100,000 deaths. The Covid-19 virus is mutating very slowly with 8 different strains and all are very similar. The Flu versus Covid-19, with the big difference being the quarantine time and knowing where we are and what phase we are in. The people that are infected or exposed to Covid-19 could go two weeks without showing symptoms. Also the hospitalization rate with Covid-19 is much higher. The United States has three times more cases compared to any other country, but the lowest death rate. The United States and Germany have the best case fatality rate between 4%-6% in comparison to some European countries that have 13%-15% case fatality rates. Are we flattening the curve and what comes next? Unfortunately, we don't have the testing in place to know what these numbers are. Experts have been looking at hospitalizations and ICU death rates to know if we are flattening the curve. Most experts believe that we are flattening the curve. Some states were flattening but now are showing increase as quarantine orders are lifted. Regarding Texas, we have had increase and decrease in cases which is expected. Within two weeks of the stay at home order the cases went down. In Texas we are seeing 1,000 cases and 20 deaths per day. Texas is number 9 in regards to the most cases in the United States. The rate of growth has slowed, which is what is meant by flattening or bending the curve. The United States is looking to squash the curve which needs to include an extended period of time in decline of new cases. How do we get there? We need testing and to know who is infected to stop to rate of infection. We are looking to go to Antibody and Antigen testing. Unfortunately, there are not enough supplies available to make these test kits. If you have already been infected they aren't really sure if you can't be re-infected. A lot of people are relying on the Antigen testing, which is a quick screening tool and is not 100% affective. This test can be done at home and could be done with saliva and if positive they can then go and get tested. Elderly people are more susceptible to Covid-19 due to weaker immune system and it not acting as fast to fight off viruses. Where does the information of race and ethnicity disparity come from? CDC has studies that look at population on different counties and the ethnicity and how many were hospitalized. Dallas County is not experiencing a disparity in Covid-19 cases. The rate of where we are on cases and where we are going has again stayed consistent as of March 9th to April 28th. Tarrant County website is a great source of information. They do a great job on showing hospitalization rate and how many hospital beds and ventilators are available and how many are being used. The quarantine, stay at home order did what it needed to do which was to prevent our medical centers to become overwhelmed with wide spread of Covid-19. There is also a great chart of the impact when different orders came through from Governor. As of May 2nd, Grand Prairie had 184 Covid-19 cases and five deaths. Chase Wheeler took over presentation and went over the reopening of Texas. Governor Abbott released Phase 1 plan to open retail stores, places of worship, movie theaters, malls, museums and libraries as long as proper social distancing protocol is followed and limit occupancy to 25% or less. Hair salons, barbershops, bars and gyms are not yet allowed to open. Governor Abbott will consult with Medical team and will advise when Phase 2 will begin. Chase would not anticipate Phase 2 to start before May 18th. Grand Prairie is one of the lowest in the region compared to surrounding cities. DFW testing locations are all listed on our Covid-19 website and will also help with other resources needed during this time. Some of these sites are federal testing sites and others are private testing sites. The criteria and cost of taking the test are also listed on this website. Council Member John Lopez asked if we have received a high volume of calls regarding people that are unable to find or get to a testing site. Steve Dye advised that we have not, but we have received questions about what is available in our City. We have also been asked why we don't sponsor a Federal testing site. Most surrounding cities have not been asked either due to low number of test kits and the extra staff it takes to work these sites. We do feel like we have adequate access to testing sites. The cost of a Covid-19 test is approximately \$158 per test. Dallas has 1,000 tests per day at each of their federal testing sites. Grand Prairie is doing as much if not more than surrounding cities to accommodate our citizens. Chase also mentioned a North Texas Food Drive that took place at Lone Star Park on May 3rd. There was over 4,600 boxes of food and we anticipate over 1,000 families were served. Steve Dye advised that we are working with Grand Prairie United Charities to set up city food distribution locations. These locations are listed on our website and can be learned on our Covid-19 hotline at 972-237-4465. This number will be answered by a city employee with all resources available to our citizens. Our GPISD partners are providing thousands and thousands of meals to students to last them through the week at multiple different schools.

Chairman Copeland commended everyone providing information and thanked them for all their hard work. There were no citizen comments. Council Member John Lopez commented on the opening of Traders Village and the Mall and wanted an update on how that went. Steve Dye commended Environmental Quality on their onsite inspection at Traders Village and advised that they were following guidelines very well, although a few recommendations were made. The Mall is doing a fantastic job and is being attentive to the safety of others. Not all the stores are open. Collaboration effort is great and we are working together to make every effort to keep everyone safe. When we do find someone not complying people are receptive to suggestions. Chairman Copeland asked about the queuing problems with getting in and out of Traders Village since they are at a 25% capacity. Cindy Mendez advised that Code Compliance was monitoring on Saturday and Environmental was out on Sunday and there were only 1,800 people out when their capacity is 20,000. When asked at the gate they were able to advise how many people and cars were in the park. Steve Dye advised that he would have Police monitor that as well, as to not have vehicles waiting on a public roadway to get into the park. The 25% capacity does not include employees.

Chairman Copeland thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Jeff Copland, Chairman



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File #: 20-10020 **Version:** 1 **Name:** COVID-19 Update
Type: Presentation **Status:** Agenda Ready - Committee
File created: 5/22/2020 **In control:** Environmental Services
On agenda: 6/1/2020 **Final action:**
Title: COVID-19 Update - Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager, and Chase Wheeler, Emergency Management Coordinator
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From
Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager

Title
COVID-19 Update - Cindy Mendez, Environmental Services Manager, and Chase Wheeler, Emergency Management Coordinator



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| File #: | 20-10013 | Version: | 1 | Name: | VOCA Grant |
| Type: | Resolution | Status: | | Status: | Consent Agenda |
| File created: | 5/21/2020 | In control: | | In control: | Police |
| On agenda: | 6/2/2020 | Final action: | | Final action: | |
| Title: | Resolution supporting the one-year continuation of the Police Department's Victim Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$139,802 | | | | |
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From

Fred Bates, Jr.

Title

Resolution supporting the one-year continuation of the Police Department's Victim Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$139,802

Presenter

Ronnie Morris, Assistant Chief - Investigative Services Bureau

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

The Police Department is interested in applying to the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office for a one-year continuation grant for the Victim Assistance Program, which consists of two full-time Crime Victim Services Coordinators.

The Crime Victim Services Coordinators continue to plan, coordinate, and administer the Victim Assistance Program by recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers and interns; providing personal advocacy for crime victims and their families; planning, implementing, and monitoring new programs pertaining to victim outreach; court accompaniment and interfacing with law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and others on behalf of victims; assisting victims in securing Crime Victims Compensation benefits; providing community education programs; and participating as a member of the Coalition of Crime Victim Services, Law Enforcement Victim Assistance, and Grand Prairie Human Services Coalition.

In 2019, the Victims Assistance Unit provided services in the following categories; Crisis Counseling (61), Information / Referrals (2,504), Justice Support Advocacy (776), Emergency Legal Assistance (1,334), Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims (1,757), and Personal Advocacy (1,537). The 2020 year-to-date

statistics are an anomaly due to the COVID-19 event. Currently, these categories are; Crisis Counseling (22), Information / Referrals (576), Justice Support Advocacy (258), Emergency Legal Assistance (262), Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims (336), and Personal Advocacy (417).

The Grand Prairie Police Department's Victims Assistance Unit provides a valuable service to community members in assisting crime victims in navigating the legal process, as well as offering assistance to survivors in the healing and recovery process.

The Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee reviewed this item on June 1, 2020 and recommended that it be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Financial Consideration

The grant period begins October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2021. It is anticipated the total cost for the City during this 12-month period would amount to a match of \$34,950. The match will be a combination of cash and in-kind. The appropriate amount of cash match will be allocated in the FY 2020/2021 budget. The in-kind match will be calculated using volunteer hours through a formula established by CJD. The City will use the maximum amount of in-kind match, based on a conservative projection of volunteer hours. The remaining match amount will be a cash match. The total project cost is \$174,752, where \$139,802 will be funded by CJD, and \$34,950 will be funded through cash or in-kind match. Continued participation in this grant program, requires the City to provide documentation of financial commitment to CJD each year of participation.

Body

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNORS OFFICE FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Texas Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office is accepting grant applications for the Victims of Crime Act;

WHEREAS, the Grand Prairie Police Department wishes to apply for funding of the Victim Assistance Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Grand Prairie is authorized to submit an application and accept an award for a criminal justice grant for the Victim Assistance program (grant number 1359120 PY21).

SECTION 2. The City of Grand Prairie agrees to provide any applicable cash match.

SECTION 3. The City Manager of the City of Grand Prairie is empowered to accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant on behalf of the City Council.

SECTION 4. In the event of loss or misuse of CJD funds, the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie assures that the funds will be returned to CJD in full.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and it is accordingly so resolved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS,
ON THIS THE 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.**



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| File #: | 20-10016 | Version: | 1 | Name: | License Plate Detection Camera Purchase |
| Type: | Ordinance | Status: | | Status: | Consent Agenda |
| File created: | 5/21/2020 | In control: | | In control: | Police |
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Title: Ordinance amending the FY 2019/2020 Red Light Safety Fund in the amount of \$336,265, for the purchase of 29 license plate recognition cameras in the amount of \$116,000 from Flock Safety for an initial two-year term, and three additional optional one-year terms at \$58,000 per year, totaling \$290,000, through a sole source purchase agreement; and the purchase of other traffic safety related equipment, in the amount of \$220,265; 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

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From

Fred Bates, Jr.

Title

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Presenter

Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police, and Ryan Simpson, Support Services Division Manager

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

The Police Department continues to seek additional technologies that expand the efficiency and effectiveness of its members to serve the citizens of Grand Prairie in the areas of community service and in the enforcement of traffic laws for the maintaining of public safety and a continued increase of the quality of life. The Department is seeking to add traffic enforcement related equipment with the technology that furthers this goal by multiplying its capacity to detect and investigate traffic-related, and other criminal offenses.

The Department is proposing to purchase 29 license plate detection cameras, with a two-year initial service contract, at a cost of \$116,000. These cameras will be installed at various locations throughout the city. Flock Safety offers solar powered cameras that will offer enhanced portability and flexibility when selecting installation locations.

The Department is also proposing to purchase additional surveillance cameras, speed detection devices, vehicle computer data extraction equipment, and mapping software at a combined one-time cost of \$281,600.

The Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee reviewed this item on June 1, 2020 and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

The Finance and Government Committee reviewed this item on June 2, 2020 for their approval and recommendation.

Financial Consideration

Funding for the proposed traffic safety related equipment in the amount of \$336,265 is available by approving an ordinance transferring and appropriating from the unobligated fund balance in the Red Light Safety Fund.

Body

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE FY 2020 RED LIGHT SAFETY FUND BY TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING \$336,265 FROM THE UNOBLIGATED FUND BALANCE IN THE RED LIGHT SAFETY FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY RELATED EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION 1. THAT THE FY 2020 Red light Safety Fund be amended by transferring and appropriating \$336,265 from the unobligated fund balance in the Red Light Safety Fund for the purchase of traffic safety related equipment.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON JUNE 2, 2020.

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RED LIGHT SAFETY
2019/2020**

| | <u>2019/2020 APPR/MOD</u> |
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| Beginning Resources | \$2,609,718 |
| Approved Revenues | 0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>\$0</u> |
| Reserve for encumbrance | \$22,088 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES | <u><u>\$2,631,806</u></u> |
| Approved Expenditures | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>\$0</u> |
| Below the Line One Time Expenses | \$22,088 |
| Add: Police Units and Related Equipment | 484,608 |
| Add: Police License Plate Recognition Cameras | 336,265 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | <u><u>\$842,961</u></u> |
| Ending Resources | <u><u>\$1,788,845</u></u> |



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| File #: | 20-9986 | Version: | 1 | Name: | Ordinance Amending Chapter 17- Fishing from Waters in Residential Areas |
| Type: | Ordinance | Status: | | Status: | Consent Agenda |
| File created: | 5/14/2020 | In control: | | In control: | Police |
| On agenda: | 6/2/2020 | Final action: | | Final action: | |
| Title: | Ordinance amending Chapter 17, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-31 "Fishing from Waters in Residential Areas." | | | | |
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From

Fred Bates, Jr.

Title

Ordinance amending Chapter 17, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-31 "Fishing from Waters in Residential Areas."

Presenter

Steve Collins, Code Compliance Division Manager

Recommended Action

Approve

Analysis

The Code Compliance Division of the Police Department continues to review and evaluate the various ordinances in the City of Grand Prairie that provide for the safety and increased quality of life for all its citizens. The Code Compliance Division has learned that several neighborhoods in the City have begun to experience instances of unconstrained fishing in various waters near residential areas. These instances have occurred late at night and during times that have proved to exacerbate safety issues while interfering with property owners' quality of life.

The City Council Development Committee reviewed this item and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council.

The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee reviewed this item on June 1st and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council.

Financial Consideration

None

Body

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, “OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 17-31 RELATIVE TO FISHING FROM CITY WATERS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS; 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

WHEREAS, residential areas have less lighting than commercial areas;

WHEREAS, fishing in the dark poses additional safety risks than fishing during daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, fishing in residential areas late at night has interfered with property owners’ quiet enjoyment of their property;

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

SECTION 1. That Section 17-31 of Chapter 17, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, is hereby amended by adding the following:

“It is an offense to fish in, on, or from a city owned or maintained lake, pond, or other body of water, which is located in an area zoned for residential use, between sunset and sunrise. This provision shall not apply to Project Lands, as that term is defined in Section 18-1 of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, regardless of the applicable zoning.”

SECTION 2. That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 17, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 2nd day of June, 2020.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 20-9987 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 - Parking Near Mailboxes

Type: Ordinance **Status:** Consent Agenda

File created: 5/14/2020 **In control:** Police

On agenda: 6/2/2020 **Final action:**

Title: Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-32 "Parking Near Mailboxes During Specific Times"

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From

Fred Bates, Jr.

Title

Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," by adding Section 17-32 "Parking Near Mailboxes During Specific Times"

Presenter

Steve Collins, Code Compliance Divisions Manager

Recommended Action

Approval

Analysis

The Code Compliance Division of the Police Department continues to review and evaluate the various ordinances in the City of Grand Prairie that provide for the safety and increased quality of life for all its citizens.

The Code Compliance Division has learned that several neighborhoods in the City have begun to experience instances where very important items, such as medication, meant for delivery by the United States Post Office have been impeded and met with delays due to vehicles being parked in front of mail boxes. Because the employees of the U. S. Post Office typically attempt to deliver mail between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Saturday, staff seeks to create a 5 foot space between parked vehicles and the mailboxes for these deliveries.

The City Council Development Committee reviewed this item on recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council.

The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee reviewed this item on June 1st and recommended that it

be forwarded to the City Council.

Financial Consideration

None

Body

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, “OFFENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 17-32, RELATIVE TO PARKING NEAR MAILBOXES DURING SPECIFIC TIMES; 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

WHEREAS, important items, such as necessary medication, are delivered to residents by the United States Post Office;

WHEREAS, vehicles parked in front of mail boxes can impede and delay mail delivery by the United States Post Office; and

WHEREAS, United States Postal Employees typically attempt delivery of mail between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Saturday;

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

SECTION 1. That Section 17-31 of Chapter 17, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, is hereby amended by adding the following:

“It is an offense to park within five (5) feet of a mailbox between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. This law does not apply on Sundays.”

SECTION 2. That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 17, “Offences and Miscellaneous Provisions,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 2nd day of June, 2020.

