



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON OCTOBER 15, 2024 BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

SARA COSTLOW	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. PRESENTATION OF THE BAY AREA HOUSTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP – President Brian Freedman of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership gave an overview of the BAHEP organization that has been in business for 48 years with 300 funding members within 18 cities in 2 counties. The partnership also includes 8 school districts and 5 universities and colleges, the Houston Airport System and the Port of Houston. Mr. Freedman spoke of the goals that make up BAHEP’s strategic plan that promotes growth, advocates regional prosperity and quality of life. BAHEP includes 5 major industry clusters that include aerospace, healthcare, specialty chemicals and energy, maritime and logistics, tourism and hospitality that make up the framework for education, training and workforce development. Mr. Freedman provided a QR Code that contains a database of hot projects that are currently being worked on and spoke on the proposed agreement that contains partnership resource tools such as CoStar which is a database system for commercial real estate, business assistance programs, active advocacy outreach programs and numerous committees that work on many different issues.

Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow stated that BAHEP is not in any way in competition with the Economic Alliance.

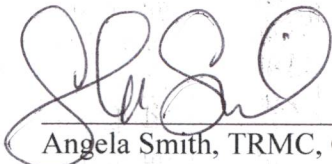
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMING FOR THE NEW COURT HOUSE BUILDING BY PROJECT LUONG ARCHITECTS, LLC – Alex Luong of Project Luong Architects LLC gave an update on the conceptual design and programming for the new courthouse building. The discussion included details of the garden space as a seating area, staff parking lot, jury room location, additional restroom and the elevation of the front building structure for the purpose of security. Mr. Luong also spoke of the next steps pertaining to the internal review and execution of the contract that should be presented to Council at the next Council meeting on November 5, 2024. The recommendation is to take the CMAR route that gives more of a preliminary pricing for Council to approve.

Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow stated staff has agreed to go the recommended route of using a CMAR and the process to solicit for those proposals have begun.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE DOW ACTIVE COMPLEX – Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh spoke on the purchase of multi-use fitness equipment such as cardio equipment, fitness machines, a stretch area and free weights. Mr. Walsh specifically stated that there was a reduced number of treadmills from 8 machines to 6 machines but with budgetary availability to add more treadmills if needed. Mr. Walsh emphasized that the idea was not to over commit to any equipment and to keep a little leeway to make adjustments as needed. A video was presented for Council.

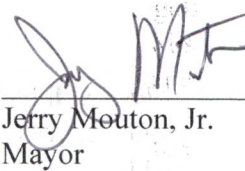
ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor

