

CITY OF DEER PARK
710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET
DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

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Minutes of

THE 1779TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON APRIL 20, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR.	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

DOUGLAS COX	CHAIRMAN
RAY BALUSEK	COMMISSIONER
DON TIPPT	COMMISSIONER

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
GARY JACKSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SHANNON BENNETT	CITY SECRETARY
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilwoman Sinor.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and led the Texas Flag Pledge.
4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – No comments received.
5. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SAN JACINTO DAY – Mayor Mouton presented a proclamation to The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Erastus “Deaf” Smith” Chapter, who are a lineal heritage descendant group, are direct descendants of settlers and farmers of Texas prior to it becoming a state in 1846 and descendants of participants in the battle of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto. The group helped commemorate the 185th anniversary of this important event in Texas history.

Mayor Mouton proclaimed April 21, 2021 as “San Jacinto Day”.

6. PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK 2021 – Mayor Mouton presented Deer Park Police Department Communications Supervisor a proclamation to Kellie Bass for National Telecommunicator Week. Ms. Bass gave an overview of telecommunicator duties and the large responsibilities that come with the position. Telecommunicators Hannah Edwards and Kaitlin Bryant also spoke about their jobs and experience as Telecommunicators for the City of Deer Park.

Mayor Mouton proclaimed April 11-17, 2021 as National Telecommunicator Week.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – Public Works Director Bill Pedersen advised Council of having worked on over forty engineering projects this year, expending a little over \$11 million. Mr. Pedersen also recognized Public Works professionals as First Responders, a recognition for the American Public Works Association (APWA) and all public works employees from President George Bush.
8. PRESENTATION TO BILL PHILIBERT, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TMRS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020 – City Manager James Stokes gave an overview of City of Deer Park’s Human Resources Director Bill Philibert who has served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) since 2013 was elected as Board Vice-Chair (2016-2018) and Board Chair unanimously in 2019 and 2020. The TMRS Board of Directors passed a resolution recognizing Mr. Philibert’s accomplishments as TMRS’ Board Chair recognizing that during Mr. Philibert’s Chair tenure was one of the most successful in TMRS history.

Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson advised Council that Mr. Philibert helped lead the successful search for a new Executive Director, which was only the fifth such search in TMRS’s 73-year history and ensured a smooth and seamless leadership transition.

Human Resources Director Bill Philibert commented, “I am honored to serve and to represent Deer Park. There are times when we make decisions that are worth hundreds of millions of dollars in investments and it is a daunting task and a heavy responsibility. I wouldn’t be able to do it without the assistance of the other Board members, they are fantastic. There were actually two years that I served as the Board’s Chair, after they re-elected me. Up until recently, I was the only non-City Manager on the Board, so it takes some gumption to talk to these City Managers and to be on an equal footing with them. Thank you for your assistance in allowing me to be able to do this.”

9. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRST QUARTER FOR FIELD AND SUPPORT – City Manager James Stokes gave an overview of the idea to bring forth the Employees of the Quarter to be recognized by Council.

Police Chief Greg Grigg recognized Hannah Edwards as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter. Deer Park Police Department Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass gave a

summary of the 8 years Ms. Edwards has been with the City of Deer Park. Ms. Edwards has been commended by a citizen for handling an EMS call, commended by Communication Supervisor for handling of regional teletype for a missing persons case and also commended by social media for assisting a person suffering from mental health illness.

Sanitation Supervisor Tim Alexander recognized Jose Cossio who has been with the City for over 24 years. He gave an overview of the many tasks Mr. Cossio, as a Crew Leader, helps with and handles within the Sanitation Department. Mr. Alexander commented, “Joe wears a lot of hats for our Department. I don’t think our Department would run as well as it does without him.”

10. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF FGI INVESTMENTS NO. 5 LLC AND REPRESENTATIVE LES BIRD TO REZONE LOT 10 BLOCK 8 SPENCER VIEW TERRACE (7438 EVIE LANE) FROM SINGLE FAMILY 1 (SF1) TO COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS) – Mayor Mouton opened the hearing on behalf of the City Council and Chairman Cox opened the hearing on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The public hearing was opened by the City Secretary reading the Notice of Public Hearing. (Exhibit A)

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak in favor of the request.

- a. Les Bird, 104 Rockport La Porte, Texas spoke on behalf of FGI Investments No. 5 LLC and in favor of the rezone.

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak against the request. No one spoke.

The hearing was closed by Mayor Mouton on behalf of the City Council and Chairman Cox on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

11. AWARDING BID TO GENERAL PETRO CHEM INDUSTRIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL FROM X STREET TO P STREET – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to award the bid to lowest bidder, General Petro Chem Industrial for construction of the Hike and Bike trail from X Street to P street in the amount of \$328,122.41. Motion carried 7 to 0.
12. AWARDING BID TO MAR-CON SERVICES FOR THE DELO ELAINE AND DEER PARK MANOR SUBDIVISIONS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded Councilman Patterson to award bid to lowest bidder, for the Delo Elaine and Deer Park Manor Subdivisions for drainage improvements Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$1,618,446.73. Motion carried 7 to 0.
13. CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to approve the consent calendar as follows:
 - a. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on April 06, 2021.

- b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 06, 2021.
- c. Approval of minutes of joint meeting on April 12, 2021.
- d. Approval of tax refund to Glenwood Trails LP in the amount of \$3,528.00 due to value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- e. Approval of tax refund to Glenwood Trails LP in the amount of \$3,634.54 due to a value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- f. Approval of tax refund to W. D. Lawther in the amount of \$5,320.64 due to a value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- g. Approval of tax refund to Pop Hutcheson PLLC in the amount of \$8,381.15 due to a value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- h. Approval of tax refund to Patricia Boone in the amount of \$651.18 due to a value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- i. Approval of tax refund to Patricia Boone in the amount of \$1,422.00 due to a value decrease granted by Harris County Appraisal District.
- j. Acceptance of the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 first quarter ended December 31, 2020.
- k. Acceptance of completion of the 2020 Sidewalk Improvement Project.
- l. Acceptance of completion of the construction of a concession stand facility at Dow Park and release of final payment and retainage to W & R Construction Co.,LLC.
- m. Acceptance of completion of the Park Meadows Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
- n. Authorization to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- o. Authorization to seek bids for a one (1) year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used for all City of Deer Park vehicles and equipment.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF GAS AND DIESEL FUEL PUMPS AT THE CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor on authorization for the purchase and installation of gas and diesel fuel pumps at the City Maintenance Facility. Motion carried 7 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH HOUSTON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER – Motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Patterson on the approval to enter into an agreement with Houston Community Newspaper. Motion carried 7 to 0.
16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OPPOSING S.B. 1661 REQUIRING CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK TEXAS OPPOSING SB 1661: REQUIRING CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FROM THE REQUEST OF THE FGI INVESTMENTS NO. 5 LLC AND REPRESENTATIVE LES BIRD TO REZONE LOT 10 BLOCK 8 SPENCER VIEW TERRACE (7438 EVIE LANE) FROM SINGLE FAMILY 1 (SF1) TO COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS) – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 4239, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3886 OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, ADOPTED MARCH 21, 2017, AS AMENDED BY TAKING LOT 10, BLOCK 8, SPENCER VIEW TERRACE SUBDIVISION ALSO KNOWN AS 7438 EVIE LANE, DEER PARK, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS OUT OF THE SINGLE-FAMILY ONE (SF-1) ZONING DISTRICT AND PLACING IT IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING PENALTIES BY A FINE UP TO \$2,000.00 FOR EACH DAYS VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH COBB FENDLEY FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN COLLEGE PARK – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to approve entering into an agreement with Cobb Fendley for Professional Engineering Services for drainage improvements in College Park. Motion carried 7 to 0.

19. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor

Douglas Cox, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission