



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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA ROBINSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF FOUR (4) PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS GRADUATING FIRE ACADEMY CLASS #50 – Assistant Fire Chief Phillip Arroyo gave an overview of the tasks and duties the volunteers of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department are expected to fulfill, such as 6 month one on one probationary training with a mentor, attendance to weekly training, rigorous physical training and also includes answering the calls for assistance throughout the day and night. Assistant Fire Chief Arroyo recognized four individuals, Ricky Lores, Armando Diaz Jr., Anthony Gutierrez and Esau Hernandez who completed 33 days of very intense training in June 2023. These men, in the last 60 days, have responded to house fires in LaPorte and Pasadena and have assisted with landing Life Flights. Fire Chief Don Davis presented the four individuals with their firefighter badges and certificates. Armando Diaz Jr. is a second generation volunteer firefighter.
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO 2023 TAAF ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Daniel Coulibaly was awarded the 2023 TAAF Athlete of the Year for his exceptional performance in summer track that includes regional and state competitions. This last summer he placed 1st in the 800m, 2nd in the 400m and 5th overall in the 200m at the

Brownsville Texas competition. He also plays tackle football and was awarded the MVP of the Super Bowl game for the Bay Area Buccaneers.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Mouton recessed the workshop meeting at 6:46 p.m. for an Executive Session.
 - a. Personnel (551.074) - Naming an appointee to the Deer Park Community Development Corporation Board.

RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:50 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO AMENDING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY – Finance Director Nicole Ganey gave an overview of the minor change being recommended for the existing Financial Management Policy. Section XIII, Item K – Interest Earnings on Debt Proceeds, was rewritten to authorize the Director of Finance and City Management to leave interest earnings in the General Fund bond funds at their discretion. The revision has been included in the Financial Management Policy.
5. DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS OF DRAINAGE PROJECTS AND FUNDS – Public Works Director Bill Pedersen gave an overview on the status of past and existing drainage projects in Deer Park Gardens, Bayou Bend and Heritage Addition areas. Mr. Pedersen also spoke of the 1.6 acres donated by the Deer Park ISD for the San Jacinto Elementary project.

City Manger James Stokes added that Harris County and Deer Park ISD have been great partners in assisting with various projects. The City has so far spent over \$60 million within 10 years on drainage improvements. (Exhibit A1-A6)

6. DISCUSSION OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE 13TH STREET LIFT STATION WET WELL – Public Works Director Bill Pedersen gave an overview of the repairs needed for the 13th Street Lift Station wet well that consist of bypass pumping, cleaning of the interior wet well, concrete grout replacement, and a new spray wall liner applied inside. The Public Works Department received a quote from Fuquay, Inc. in the amount of \$691,508.01. This project will help reduce odor, fix the structural wall damage, and provide increased maintenance of lift station.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor