



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 NOVEMBER 15, 2022 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR
SHERRY GARRISON
TOMMY GINN
BILL PATTERSON
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
GARY JACKSON
SARA ROBINSON
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
INCOMING ASST. CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. PRESENTATION FROM MARTINEZ ARCHITECTS FOR THE DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATES FOR FIRE STATION #2 AND FIRE TRAINING BUILDING – Fire Chief Don Davis introduced Mr. Martinez from Martinez Architects to give a summary of the progress for the design and cost estimates for Fire Station #2 and the Fire Training Building. Mr. Martinez advised Council the site plans and floor plans for the 13,000 square foot masonry building are complete. The cost estimate of \$11,766,081 is close to a million dollars over originally budgeted.
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO AMENDING THE TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE – Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson gave an overview of the tax abatement guidelines and criteria that was last amended in 2021. Mr. Jackson advised Council that before the governing body of a taxing unit may adopt, amend, repeal, or reauthorize guidelines and criteria, a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption, amendment, repeal, or reauthorization, members of the public are given the opportunity to be heard. A public hearing is scheduled for January 3, 2023 to amend and reaffirm the tax abatement ordinance.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES/PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson gave an overview of the policies and procedures required from the federal program Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and administered by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) to be adopted order to receive grant funds. These required policies include Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures, Fair Housing Policy, Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct Policy, Section 3 Policy and Limited English Proficiency/Language Access Plan.
4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SPECTACULAR – Theater Supervisor Susan Mele extended the invitation to City Council and all in attendance to the Christmas Tree Lighting Spectacular that will take place at the Court and Theatre Building on November 17, at 6:00pm.
5. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REINDEER PARK EVENT – Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jacob Zuniga gave an overview of the annual Reindeer Park event scheduled to take place Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 p.m. at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Mr. Zuniga extended an invitation to City Council and all in attendance to preregister for the event and to buy tickets that will go on sale November 14, 2022 at the Community Center.
6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DPISD SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT AND WORKSHEET FOR THE 2023 SPRING SEMESTER – City Manager detailed the relationship between the Deer Park Independent School District and the City of Deer Park.

Police Chief Greg Grigg advised Council of the request from DPISD Superintendent Stephen Harrell and Assistant Superintendent Steve Corry to add four School Resource Officers (SROs) and one SRO Sergeant to provide additional coverage to DPISD schools. The recommendation entails two (2) School Resource Officers SROs for the spring semester under a separate DPISD/City of Deer Park Agreement and the SRO Sergeant be added to the yearly agreement beginning August 1, 2023. The overall anticipated cost to be shared for the spring semester is \$190,780.55 being divided as follows:
Officer Wages, Benefits and training and equipment = \$190,780.55
DPISD cost = 70% or \$133,546.38
City of Deer Park cost = 30% or \$57,234.16.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton Jr.
Mayor