



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 MAY 16, 2023 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR
SHERRY GARRISON
TJ HAIGHT
TOMMY GINN
BILL PATTERSON
RON MARTIN
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN
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COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
SARA ROBINSON
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE –

Alexia Pinkard praised the owner of The Health Nut, Karen Guidry, and recognized her for the compassion and attentiveness she has given the community for 45 years.

Karen Guidry thanked the Council and the audience and spoke on how the community is the most important part of The Health Nut and emphasized that a strong work ethic is what makes it successful in serving the City of Deer Park. Ms. Guidry commented, “We love Deer Park and we are so proud to be a part of this community”.

Mayor Mouton presented Ms. Guidry with a key to the City and a proclamation declaring May 16 as “Karen Guidry Day”.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL-NAMING APPOINTEE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS AN ALTERNATE – Mayor Mouton recessed the workshop meeting at 6:39 p.m. for an Executive Session.

RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:40 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF ADDING STROBE EFFECT TO OUTDOOR SIRENS – William Stokes, a participant with the Deer Park ISD student government day event, addressed Council with his concerns pertaining to providing deaf individuals emergency notifications by adding strobe lighting to accompany the sirens. Mr. Stokes thanked the Emergency Services Director Jamie Galloway for researching options that would allow such accommodations for the deaf community.

Emergency Services Director Jamie Galloway spoke on locating funds within the budget to move forward with adding the lighting. The total cost is \$7600, which left a very small amount of \$100 out of budget. Mr. Galloway confirmed the strobe lights have been ordered.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ALL STAR ACTIVITY PROGRAM – Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Sandberg gave an overview of the relocation plan for the All Star Activity Program to the Deer Park ISD campuses. Mr. Sandberg emphasized the message that the All Star Activity Program will continue thanks to the support of the Deer Park ISD with the construction of the Community Center. The ASAP Program will move into the schools next year. Fees are increasing each year and Mr. Sandberg stated that Parks and Recreation need to get into a cost recovery state. There were no questions or comments from Council.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SECOND QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 – Finance Director Nicole Ganey gave an overview of the YTD report (January 2023 - March 2023). Ms. Ganey also spoke on the insurance reimbursement amount of \$360,000 received toward the \$990,00 total tornado expenses.

City Manager James Stokes credited prior and current staff on making smart financial decisions that has and will continue to allow financial recovery and reimbursement to help with future unforeseen natural disaster events.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton Jr.
Mayor