

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

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 AUGUST 2, 2016, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RAE A. SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC – Jay Stokes, City Manager commented, “We are very excited to present this to you. We were approached a few months ago to participate in a Pilot Program to have an Employee Health Clinic. It’s not a cost to the City other than we don’t have space. The Economic Alliance has one office available for rent for \$350 per month. That will be the best alternative.”

Susan Smith, Executive Director of IEBP gave an overview of the Employee Health Clinic. “The pilot program is for a new model of employee health clinic offered by a company called Medicine at Work. Under this model, covered individuals (City employees, retirees, dependents) will receive medical services, including prevention, wellness and chronic care management services from an on-site EMT provider with the assistance of a virtual physician. This value added benefit will provide ease at no out of pocket expense for the benefit eligible employees, retirees and/or dependents. The physician may prescribe medications, make referrals to a network specialist, or continue to monitor the care of the patient at the clinic. When necessary, the on-site medic may give immunizations, take vital signs and assist with on-site laboratory services. Under this year long pilot program, there will be no additional out of pocket cost to covered

individuals when utilizing the clinic. Additionally, expenses associated with Medicine at Work will be funded by IEBP through the City of Deer Park's premiums/contributions paid to IEBP for healthcare benefits. Besides ease of access to benefit eligible employees, retirees and dependents, the on-site clinic services will interface electronically with IEBP's professional health coaches and medical file to improve the coordination of care and minimize gaps in care that could create medical complications."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "How does this affect patients with chronic diseases? Can they stay with their primary physicians?"

Ms. Smith answered, "They may choose not to come to the clinic. We are not going to punish anybody for not using the clinic. We are bringing a value added to minimize expense. If they have a local physician and they been treating their illness forever, they might not want to change physicians or access points. If their doctors are out of the office and they go to the clinic, the clinic will be able to release their medical record to the employee and they can take their medical record to their attending physician who is there primary doctor. We are not trying to disrupt care. We want to bring value added services to prevent denying care to yourself because you don't want to pay anything out of pocket. That is our mission, to get rid of denying someone care because they don't want to pay an out of pocket cost."

Mr. Stokes commented, "We are excited about Medicine at Work's EMT will practically be another employee of the City. They will go around and do lunch and learns with our Staff to educate them about chronic care on diabetes, weight management and others. They're going to really be involved and be seen amongst our employees."

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF FEES FOR VARIOUS INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DEER PARK FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE – Fire Marshall Buddy Rice gave an overview of the 2016-2017 proposed fee schedule for the Fire Marshal's Office. "It is becoming more common for local governments to collect fees associated with the conduction of inspections by the Fire Marshal's Office. The fees represent an attempt to offset the time and resources consumed by these inspections and the workload demand on the office, as opposed to the conduction of other community-oriented programs such as public fire education and prevention programs. A collection of potential inspection-types and associated fees is provided for discussion and to demonstrate the potential revenue." (Exhibit A1-A3)
4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THREE (3) DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (DPCDC) PROJECTS - Christina Moon of Halff Associates gave an overview of each concept of the three projects and highlighted the timeline, citizens input, shade structure and cost estimate. "On Dow Park, we are proposing two pavilions with seating space, a concession stand with storage, restroom, a dance floor and space for the bands to setup. The cost estimate is within the 1.5 million budget."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "Does the proposed concept move any of the existing playground equipment?"

Ms. Moon replied, "No."

Ms. Moon continued highlighting changes to the Maxwell Center. “The structure was in good shape. The roof could use some clean up and bring the restrooms up to code.”

Councilwoman Garrison questioned the number of handicap parking spaces and suggested taking out the green space to maximize the parking.

Mr. Swigert commented, “We can expand the parking into the park, but parking is not cheap. We already had to utilize a lot of the existing building and renovate with the existing walls to keep the cost down. The more we spend on the parking lot, the less you have to spend on the facility. On the Girls’ Softball, we have the Task Order to get approved.”

5. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE DESIGN OF THE NEW CITY HALL

- George Watanabe of Cre8 Architects advised Council of the latest developed design of the New City Hall with a few minor changes. “The plan is the same as we presented last time. The Council Chambers is circular and there is an approximately twelve inch rise so you are elevated. Originally, we had tiered seating, but we were reminded the Council Chambers was going to be a multi-use room and by tiering the seating, it would limit the use of the room. Since we raised the area, we have to provide handicap accessibility, so there’s a ramp installed. The executive board room is also at the raised level. There is chair storage to remove the chairs and store on carts. We added a space for the AV equipment. The main entrance will be on the west side of the building. There is a large conference room on the public side of the entrance so people don’t have to come on the secured side of the building. The total project cost is \$ 6,847,728.” (Exhibit B1-B9)

6. RECESS/RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton recessed the workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. to open the regular meeting and reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Councilwoman Garrison commented, I think the design is wonderful. My concern is acoustics in the Council Chambers. I have been to the school districts and could not hear.”

Mr. Watanabe commented, “I went back to the school districts and they weren’t aware of any issues. I think possibly the audio wasn’t set correctly.”

7. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE CITY’S NOISE ORDINANCE –

Brent and Stacey Roy of Deer Park addressed Council regarding noise nuisance issues they face caused by loud vehicle exhaust from vehicles traveling along East Boulevard and X Street. Mr. Roy inquired as to what extent the City’s noise ordinance addresses vehicular noise, or could the noise ordinance be strengthened to do so.

Jim Fox, City Attorney commented, “The noise ordinance has traditionally been enforced by the items that were listed, parties next door, not passing cars. There is an enforcement issue on how you determine which car is which because you have to have a complainant. The complainant has to hear the noise and the car has to be identified and pulled over. Some enforcement and proof issues in court have to be proven without a reasonable doubt. I’m concerned about proof issues and manpowered enforcement issues on how you’re going to coordinate this. If you’re in a fixed location and hear a car go by, how do you

identity the car and stop the car and issue a ticket? That's going to take multiple officers. I'm not saying it can't be done. I think it is difficult. It's a very specific problem that they are dealing with. To use the noise ordinance we have, I am not saying it's not applicable. It's difficult to do in my opinion on cars in a single residence or passing a library or a business."

Chief Greg Grigg advised Council that surveys of the noise levels were performed and other cities were contacted in which, they were using high dollar decimal meters. None of them were using them on vehicles. Sergeant Cooper borrowed a meter from the City of La Porte and surveyed eight different locations including the intersection in question. All of them registered around 63.8. Sergeant Cooper was checking normal traffic flow for ten minutes at each location.

Mayor Mouton commented, "I have no intentions as Mayor to push this beyond the recommendations of our Police Department and our City Attorney in regards to what we currently have on a personal level. I would not advocate that we do that. We all have to sit here and take in the data and the complaints. We have to ask for recommendations for what we can and cannot do in a court of law. In any equation that we are asked, we have to take that into consideration. Based on what I have heard tonight and the last couple of months, I would not strengthen the ordinance any more than what it is. I would say to the best of the officer's ability, they should do their job."

Consensus of the Council is to keep the ordinance as is and have the officers use their common sense.

8. RECESS/RECONVENE – Mayor Mouton recessed the workshop meeting the workshop meeting at 8:31 p.m. to return to the regular meeting and reconvened the workshop meeting at 8:37 p.m.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION –(551-087) – POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT – Mayor Mouton recessed the meeting at 8:37 p.m. for an Executive Session.
10. RECONVENE – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 9:02 p.m.
11. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor