

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 DECEMBER 20, 2016, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	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 6:30 p.m.
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (551-074) – NAMING AN APPOINTEE TO AN ARBITRATION COMMITTEE – Mayor Mouton recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. for an Executive Session.
3. RECONVENE – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:45 p.m.
4. STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT UPDATE – Gary Jackson, Assistant City Manager gave an overview of the organization of the Strategic Plan and advised the Council the facilitator will only highlight the high points of the plan and answer any questions. The Plan has five (5) areas of emphasis, each of which has a team and lead facilitator assigned with provided updates to the Plan. These Areas of Emphasis and Facilitators are as follows: Leadership/Governance (Shannon Bennett); Quality of Life/Image (Scott Swigert); Comprehensive Planning (Bill Pedersen); Economic Development (Gary Jackson); and Public Safety (Robert Hemminger). Ms. Bennett highlighted Strategy #2 Charter Review Election stating, “The Charter has not been updated since 2008 and needs updating. A timeline was presented to prepare for a charter review with a recommendation of having a November election in 2019.

Councilwoman Garrison questioned the November election in which City Manager Jay Stokes advised, “We were trying to fit the election in May of 2019 but thought there would not be enough time. That’s why November was suggested. We can try and speed it up to have it in May or slow the process down and have the election in May of 2020. I think we should spend a sufficient amount of time reviewing the Charter. There are a lot of updates that need to be made. There has not been a comprehensive update of the Charter. If we are going to do it, let’s do it right.”

Councilwoman Sinor asked, “Do you think we should hire a consultant to help with the review?”

Mr. Stokes answered, “I would like for the Staff to take the initial look at it and find the issues, then come back with a recommendation.”

5. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO A NOTIFICATION TO CITIZENS REGARDING A NOTICE OF VIOLATION FOR MISSING A MONITORING AND REPORTING SAMPLING PERIOD – City Manager Jay Stokes advised Council during a change in leadership Staff at the Water Treatment Plant, also with an employee change at the contract lab which conducts lead and copper sampling, this test was not conducted in the required review period. The Staff takes full responsibility for this error and has taken steps to ensure this mistake will not occur again. It is important to note our drinking water is safe. Subsequent to this missed sampling, we conducted new copper and lead testing last month. Those results showed lead and copper levels well below the maximum amounts allowed by TCEQ. In the January water bills, there will be a letter explaining this information to our water customers which contains certain language mandated by the TCEQ. Information will also be posted on the City’s website and DPTV and Staff will be available to answer questions.
6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO AN AMENDED IDA AGREEMENT WITH BKTT DEVELOPMENT, LLC AND A NEW IDA AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK, LLC – Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson advised the Council that the City entered into an Industrial District Agreement (IDA) with BKTT Development, LLC on November 4, 2014. Subsequently, BKTT Developments, LLC developed the property and conveyed a good portion of it to Industrial Business Park, LLC. Therefore, an amended agreement needs to be approved between the City and BKTT Developments, LLC, and a new agreement needs to be approved between the City and Industrial Business Park, LLC.
7. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Councilwoman Sherry Garrison commented, “All of you have seen the budget. We got a little boost from the fact that Shell is going to donate \$35,000 which increases our budget. We don’t know what type things we are going to get. The Committee meets a week after New Year’s. Things are going well and we have had a lot of things donated.”
8. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE CITY OF DEER PARK’S PARTICIPATION WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES IN CREATION OF A STORM SURGE VIDEO – Mayor Mouton commented, “I appreciate the role that Mayor

Michele Bechtel has taken in this region in leading the discussion. I know he has invested a lot time and I appreciate what he's done with working with State and Federal officials."

Mayor Michele Bechtel of the City of Morgan's Point presented the Council with a video regarding the proposed "Ike Dike. This educational video is intended to provide stakeholders with the latest information on the value of creating the dike. The video will be produced by Space City Films at a cost of \$61,770. The Bay Area Coastal Protection Alliance BACPA is asking communities throughout our area to help share in the cost of the video. The cost will be for video number two. This video will be directed to State Legislators and Congressional Delegation in Washington D.C. and all the other states to receive funds for the Ike Dike. City of Morgan's Point, City of Kemah, and City Seabrook and City of Nassau Bay have contributed to the funding of the video.

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

Mayor Mouton suggested the City of Deer Park make a \$15,000 contribution to the funding of the video.

10. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor