

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1696TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON OCTOBER 3, 2017, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON  
SHERRY GARRISON  
THANE HARRISON  
TOMMY GINN  
BILL PATTERSON  
RON MARTIN  
RAE SINOR

MAYOR  
COUNCILWOMAN  
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES  
GARY JACKSON  
SHANNON BENNETT  
JIM FOX

CITY MANAGER  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilman Patterson.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA (GFOA) TO THE CITY OF DEER PARK FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Mouton recognized Finance Director Donna Todd and her Staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement Award for financial reporting for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. It is GFOA's highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.
5. PRESENTATION OF THE ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR JACOB ZUNIGA – Parks & Recreation Director, Charlie Sandberg announced Jacob Zuniga as the new Parks & Recreation Assistant Director.

Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Jacob Zuniga commented, "I am very honored and humbled to be selected for this position. It has been a great eight years with the City. I love working for the City of Deer Park. I am excited to do some great things in this new capacity. I would like to thank all the administration for the support you have given me throughout the years as Park Operations Supervisor. I especially would like to thank the Staff in the Parks & Recreation Department who have been there through the good and the bad times and who have helped me be where I am today. I am forever thankful to them. I would like to thank my wife for putting up with late night phone calls, stresses and late hours. Without her, I definitely would not be here. In closing, I would just like to say thank you all for everything and I hope to serve the City in this new capacity, to the best of my ability."

6. A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017 – Mayor Mouton presented a proclamation to Fire Marshal Buddy Rice declaring October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week. Fire Marshal Buddy Rice introduced Deputy Fire Marshal Kevin Rodgers.

7. RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2 ON 2017 AD VALOREM TAX RATE –

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak in favor of the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. No one spoke.

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak against the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. No one spoke.

Mayor Mouton closed the hearing.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Approval of minutes of special meeting on September 25, 2017
- b. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on September 19, 2017.
- c. Approval of minutes of regular hearing on September 19, 2017.
- d. Acceptance and release of retainage for completion of the SWTP - Replacement of Electrical Switchgear B.
- e. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Construction LTD on the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center for the revised foundation pier installation.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE

AND OPERATIONS OF SAFETY LIGHTING SYSTEMS ON HIGHWAY 225 FROM BELTWAY 8 TO BATTLEGROUND ROAD – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to enter into an agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety for the construction, maintenance and operations of safety lighting systems on Highway 225 from Beltway 8 to Battleground Road.

Public Works Director, Bill Pedersen commented, “The Texas Department of Transportation sent us a letter about installing high mast lighting along Highway 225 to Beltway 8 and to Battleground Road, which are close to the City boundaries. They are also going to install and maintain thirty four underpass lights that are within the City. There needs to be an agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and the City to do so.”

Motion carried 7 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3929, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3930, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FIRE CONTROL PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3931, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO REQUEST AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW HELIPORTS OR HELISTOPS AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS VIA A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission the request amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow heliports or helistops as an accessory use for medical facilities in commercial districts via a Specific Use Permit.

Motion carried 7 to 0

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FROM VAUGHT SERVICES, LLC, THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) TO PERFORM THE REHABILITATION OF A 24” STORM SEWER LINE OF EASTWIND DRIVE – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to authorize the purchase of services from the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to perform the rehabilitation of a 24” storm sewer line of Eastwind Drive.

City Manager, Jay Stokes commented, “We had a conference call with FEMA today, just to make sure we would be eligible of reimbursement based upon the way this is being procured. FEMA is to get back with us on that. I think it will be good to have Council’s approval to go forward. If we hear that FEMA will not reimburse because it is through a purchasing cooperative, we will not initiate the contract. We will come back with a different method that FEMA may approve of.”

Councilwoman Sinor asked, “How long before we find something out?”

Assistant City Manager, Gary Jackson responded, “We are having a conference tomorrow.”

Motion carried 7 to 0.

15. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton  
Mayor

