

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 APRIL 17, 2018, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
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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 workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Mayor Mouton recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. for an Executive Session.
3. RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:55 p.m.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – Police Chief, Greg Grigg, gave an overview of the 2017 Annual Police Report. Chief Grigg dedicated the 2017 Annual Police Report to those generous souls who so selflessly gave of themselves and of their substance to take care of their neighbors.

Mayor Mouton commented, “As always, I and Council are very proud of the job you and the Police Department do.”

5. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE CITY OF DEER PARK WAYFINDING PROGRAM – Parks and Recreation Director, Charlie Sandberg gave a presentation and an update to answer some questions to issues relating to the Wayfinding Program. Mr. Sandberg advised Council that Staff had met with National Sign Plazas to discuss the course of action to repair the Phase I signs. Signed contracts have been submitted to the City Attorney, Jim Fox for review. Staff has been on site with National Sign Plazas when removing and replacing the Phase I signs. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Jacob Zuniga, highlighted the timeline of events that have transpired pertaining to Phase I, Phase II and the current status of the project. (Exhibits A1-A5)

Councilwoman Garrison asked, “What does the City Attorney, Jim Fox, think about the contracts?”

City Attorney, Jim Fox, commented, “They are responsible for all the signs that were installed incorrectly. On any of the materials that were produced, even if the contract expired in December, we would still be liable to pay for the products they produced. We wouldn’t have to let them complete the project, but we would have to pay them for the work that was done. If they are taking responsibility for the Phase I and correcting everything, we shouldn’t have any damages as to the Phase I signs, but they will still have to do the work. We also need to update the contract with the correct amounts and the dates for Phase II.”

After a discussion was held, all of the Council was in agreement that the engineering design should be revised as it reads on the specifications and to update the contract to show changes made.

6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO GRANTING STAFF THE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COBB FENDLEY ENGINEERING – Public Works Director, Bill Pedersen, advised Council of the City’s Architecture & Engineering Committee meeting with three (3) engineering firms interested in providing design services for drainage improvements in the areas of Deer Park that were hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey. The firms interviewed were Cobb Fendley Engineering, LJA Engineering, and RPS Engineering. The unanimous recommendation of the Committee was for Cobb Fendley Engineering.
7. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor