

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 JANUARY 05, 2021 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR.  
SHERRY GARRISON  
TJ HAIGHT  
TOMMY GINN  
RON MARTIN  
RAE SINOR

MAYOR  
COUNCILWOMAN  
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES 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 7:00 p.m.
2. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.
3. PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED SHADE CANOPY FOR THE COURTS AND THEATRE BUILDING – Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Sandberg advised Council of the damage to the columns in front of the Theater/Courts building. After the damage was investigated, the conclusion was to remove the columns, which has been completed. Two projects remain, to install a canopy and to address a drainage issue. Before the drainage issue can be assessed, the setting of the canopy will need to be determined. If the canopy is to be set on piers in the ground, that may prohibit some of the flow of the drainage. The budget for the canopy project is set at \$125,000. Mr. Sandberg introduced USAShade Senior Regional Manager Jared Angelica who gave a presentation on different designs of a canopy and advised Council of the favorable design that is located at the Smart Financial Center in Sugar Land. This canopy is made of a pre-galvanized steel frame, columns, powder coat finish and the nova shield solid fabric with anti-fade properties. This includes a 10 year warranty against fading. Mr. Angelica advised Council that using fabric versus steel will cost 20% - 30% less. A rendering of the canopy was presented to Council.

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "What is the measurement from post to post to the building?"

Mr. Angelica responded, "It extends out 30 feet from the post next to the building and 28 feet wide."

Councilwoman Garrison commented, "With all due respect, I do not like this at all. I am just going to be honest and say, I don't think this goes with the building. I think it takes away from the structure of the building. I am not sure if there is something that can be done to correct that."

Mr. Angelica asked, "What is your biggest concern? Is it the fabric?"

Councilman Martin asked, "When I first saw this, my initial thought was similar. Looks sports covers, like what we have over the stands. I will be honest with you, when you showed the picture of the Smart Financial Center in Sugar Land, it looks much better than what I was anticipating. I do see Councilwoman Garrison's concern though. Is there any type of façade that can be put over the metal part to blend it in more?"

Mr. Angelica responded, "Absolutely. You could go around and clad the columns. You could also do something to match that stone in the front."

Councilwoman Sinor commented, "I think I would really like to see this in person."

Councilman Martin asked, "Is there a way we can get a cad drawing where we can see different angles, which may help. I do like the idea of us going to Sugar Land."

Mr. Angelica responded, "I do have engineering drawings for that building that I can provide you all. I also have a conception plan. I agree with going to Sugar Land to see it in person."

City Manager James Stokes asked, "Is 30 feet too much?"

Councilwoman Garrison responded, "This is very modern and contemporary. The Theater/Courts building is not."

Councilwoman Sinor commented, "This is a beautiful product. We just don't want it to look like a sore thumb."

Mr. Stokes asked, "Can you do renderings of 30 feet and 20 feet?"

Mr. Angelica responded, "Yes, we sure can."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "How is the drainage going to be resolved?"

Assistant Public Works Director Brent Costlow commented, "It is not necessarily that the piers are the issue, we have to know how that water drains off the canopy. We need to know

the size of the canopy and if the arch is going to need gutters to catch the water to drain down into a pipe system or if we are just going to let it run off. That is why we would need to know the style of canopy for the architectural part. Until you know architecturally what design the canopy is, it's not a question as to how we are going to drain the water, it's more of how are we going to collect the water. That's why we wanted to get an idea of the canopy, so that we can figure out how to drain it. That also affects how it looks."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "How did the water drain originally?"

Mr. Costlow responded, "It didn't drain correctly. That's the problem."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "What would happen if you didn't put anything there?"

Mr. Costlow responded, "We would have to totally slip everything away from the building, so we would have to take out all of the sidewalk and build up around it a little bit to bring everything away from the building."

Councilwoman Garrison commented, "If you did all that, you wouldn't have to put a canopy in front of the building."

Mr. Costlow responded, "That is correct, but you would not have any protection for anyone walking in or out the front door."

Councilwoman Garrison commented, "Right now, I wish we could just fix the drainage and leave the building as is. Unless, you can show me something that would really go with the building."

Mr. Sandberg commented, "The reason we wanted to put a canopy there is for when we do the Christmas program and because we wanted to start doing plays outside. The canopy was to assist with programming purposes as well."

Councilwoman Garrison asked, "Why can't you just do something temporary like a tent?" "I just hate to take away from the building. If we don't need a canopy and you can fix the drainage, then why can't we leave the building as is?"

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3648 GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO NUSTAR LOGISTICS FOR A TWELVE INCH (12") PROPANE PIPELINE (FIRST READING) – City Manager James Stokes advised Council of a pipeline franchise agreement with NuStar Logistics that was granted previously in 2014. The company is now wanting to flow a different product through the pipe. This amendment would require three readings of the ordinance.

City Attorney Jim Fox commented, "The new franchise fee is now \$2,500."

5. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor