

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 MARCH 7, 2017, BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE A. SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO EXTERIOR SIGNAGE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER – City Manager Jay Stokes commented, “Early last year, the City permanently affixed signage at all entry points of the Community Center restricting guns from the building. We believed this to be necessary and prudent because the Community Center houses a pre-school program, which is operated by a third party vendor known as the Community Center Pre-School. The State law restricts openly carried or concealed weapons on the premises of a school. The types of signage placed on the building often are referred to as “30.06” and “30.07” signs, as they reflect Sections 30.06 and 30.07 of the Texas Penal Code. After the 30.06 and 30.07 signs were affixed to the Community Center, a complaint was filed with the State Attorney General’s Office (AG’s Office) questioning the legality of the City’s displaying of them. This led to a formal investigation of the matter by the AG’s Office, which began in March 2016. In December 2016, the AG’s Office concluded their investigation with a finding that the City should remove all posted 30.06 and 30.07 signs from the exterior of the Community Center, save the entrance on the southeast portion of the building which services only the pre-school facility. Additional correspondence between the City and the AG’s Office led to the following agreed upon future steps by the City: (1) The City has removed all 30.06 and 30.07 signs permanently placed on the exterior of the Community Center, save only the 30.06 sign and 30.07 sign noted in #3 below. (2) The Community Center Pre-School

has placed 30.06 and 30.07 signs in the interior hallway of the Community Center near the locked, interior hallway doors which lead to the portion of the Community Center that is leased by the Community Center Pre-School and used exclusively in support of their operations. (3) There is one (1) exterior set of doors that provides ingress/egress for only that portion of the Community Center which is leased by the Community Center Pre-School. The previously placed 30.06 and 30.07 signs will remain permanently affixed to the outside portion of the Community Center at this set of doors only, since they lead to the portion of the Community Center that is leased by the Community Center Pre-School and used exclusively in support of their operations. (4) The City Council of the City of Deer Park will consider approval of a Resolution to have signs created and placed permanently near all exterior entry points of the Community Center (excepting the entry point mentioned in #3 above) which provide notice that the Community Center Pre-School is housed within the Community Center. Anticipated language on these signs reads as follows:

This building houses The Community Center Pre-School which conducts classes each weekday from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. During school hours all weapons are prohibited pursuant to Penal Code Section 46.03(a)(1). An offense under that section is a third degree felony.

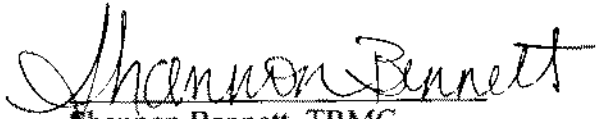
3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE INTERSECTION OF RAILROAD AVENUE AND CENTER STREET – City Manager Jay Stokes commented, “Over the past several weeks, staff has witnessed a rise in illegal vehicular turning movements at the intersection of Center Street and Railroad Avenue. Specifically, these entail eastbound traffic on Railroad Avenue illegally turning northbound onto Center Street. Often this traffic includes large tractor-trailers which damage the new Gateway monuments located on North Center Street. You may recall, last year the Gateway monument on the west side of North Center Street sustained \$50,000 in damage when an errant 18-wheeler turned northbound onto Center Street off of Railroad Avenue. Astonishingly, in 2017 alone, we have seen additional Gateway damage on three (3) separate occasions. In early January, the median was leveled by an unknown diesel. The Public Works Department made appropriate repairs to return the median to its original condition, only to have the median struck again less than a week later by another unknown tractor-trailer. Our Public Works crews once again made median repairs which remain in place. However, in mid-February, yet another unknown errant diesel illegally turned onto Center Street from Railroad Avenue, taking such a wide turn, the driver damaged the eastside Monument and ruined its ground lighting.”

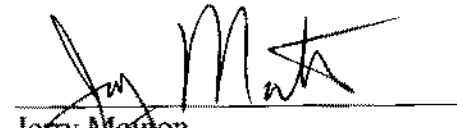
After discussion, consensus of the Council is to temporarily place barricades to prohibit a left turn onto Railroad Avenue from Center Street. If this works, a permanent solution will be determined.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN SHARED LEGISLATIVE MONITORING SERVICES WITH OTHER EAST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES – Mayor Mouton advised the Council the Mayors from municipalities throughout East Harris County (Baytown, LaPorte, Deer Park, Seabrook, Morgan’s Point and Pasadena) discussed mutual interest in sharing the costs of legislative

monitoring services throughout the remainder of the State of Texas' current Legislative Session. Mayor Don Carlos of the City of Baytown approached a group called State House Consultants in which he worked with before. "We all have mutually agreed to work together to get State House Consultants to represent us. The proposed \$5,000 a month fee, is one that all six Cities will split for the next three months while the State is still in session. They will watch issues pertaining to us and keep us aware of what's going on in Austin. I personally think it is good for our City."

5. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:00 p.m.


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary


Jerry Mouton
Mayor