

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

On the 24th day of March 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, by telephone conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with the following members present:

Henry Wilson)	Mayor
Larry Kitchens)	Mayor Pro Tem
David Booe)	
Cathy Thompson)	
Bill McLendon)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Clay Caruthers)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle)	Assistant City Attorney
Rita Frick)	City Secretary
Sunny Patel)	Director of Information Technology
Greg Dickens)	Executive Director of Public Works
Clayton Fulton)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer)	Assistant City Manager

With the following Councilmembers absent: Jon McKenzie, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wilson provided rules of procedure for the telephone conference meeting and thanked Director of Information Technology Sunny Patel and staff for implementing the technology for the telephone meeting.

II. Informational Items

- **Staff Update of Upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Caruthers noted most calendar events are canceled due to COVID-19. He stated the bulk trash pickup is still scheduled, but may not occur. Mayor Wilson also noted the plan to cancel the first regular meeting of April 2020.

III. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 3

Consider Resolution 1763 ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency (COVID-19 Pandemic).

Mayor Wilson reviewed his Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency (COCVID-19) and explained the Council has seven days to ratify the action for continuance.

He explained the City's declaration adheres to the County Declaration and as it changes, the City automatically follows.

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 4

Consider the postponement of the May 2, 2020 General Election as allowed by the Texas Governor and any resolution related thereto.

Mayor Wilson briefed Council on the probability Tarrant County may not conduct the May General Election due to the pandemic. He noted the consensus of most area Mayors is to postpone the election. He advised state law only allows the General Election to be held on a uniform election date and the Governor issued a proclamation allowing the General Election to move to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date. He stated the desire of several cities is to move the General Election to the primary runoff date or another date if allowed by the Governor. The proposed Resolution moves the May 2, 2020 General Election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date unless an earlier date is authorized.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into the appropriate contracts for the construction of the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center.

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed authorization to contract for the construction of the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and the effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the ability to move forward. He spoke regarding construction material pricing and contractor issues, that the City is paying interest on voter approved bonds and stated he is working with the attorney and the contractor to address the challenges and move forward as soon as possible. In response to Council questions, Mr. Caruthers stated the construction project is scheduled in phases and staff cannot ensure the COVID-19 pandemic will not impact the project timeline. Mr. Caruthers also reviewed the construction project contingency amounts and noted the amounts are sufficient at this time. Council discussed the contingency amounts and difficulties the COVID-19 s impact could cause to the project.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a 10-year Sanitary Sewer Overflow Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the 10-year Sanitary Sewer Overflow Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and noted the established goal of 6,000 linear feet per year of infrastructure maintenance. Mr. Caruthers also noted the recent Valley View Branch improvements, which will count toward the outcome goals.

Mayor Wilson did not recess the meeting to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance With the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with

City Attorney to seek advice regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (Dakota Place Apartments) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

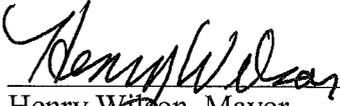
APPROVED this the 28th day of April 2020.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor