

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

On the 14th day of July 2020, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Regular Meeting 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
Jon McKenzie)	Mayor Pro Tem
David Booe)	Councilmembers
Larry Kitchens)	
Cathy Thompson)	
Bill McLendon)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Clay Caruthers)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle)	Assistant City Attorney
Rita Frick)	City Secretary
Sunny Patel)	Information Technology Manager

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Thompson gave the Invocation.

Mayor Wilson noted the telephonic meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and suspended the Pledge of Allegiance for the meeting. Mayor Wilson provided rules of procedure for the telephone conference meeting.

PERSON(S) TO BE HEARD

1. Lisa Sewell requested to speak to discuss support for cite and release support for cannabis related offenses.

Mayor Wilson recognized Ms. Lisa Sewell, 8737 Pedernales Trail, Fort Worth, Texas who reviewed information provided to the City Council expressing support for a cite and release resolution for cannabis related offenses. She stated the action would support the budget by decreasing the number of individuals jailed due to inaccurate testing procedures. Ms. Sewell introduced Robert Head, 2061 Le Mans Drive, Carrollton, Texas, who stated he is a veteran in the area and that a vast majority of veterans use hemp or marijuana instead of pills. He explained that pills have side effects or you have to take more and after a while they will sometimes reach to other sources to help cope. He stated most are not criminals, they are just trying to get through the day. He stated this program

gives veterans more options and removes the criminal aspect. Ms. Sewell reiterated the benefits of the program and reviewed action taken by other Texas cities. Mayor Wilson thanked Ms. Sewell for the information and advised the city manager would follow-up with her. Mr. Head also advised that he could offer classes regarding hemp if the Council needed additional understanding.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of the minutes for the June 23, 2020 and June 30, 2020 City Council meetings
3. Consider Resolution 1771 designating the officer or employee authorized to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate in accordance with the Texas Tax Code

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Thompson, McLendon, McKenzie and Shepard
No: None

ORDINANCE(S)

4. Consider Ordinance 2438, first reading, amending Chapter 24 by replacing Sections 24-115 and 24-127 to 24-129 Prohibiting Parking in Certain Areas

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the proposed ordinance, which is to change the parking distance from 25 feet to 15 feet from the fire hydrant and align with state law. He also noted some administrative changes to the ordinance.

Councilmember Thompson moved to approve Ordinance 2438 amending Chapter 24 by replacing Sections 24-115 and 24-127 to 24-129; prohibiting parking in certain areas. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Thompson, McLendon, McKenzie and Shepard
No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Consider authorizing the city manager to renew an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for funding of the Pipeline Road Project, Phases 2, 3 and 4

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the proposed agreement with Tarrant County noting the City has been working on Pipeline Road for some time and appreciates the County's contribution to the project. He stated once the project is fully completed, Tarrant County will have contributed over \$5 million dollars to the project. He stated Atmos will handle the main gas line replacement and staff plans to include language in future construction bids that allow contractors to bid on acceleration of work. Mr. Caruthers stated the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County continues a financial partnership for future phases of Pipeline Road. In response to Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Caruthers stated the County has dollars set aside and the City has funding through Phase 3, but will have to go to market to fund Phase 4, which has been worked into the overall debt policy program.

Councilmember Shepard moved to authorize the city manager to renew the Interlocal Agreement for Pipeline Road with Tarrant County. Motion seconded by Councilmember McLendon. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Thompson, McLendon, McKenzie and Shepard
No: None

6. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an Engineering Services Contract with Thomas Hoover Engineering, LLC, for design of the Livingston Improvements from West Pipeline Road to 665 feet south

City Manager Caruthers reviewed the proposed Engineering Services Contract stated this is for a segment of Livingston Drive and part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. He stated the proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$31,440 for engineering services and that \$165,000 is coming from Tarrant County. Mr. Caruthers also noted this portion of the road will be concrete reconstruction and falls within the road survey criteria and within the CDBG criteria.

Councilmember Booe moved to authorize the city manager to enter into a Contract with Thomas Hoover Engineering, LLC, for the design of the Livingston Drive Improvements from West Pipeline Road to 665 feet south, in an amount not to exceed \$31,440.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Thompson, McLendon, McKenzie and Shepard
No: None

7. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Caruthers reviewed upcoming Council meetings.
8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED

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

Mayor Wilson did not adjourn to Executive Session.

9. Take any and all action ensuing from Executive Session – No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED this the 28th day of July 2020.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor