

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
February 26, 2014**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor: Barbara Bass
Mayor Pro Tem: Darryl Bowdre
Councilmembers: Mark Whatley
Sam Mezayek (absent)
Edward Moore
John Nix

City Manager: Mark McDaniel
Asst. City Manager: Susan Guthrie
City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney: Steve Kean
Airport Manager: Davis Dickson
Director for Innovation: Guillermo Garcia
Main Street Director: Beverly Abell
City Engineer: Carter Delleney
City Fire Chief: Tim Johnson
Managing Director for Public Safety
& Police Chief: Gary Swindle
Director of Parks and Recreation: Stephanie Rollings
Internal Auditor: Jon Grundy
Director of Solid Waste: Russ Jackson
Senior Public Relations Specialist: Serena Butcher
Director of Planning: Heather Nick
City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Whatley to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS – RECOGNITIONS, SERVICE

A-1 Blue Print Award

Request that the City Council consider recognizing a City employee as the Blueprint Award winner for placing the highest premium on responsiveness to citizens' needs.

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Mayor Bass presented David Long, Police Lieutenant III with a plaque as the Blueprint Award winner for placing the highest premium on responsiveness to citizen's needs.

A-2 Request that the City Council accept the Main Street Department National Accreditation.

Beverly Abell, Tyler Main Street Department – Presented the City Councilmembers with the plaque for the Main Street Department National Accreditation.

ZONING

Z-1 Z02-14-014 VAQUERO FRONT STREET PARTNERS, LLC (3555 CHANDLER HIGHWAY)

Request that the City Council consider approving a “PMXD-1”, Planned Mixed Use District site plan amendment. (O-2014-13)

Motion by Councilmember Moore; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

Z-2 Z02-14-015 LORINE JOHNSON (304 BOON AVENUE) (O-2014-14)

Request that the City Council consider approving a zone change from “R-2”, Two-Family Residential District, to “R-1D”, Single-Family Detached and Attached Residential District.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Whatley; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-3 Z02-14-016 JOYCE SKIEF (206 BRUCK AVENUE) (O-2014-15)

Request that the City Council consider approving a zone change from “R-2”, Two-Family Residential District, to “R-1D”, Single-Family Detached and Attached Residential District.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Whatley; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

Z-4 Z02-14-018 KREMERS REVOCABLE TRUST (2804 EAST ERWIN STREET)

Request that the City Council consider approving a zone change from “R-1A”, Single-Family Residential District, to “C-2”, General Commercial District. (O-2014-16)

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Request that the City Council consider receiving a presentation of the final draft of the Tyler 1st Comprehensive Plan.

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Heather Nick, Planning Director – Stated that the Tyler City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Tyler 21 Comprehensive Plan at their meeting November 14, 2007. The 20-year plan creates a strategic framework for future actions for the City and acts as a roadmap as the City continues to grow. The plan addresses issues such as downtown revitalization, historic preservation, parks and recreation, transportation, and housing and neighborhoods. It defines a vision for the future linked to overall goals and policies, and contains strategies and action items for achieving the goals.

P-2 Request that the City Council consider receiving a presentation on a proposed partnership to build a new all-inclusive playground at Southside Park.

Bill Short, 10661 Shady Trail, Dallas, Texas – Stated that The Tyler Area AMBUCS, Tyler Sunrise Rotary, the City of Tyler, and Child's Play Incorporated of Dallas have teamed together to design a playground for all children. The proposed all-inclusive playground would replace the current structure at Southside Park in Tyler. The proposed playground would be funded through donations solicited from the community.

P-3 Request that the City Council hear a presentation of the recommendations from the Arts Center Task Force.

Susan Guthrie, Asst. City Manager – Gave a brief presentation of the recommendations from the Arts Center Task Force. Over the course of the last six months, the task force has met several times to explore the potential uses of the building. They held a visioning session, completed a SWOT analysis, conducted an arts needs analysis, and developed an arts inventory. From all the ideas generated, the group then narrowed the concepts down to nine and broke into small groups to undertake further research. In November, the subcommittees came back together to present their findings. The task force then voted on six final concepts to recommend to the City Council. The final recommendations include an Art Gallery, an Arts Incubator, a Performing/Culinary Art Lab (which includes theatre, film lab with green screen and culinary demonstration area), and a potential Maker Space.

RESOLUTION

R-1 Request that the City Council consider a Resolution calling an Election for May 10, 2014 to fill the offices of Mayor and Tyler City Council Members for Single Member District Nos. 2, 4, and 6 on the Tyler City Council and calling for a joint election with the Tyler Independent School District, Tyler Junior College and Whitehouse Independent School District. (R-2014-1)

Motion by Councilmember Nix; seconded by Councilmember Whatley; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

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MISCELLANEOUS

M-1 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a renewal contract for animal shelter services.

Motion by Councilmember Moore; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

CONSENT

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item.)

C-A-1 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute the Reconciliation Change Order with Reynolds & Kay, Ltd. increasing the total contract amount by \$42,315.94, for the 2011 Runway 4/22 Safety Area Improvement Project at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute the Reconciliation Change Order with Watson Commercial Construction. Ltd. decreasing the total contract amount by \$10,009.16, for the Rental Car Wash Bay Facility Project at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

C-A-3 Request that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Andrews Diversified Industries to provide Litter Control for the City of Tyler.

C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Election Contract with Smith County to perform certain joint election services for City Council Election to be held May 10, 2014 as part of the joint election with Tyler Independent School District, Tyler Junior College District and Whitehouse Independent School District.

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

B-1 Request that the City Council consider appointment of members to the Animal Care Advisory Board.

Mayor Bass stated that there is a recommended slate for a licensed veterinarian, one municipal official, one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter, one representative from an animal welfare organization, one representative from Smith County, and two regular board members.

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Councilmember Nix suggested that a seat be designated for a Tyler Junior College representative.

Mayor stated that they would be looking at a designee from Smith County but for the open seats they would appoint Marjorie Ream, Billy McCord, and Mary Ann Clifford.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Only one meeting in March which is March 26, 2014 due to spring break.
2. No need for executive session today.

RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Executive Item No. 1:

Under Section 551.072 "Real Estate" deliberation regarding the following:

Discuss the purchase, exchange, sale, lease or value of real property, the public discussion of which would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City, related to the development of municipal facilities.

Executive Item No. 2:

Under section 551.087 "Economic Development" deliberation regarding the following:

Possible offer of financial or other incentive to a prospect, and to consider financial and other information about that prospect/project with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations that could lead to a partnership in Tyler.

Any final action to be taken by the City Council will be taken in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Whatley to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 am; seconded by Councilmember Moore; motion carried 5 - 0 & meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



