



City of Mesquite, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, August 3, 2015

5:00 PM

City Hall | Council Chamber
757 N. Galloway | Mesquite, Texas

Present: Mayor Stan Pickett and Councilmembers Greg Noschese, Bruce Archer, Bill Porter, Jeff Casper, Shirley Roberts and Dennis Tarpley, City Manager Ted Barron and City Secretary Sonja Land.

PRE-MEETING - COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA REVIEW

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Receive staff recommendations regarding the 2015-16 Employee/Retiree Group Health Plan changes.
- 2 Receive proposed fiscal year 2015-16 budget presentation for the Library Services Department.
- 3 Receive presentation regarding updates to Vanston Park.
- 4 Discuss proposed street bond election.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:02 P.M.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Bruce Archer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the Range Crime Watch Group.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Ms. Roberts encouraged everyone to visit the Artisans' and Farmers' Market this Saturday, August 8, 2015, in the Downtown Square from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Locally grown produce will be available to purchase along with crafts, culinary items and much more.

(2) Ms. Roberts announced that next Saturday, August 15, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Doggie Splash Day at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Dog owners are invited to bring their dogs to compete for prizes in the swim suit contest, doggie paddle race and diving contest.

(3) Mr. Archer stated that 31 Boy Scouts and Leaders of the Eastern Skies District along with Assistant City Manager Cliff Keheley recently volunteered in the renovation of the Downtown Square which saved the City approximately \$5,000.00 in contracted costs.

(4) Mr. Archer announced that his nephew, Bryson Anthamatten, is in attendance tonight and will be leaving next Monday for Fort Benning, Georgia, for a four-year enlistment in the U.S. Army.

(5) Mr. Casper stated that over 100 citizens were in attendance at the Town Hall meeting held last Tuesday, July 28, 2015, regarding code enforcement issues. He thanked everyone for their involvement and participation.

(6) Mr. Porter stated that Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc., will be conducting its annual Community Appearance Index (CAI) as part of its requirements for good standing with Keep America Beautiful. The CAI is a visual accounting of litter, outside storage, graffiti and abandoned/junk vehicles to determine trouble spots for annual trash cleanups. This event will take place on Friday, August 7, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

(7) Mayor Pickett presented Certificates of Commendations to Utility Division employee, Meter Shop Supervisor Jeff Foster and Police Department employee, Investigator Brandon Ricketts for their outstanding service to the residents of Mesquite. Mr. Foster and Investigator Ricketts were instrumental in the recent recovery of stolen water meter lids and identifying a suspect responsible for this act.

APPOINTMENTS FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCE

5 Appointment - Dr. James Terry, Co-Chair of the Citizens' Street Bond Committee.

(Dr. Terry will present the recommendation of the Committee.)

Co-Chair Dr. James Terry recognized the members of the Citizens' Street Bond Committee (Committee) in attendance and stated that the goal of the Committee was to come to a consensus in making a recommendation to the City Council regarding the size of a street bond package to submit to Mesquite voters. The Committee met two times – the first meeting was dedicated to learning about the various aspects of the 325 miles of residential streets and the second meeting concentrated on the proposed scenarios of the election proposals. In 2009, the City began evaluating street conditions on a biennial basis and assigned each street a grade classification rating of one to four, with a grade four rating requiring street replacement. There are 109 miles of residential streets that are rated as a grade four classification. The majority of the Committee discussion centered on the \$100 million and \$125 million proposals. Of the 19 Committee members present, 18 members voted in favor of the \$125 million proposal, which would repair 101 miles of grade four streets and one member voted in favor of the \$100 million proposal which would repair 80.5 miles of grade four streets. Dr. Terry stated that, if needed, Committee members have agreed to attend and present information regarding the proposed street bond election at various community meetings. In conclusion, Dr. Terry stated that the Committee recommends a street bond package of \$125 million.

Mayor Pickett expressed appreciation to Dr. Terry and the Committee for their hard work and recommendation to the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mr. Noschese moved to approve Item Nos. 6-12 and 14 on the Consent Agenda, as follows. Motion was seconded by Ms. Roberts and approved unanimously.

- 6 Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 20, 2015.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7 A resolution endorsing the 2015-16 Speed Safety Grant for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution No. 33-2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ENDORSING THE 2015-16 SPEED SAFETY GRANT FOR THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ("STEP") PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS PROJECT. (Resolution No. 33-2015 recorded on page _____ of Resolution Book No. 47.)

- 8 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperative-Purchasing Agreement with the City of North Richland Hills, Texas, to allow the purchase of goods and services.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution No. 34-2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES. (Resolution No. 34-2015 recorded on page _____ of Resolution Book No. 47.)

- 9 RFP No. 2015-060 - Medical Administrative Services Only (ASO) - Administration.
(Authorize the City Manager to execute a Third-Party Administrator Services Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to provide medical coverage for employees and under age 65 retirees effective January 1, 2016.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 10 RFP No. 2015-074 - Professional Auditing Services.
(Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with BKD, LLP, in the amount of \$114,600.00 for 2015 with up to a four percent increase annually through 2019.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 11 Bid No. 2015-080 - Annual Supply of Office Products.

(Staff recommends award to Staples Contract and Commercial, Inc., operating as Staples Advantage, through the cooperative purchasing agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance Contract No. 010615-SCC, for an estimated annual amount of \$105,000.00.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 12 Approve and ratify authorization of the Mayor to execute a Consent Certificate to assign interest in the Conference Center Lease Agreement from Atrium Hotels Two, L.P. (formerly known as John Q. Hammons Hotels Two, L.P.) to Atrium TRS III, LP.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 14 Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Petty & Associates, Inc., to review and evaluate applications for the position of City Manager in the amount of \$8,050.00.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

- 13 Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Texas Municipal Water District for the development of a regional Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance program.

Mr. Noschese moved to table authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Texas Municipal Water District for the development of a regional Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance program. Motion was seconded by Mr. Archer and approved unanimously.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 15 A. Conduct a public hearing to receive input from residents regarding the PY2015-2019 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan.

B. A resolution adopting and approving the PY2015-19 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A public hearing was held to receive input from residents regarding the PY2015-2019 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan.

Valerie Bradley, Director of Housing and Community Services, stated that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires entitlement communities to prepare a three to five year Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal housing and community development grant funding. The City uses the funding for Public Services, Planning and Administration, Housing and Rehabilitation, and Neighborhood Development and Enhancement. She stated this is the second of two required public hearings for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

No one appeared regarding the PY2015-2019 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan. Mayor Pickett declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Tarpley moved to approve Resolution No. 35-2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE PY2015-19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Motion was seconded by Mr. Noschese and approved unanimously. (Resolution No. 35-2015 recorded on page _____ of Resolution Book No. 47.)

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A. Conduct a public hearing to receipt input from residents regarding the PY 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

B. A resolution authorizing the filing of an application for an amount not to exceed \$986,321.00 for federal funds under the Housing and Community Development Act; approving and adopting the program year 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan; and designating the City Manager as Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative for the purpose of giving required assurances and acting in connection with said application.

A public hearing was held regarding the PY 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

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No one appeared regarding the PY 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Mayor Pickett declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Noschese moved to approve Resolution No. 36-2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$986,321.00 FOR FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PROGRAM YEAR 2015-16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING REQUIRED ASSURANCES AND ACTING IN CONNECTION WITH SAID APPLICATION. Motion was seconded by Mr. Archer and approved unanimously. (Resolution No. 36-2015 recorded on page _____ of Resolution Book No. 47.)

RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

17

Receive resignation from Linda Ackerson as a member of the Municipal Library Advisory Board.

Mr. Archer moved to accept the resignation from Linda Ackerson as a member of the Municipal Library Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Porter and approved unanimously.

18 Consider appointment of one regular member to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Capital Improvements Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 30, 2016.

Ms. Roberts moved to change the appointment of Rad Ferguson from an alternate member to a regular member, Place 2, for a term to expire September 30, 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Casper and approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

19 Consider calling public hearings for August 17, 2015, and September 8, 2015, to consider setting the ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2015-16.

Mr. Archer made the following motion, "I, Bruce Archer, Councilmember, move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.64 cents per \$100 of valuation. The public hearings to consider this rate will be held on August 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. and September 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m." Motion was seconded by Mr. Porter and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Casper and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Sonja Land, City Secretary

Stan Pickett, Mayor