



City of Mesquite, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

5:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr., and Councilmembers Tandy Boroughs, Kenny Green, Jeff Casper, Jennifer Vidler and Debbie Anderson, City Manager Cliff Keheley and City Secretary Sonja Land.

Absent: Councilmember B. W. Smith.

PRE-MEETING - TRAINING ROOMS A&B - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA REVIEW

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Receive training regarding trending topics on the Texas Open Meetings Act, and the Public Information Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Alemán announced that the City Council would meet in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to consider the appointment, evaluation, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, members of the various City boards and commissions, and City officers or other City employees (Annual review of Municipal Court Judge and City Secretary); whereupon, the City Council proceeded to meet in the Executive Conference Room. After the closed meeting ended at 6:58 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

No executive action was necessary.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:03 P.M.

INVOCATION

Sam Pendyala, Pastor, Inspiration Church, Mesquite, Texas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Staff.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Anderson announced that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Mesquite have begun safety improvements along Lawson Road between Milam Road and Cartwright Road. Motorists will soon notice the addition of shoulders to the roadway along with new guardrails throughout the area. Construction began in December and is expected to be completed by the end of February 2023.
2. Mr. Boroughs stated that the City of Mesquite now offers Mesquite Alerts, a high-speed emergency mass alert service powered by CodeRED. Mesquite Alerts provides the City of Mesquite with the ability to notify residents in the event of emergency situations or critical information such as water boil advisories, weather emergencies, chemical spills or other incidents where rapid and accurate information is essential for life safety. Residents can opt in to receive real time notifications by telephone, text and/or email. Public Safety officials across the United States have credited similar notification systems for successfully locating missing children, apprehending wanted criminals and issuing timely evacuations. Citizens may sign up for notifications at www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteAlerts.
3. Ms. Vidler stated that the City has launched a more secure, convenient and user-friendly online payment system for customers called MesquitePay. There are no City-related convenience fees if you pay via cash, money order, check by mail or in-person or through your bank's bill pay option. The new MesquitePay includes fast bill pay and an improved user experience. It also offers many more options to pay including Pay Pal, Pay Pal Credit and Venmo along with the option to set up recurrent automatic payments.
4. Mr. Green invited residents to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 757 North Galloway Avenue, Training Rooms A&B. Public Safety will be discussed by the Mesquite Police Department. Attendees will learn about crime initiatives and crime prevention programs.
5. Mr. Casper stated that Weather Activated Relief for Mesquite (WARM) is a program sponsored by Sharing Life Community Outreach, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite to provide temporary shelter for individuals who are unsheltered during extreme weather conditions. To volunteer or donate, visit sharing.life/WARM.
6. Mayor Alemán invited residents to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by attending a parade in Downtown Mesquite on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and a community celebration at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Avenue, at 1:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. LaDonna Gulley from the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD). The event is co-hosted by the City of Mesquite, MISD, Mesquite NAACP and Mesquite Ministerial Alliance.
7. Mayor Alemán stated that during the New Year's holiday, the Mesquite Police Department confiscated 32.8 pounds of fireworks, 19 firearms and issued six citations. Approximately 366 calls were received regarding discharge of fireworks and firearms. He thanked Debbie Anderson, President of the Mesquite Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA), members of the MCPAAA and City dispatchers for their help answering these calls.

CITIZENS FORUM

Mary Edwards, 4303 Via Barcelona, expressed support for promoting Safe Haven/Baby Moses Law in the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Green moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as follows. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vidler and approved unanimously.

- 2 Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 19, 2022.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 3 Bid No. 2023-028 - Purchase of Twenty-Three Dodge Chargers for the Police Department.
(Staff recommends purchase of twenty-three Dodge Chargers for the Police Department from Grapevine Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc., through the BuyBoard Contract No. 601-19, in an amount not to exceed \$841,832.00.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 4 Bid No. 2023-045 - Purchase of Commercial Solid Waste Containers.
(Staff recommends the purchase of commercial solid waste containers from Roll-Offs of America, Inc., through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC Buy) Contract No. RH08-20, in an amount not to exceed \$3,960,842.00.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 5 Approve on-call compensation for members of the Mesquite Fire Department who are assigned to perform the duty of Fire Investigator at the rate of three and three-tenths (3.3) hours per month or partial month covering an on-call duty assignment, to be granted in addition to any overtime payable for hours actually worked outside a regular working assignment.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vidler and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Sonja Land, City Secretary

Daniel Alemán, Jr., Mayor