MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marc Holm called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with all members present except Council Members Keith Joesel and Craig Fromme.

Marc Holm, Mayor
Chris Cannon, Mayor Pro-Tem
Keith Joesel, Council Member (absent)
Sue Brashar, Council Member
Edward Maldonado, Council Member
Juan Gonzalez, Council Member
Mary Penson, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Craig Fromme, Council Member (absent)
Kerry Lacy, City Manager
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary

INVOCATION

Council Member Mary Penson gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR MEETING was recessed at 7:10 p.m. and PUBLIC HEARING called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Proposed zoning change request from Sandy Ramirez-McNaul for the property located at Highway 95 North frontage, in the A20 Thomas Christianson Survey, Acres 7.9780, City of Elgin, County of Bastrop, Texas from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Single Family only. Gary Cooke, Planning and Development Director

   Darius Vaseghi, 11500 Metric Boulevard, Austin, TX spoke regarding Sandy Ramirez-McNaul request for 34 units in an R-3 zoning which was denied approval by Planning and Zoning board. She plans to do 25-27 units in an R-1 zoning allotment for housing costs of $200,000.00 to $300,000.00 per unit. Her idea is to keep values up while helping Elgin grow.

   Lynn Cottle, 104 Terra Drive, Elgin TX, stated the size of the residential lots were the biggest concern for the homeowners who attended the previous meeting, and an R-3 zone going into an R-1 zone neighborhood was discouraged.

PUBLIC HEARING closed at 7:20 p.m. and REGULAR MEETING reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Cottle, 104 Terra Drive, Elgin, TX regarding New Business item 2. Glad to see sidewalk signs are approved now for advertising and progressing our downtown environment. Concern for possibly limiting the merchandise placed outside the front of stores not ot block the flow of sidewalk traffic.

Charles Hill, 912 River Oaks Drive, Austin, TX regarding the remaining flooding problems his properties 101, 103, and 107 Taylor Lane. Area has been graded and rolled twice in the last two months. Requesting the plan and schedule for the street repairs and drainage work to be done.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Effective Rollback Rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
   Sidney Laquey, Finance Director

   Finance Director Sidney LaQuey presented the effective rollback rate is $0.656916, and last year's tax rate was $0.750110. The effective tax rate is$0.677393, and the proposed tax rate is $0.656916.

REPORTS

1. Monthly Reports for June 2015
   Kerry Lacy, City Manager

   City Manager Kerry Lacy stated the reports are informational only, and the fire hydrant program is new.

2. Presentation of Third Quarter Investment Report.
   Sidney LaQuey, Finance Director
   Laura Schwartz, Purchasing Agent and Finance Assistant

   Finance Assistant Laura Schwartz gave the Investment Report for the Third Quarter.

3. Presentation of Third Quarter Financial Report.
   Sidney LaQuey, Finance Director
   Laura Schwartz, Purchasing Agent and Finance Assistant

   Finance Assistant Laura Schwartz gave the Financial Report for the Third Quarter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Edward Maldonado made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

1. Approval of minutes of the regular council meeting and public hearing July 7, 2015.
   Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary

2. Approval of a Resolution to enter into an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for street closure of Loop 109 for the 28th Annual Hogeye Festival on October 24, 2015.
   Amy Miller, Community Development Director

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to consider approval of a proposed resolution approving annexation development agreements.
   Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

   Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to approve the Resolution approving the annexation development agreements, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-04-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, APPROVING ANNEXATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

2. Discussion and action to consider approval and adoption of a proposed ordinance annexing certain hereinafter described adjacent and contiguous territory to the City of Elgin, Texas.
   Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

   Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to approve and adopt the Ordinance annexing certain hereinafter described adjacent and contiguous territory to the City of Elgin, Texas, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08-04-22

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN HEREINAFTER-DESCRIBED ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ELGIN TEXAS, TO-WIT: 172.86 ACRES DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A-1", "A-2", and "A-3" ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED IN TRAVIS COUNTY AND BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ALL ADJACENT ROADWAYS BEING FOR ANNEXATION; EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF ELGIN SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY WITHIN ELGINS CITY LIMITS; FINDING THAT ALL NECESSARY AND REQUIRED LEGAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; PROVIDING THAT SUCH PROPERTY SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE CITY AND THAT THE OWNERS AND INHABITANTS THEREOF SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BE BOUND BY THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY NOW IN EFFECT AND

THOSE WHICH ARE HEREINAFTER ADOPTED; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to consider a zoning change request filed by Sandy Ramirez-McNaul for the property located at Highway 95 North Frontage, in the A20 Thomas Christianson Survey, Acres 7.9780, City of Elgin, Bastrop County, Texas from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Single Family only.
   Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

   Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to deny the zoning change request filed by Sandy Ramirez-McNaul for the property located at Highway 95 North Frontage, in the A20 Thomas Christianson Survey, Acres 7.9780, City of Elgin, Bastrop County, Texas from R-1 Single Family to R-3 Single Family only, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon seconded, and motion was denied. Six voted yes, Maldonado abstained, two absent.

2. Discussion and action to consider a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 32 SIGNS for the downtown historic district.
   Amy Miller, Community Development Director
   Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

   Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented, Council Member Mary Penson seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08-04-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTIONS 32-3, 32-225, 32-320, 32-321, 32-324, 32-325, AND 32-327, CODE OF ORDINANCES (2013 EDITION), CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REGARDING SIGN ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

3. Discussion and action to consider selection of outside Independent Auditing Firm.
   Laura Schwartz, Purchasing Agent and Finance Assistant

   Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to approve BrooksCardiel as the outside Independent Auditing Firm, Council Member Edward Maldonado seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

4. Discussion and action to consider selection of bank depository services.
Laura Schwartz, Purchasing Agent and Finance Assistant

Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to approve First National Bank as the bank depository services, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

5. Discussion and action to provide Council the opportunity to make changes to the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget prior to adoption on September 1, 2015.
Kerry Lacy, City Manager

Council Member Juan Gonzalez made a motion for consideration a seven percent increase for all salaries, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

6. Discussion and action to set August 18, 2015 as the date for the required public hearing of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget prior to adoption on September 1, 2015.
Kerry Lacy, City Manager

Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to set August 18, 2015 as the date for the required public hearing of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget prior to adoption on September 1, 2015, Council Member Jessica Bega seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recessed the Regular Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. and called to order Executive Session in a closed session at 8:40 p.m.

1. The City Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074(a)(1) and (c) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager and the possible amendment of the employment agreement between the City of Elgin and the City Manager.

Adjourned Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. and called public back in to Reconvene Regular Council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Council Member Sue Brashar left at 8:55 p.m.

RECONVENE

1. Discussion and action, if any, in regard to the City Manager's annual performance review and possible employment agreement amendment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon made a motion to take no action at this time and bring it back to the next meeting, Council Member Mary Penson seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Citizens' Police Academy begins on September 24.
- Certificate of obligation and refund of bonds are in meetings this week.
- Pool will be opening soon at Morris Park.
- First Neighborhood Watch in the Ward 1 area is being established.
- Community Clean Up Day went well and increased awareness of progress.
- Thanks and appreciation for Joe Parten and Public Works staff for their extra work cleaning up the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marc Holm adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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MARC HOLM
Mayor of Elgin, Texas

ATTEST:

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LUCRETIA ALVAREZ
City Secretary of Elgin, Texas