

**MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Chris Cannon

Juan Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Penson, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Daniel Lopez, Council Member
Phillip Thomas, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Council Member
Neil Beyer, Council Member

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Patrick South, Police Chief
Michael Gonzalez, Director Parks and Rec.
Barbara Wilson, HR Director
Gary Cooke, Planning Director
Yadira Duque, Supervisory Court Clerk
Judge Amanda Carter

Mayor Cannon certified a quorum with all members present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Penson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cannon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cannon opened Public Comments.

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With no one wishing to speak Mayor Cannon closed Public Comments.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of New City Employees - Elgin Police Department
 - Chris Noble
 - Jason Hetrick

Chief South introduced the two new Police Officers, Chris Noble and Jason Hetrick.

Mayor Cannon stated a new quarterly Citizen's Award would be started, with this one being the first to highlight citizens that have not been recognized and do not belong to certain organizations and stated that this person was very involved in the community. Mayor Cannon presented Lydia Salazar (Grandma Lily) with a plaque as the recipient of the first Citizen Spotlight Award.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Review and Discussion of Determining City Policy And/or Response To Requests For Traffic Calming Devices And/or Efforts In Residential Areas

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated this item was for discussion and wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page regarding speed bumps. He stated there was no clarity among the current staff on how to deal with this issue when it comes up. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he gets requests from citizens for speed cushions but that there is no policy or procedure in place. He suggested possibly letting each Council Member dictate the placement of these speed cushions in their Wards and not having to bring these requests back to Council each time. Council Member Bega stated that originally it was presented as a pilot program as the Mayor mentioned, the goal being to seek improvements. She stated that speed humps are not a 100% solution as everyone knows and looking ahead any area considered needs to be discussed to see if it helps the situation. Council Member Brashar stated she wanted to be cautious and stay the city of sausage and not the city of speed humps and did not think they were needed everywhere. She stated that the situation had changed with more law enforcement that provided an option now. Council Member Thomas agreed and stated that some of these key areas could be addressed by law enforcement. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales stated that the City Manager suggested allocating a certain amount of money in the budget for this. Council Member Thomas suggested having a committee decide where to install the devices and then bringing it back to Council and this would provide some sort of procedure to inform residents who called and requested speed humps. City Manager Mattis stated that the budget process for next year would begin soon and they could then get a funding amount established, set up a committee, and establishing policy and procedures.

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Council Member Beyer suggested putting this on the Capital Five Year Plan. Council agreed to allocate funds in the upcoming budget for this project.

2. General Activity Report and/or Project Update on code enforcement status - 215 Central Avenue.

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that he had left pamphlets at their places notifying residents of the changes in the trash recycling collection. He stated staff had developed the pamphlets in English and Spanish, with a side note on bulk trash and they were going to deliver them door to door. He stated Republic would be delivering the carts next week, and April 9th would be the first day for pickup.

He stated that the Lee Dildy project was moving along really well and were about a month ahead and that the road could be ready for use by Labor Day.

Mr. Mattis mentioned the progress on the Rec Center, addressed all of the operational issues and that he had left a financial report at their places, and would come in under \$50,000.00 fund balance. He stated that amount would be retained for any overruns, and on a recommendation from the Parks Board not to put in the playscape at this time. He stated they would wait until the building was complete and then decide what to do with that money.

Mr. Mattis stated that the sidewalk project was progressing and was told by TXDOT it should be complete by August 2nd.

Gary Cooke, Planning Director spoke on the 215 Central Avenue property that was damaged by the hurricane. He provided a timeline of events for the property and in working with the owner for abatement. He stated the owner obtained a demolition permit to remove debris from the ROW and placed it back on private property. She was told at that time she had 30 days to either pull a demolition permit to remove the structure or pull a remodeling permit to brace or repair the structure. Ms. Sawyer, the owner, pulled a permit on October 13, 2017 for shoring up the walls and repositioning a fence. On January 11, 2018 Code Enforcement sent a letter to Ms. Sawyer and notified her that she had three months to show substantial completion of the project.

Mr. Mattis stated they would wait until April 13th and if significant progress was not made, they would assemble a meeting of the Building Standards Commission and have them make a ruling.

NEW BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Elgin, Texas, Amending Chapter 26, Revised Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Elgin, Texas (2013 Edition); Creating The Office Of The City Marshal; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions; Including A Severability Clause; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Council Member Penson moved to approve as presented. Council Member Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

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2. Consideration of Establishing a Municipal Court Security Committee and Possible Appointments Thereto

Council Member Penson moved to approve establishing a Municipal Court Security Committee and appoint Judge Amanda Carter as standing Chairman, position of Police Chief, Patrick South, and appoint to the board the Court Clerk Yadi Duque, Bailiff Position Kenneth King, and Council Members Daniel Lopez, Susie Arreaga and Mary Penson representing the City Council. Council Member Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

3. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEMORIALIZING THE FINANCING PLAN FOR ACQUISITION AND POSSIBLE DISBURSEMENT OF THE HIDDEN OAKS HIGHWAY 290 PROPERTY AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Council Member Thomas moved to approve the MOU with the City of Elgin EDC. Council Member Lopez seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

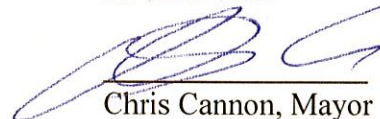
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Bega mentioned a community cleanup on Saturday at Memorial Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:59 p.m.

APPROVED



Chris Cannon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary