

**MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, May 15, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Chris Cannon

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

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Michael Gonzalez, Director Parks and Rec.
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Gary Cooke, Planning Director

INVOCATION

Council Member Thomas gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cannon recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance Regarding Parkland Dedication or Fee In Lieu of.
With no one wishing to speak on this item Mayor Cannon opened the second Public Hearing.
2. Public Hearing on an Amendment regarding Driveways and Sidewalks.

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With no one wishing to speak on this item Mayor Cannon closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. and entered back into the Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cannon opened Public Comments.

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

Mayor Cannon moved to New Business item #6 on the agenda.

**A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING
RESULTS OF THE CITY OF ELGIN GENERAL ELECTION, May 5, 2018**

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Resolution certifying the election. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of the Certificates of Election
2. Swearing in of the May 5, 2018 General Election Newly Elected and Unopposed Council Members

Mayor Cannon presented the Certificates of Election and Judge Amanda Carter administered the Oath of Office to the Council Members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Review and Discussion of the Second Quarter Investment Report.
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director provided the Second Quarter Investment Report.

2. General Activity Report and/or Project Update.
City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that the City Council retreat was scheduled for May 19th at the Elgin Rec Center, and that the Rec Center was on schedule, with a soft opening on the 24th and the grand opening on the 29th. He also stated that the Chamber mixer would be held there as well on May 31st, with June 1st opening of the Rec Center.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, SECTION 36-370 CODE OF ORDINANCES (2013 EDITION), CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REGARDING PARKLAND DEDICATION AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Ordinance as presented authorizing amending parkland dedication requirements and fees for future residential development projects and additional direction to staff by Council if needed regarding same. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-233, 46-265, 46-303, AND 46-304 REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE

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

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, , CODE OF ORDINANCES (2013 EDITION), CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REGARDING PARKLAND USER FEES; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

4. Review, Discussion, And Possible Direction To Staff Regarding The Brenham/Central Drainage Improvements Phase 2 Project - Councilmember Gonzalez

Mayor Cannon asked Mayor Pro Tem if he wanted to open the discussion and then have Mr. Nash speak on the item. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that some might be aware of the Brenham Street drainage project that was to be in two phases and that phase one was completed in early 2017. He stated that he thought phase two was funded but was told by the City Manager that it was not but that a grant had been applied for it, but denied and now are applying again. The city would not know until the end of the summer if the grant would be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez spoke about the last rain we had that almost flooded a home, and that this project needed to be completed.

Mr. Freddie Nash, 222 Kennedy Street, spoke and stated that he was concerned about drainage in the area and had done foundation work to his house more than once.

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He stated it was sad for families 4 or 5 blocks from downtown to evacuate during rains. He stated he had spoken to Council before about this and would like to see something done to fix the problem.

City Manager Thomas Mattis spoke and stated that there were some funds available for some projects like this but not for all projects. He stated that Council could give priority to projects with the money that is available, but other projects could not get done. He stated there needed to be discussion about this project before voting as there seemed to be some confusion about what this project is. He stated what is planned for phase two is to re-channel an area (as shown on map) to provide a more effective flow and comes under Central Avenue. He stated that the biggest part of the project would be to take out the culverts and replace with two big culverts to improve the flow of water through that intersection. He stated that a lot of the ditch area was all private property and the city had no easement there, but that the city had acquired some property as you get closer to Brenham so that made it problematic, with the ditch line coming under some of the structures that are private property. Mr. Mattis stated that engineering had been done and it was ready to build the channelization that would create a freer flow of the water, but it would not provide relief for the residents on Kennedy Street, and probably make it worse.

After some discussion Mr. Mattis suggested going through the grant application period and bring it back once some information is received for discussion on fixing the whole problem, other than just phase two.

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS ALL OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09-19-16 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 2017; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE ORDINANCES AND RULES OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Beyer recommended checking out the art studio this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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APPROVED



Chris Cannon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary