

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Mary Penson, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Juan Gonzalez, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Michael Gonzalez, Parks Director
Amy Miller, Community
David Harrell, Planning Director
Patrick South, Chief of Police

INVOCATION

Council Member Brashar gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 46 Zoning, Article I in General; Chapter 46 Zoning, Article IV Zoning District Regulations, Division 2 – R-1 Single Family Dwelling District; Chapter 46 Zoning, Article IV Zoning District Regulations, Division 3 – R-2 Single Family Dwelling and Duplex Dwelling District; Chapter 46 Zoning, Article IV Zoning District Regulations, Division 4 – R-3 Single Family Dwelling District; Chapter 46 Zoning, Article V Supplementary District Regulations, Division 2 – Open Space; and Chapter 46 Zoning,

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Article V Supplementary District Regulations, Division 5 – Off Street Automobile and Vehicular Parking and Loading; and Providing for a Savings Clause and Repealing Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions.

Mayor Ramirez opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. With no one wishing to speak Mayor Ramirez closed the Public Hearing at 7:05

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Nava spoke and stated that he wanted to introduce himself to the Mayor and Council and speak about the services the resource center would be providing. He stated that they would be assisting with utility bills as well as having a nurse for free health screenings, an on-site counselor as well as providing bag lunches daily.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Ramirez read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Jones.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Update on the Poth Building Renovation Project and Related Matters

City Manager Thomas Mattis provided the Council with an update on the Poth Building renovation project.

2. Discussion and Possible Direction to staff regarding Potential Neighborhood Traffic & Safety Upgrades at certain locations throughout the city.

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that this item was four different areas intown where there had been traffic and safety upgrades discussed and had gotten very good feedback from Council and individual viewpoints had been shared with the staff and these proposals. He said he had spoken to the Mayor and asked if he could wait until the next meeting to give staff time to assemble those comments and provide a more detailed report on the 19th. He stated no action was needed on this item.

3. General Activity Report and/or Project Update.

City Manager Thomas Mattis spoke about Covid-19 and that things were changing rapidly with significant spikes and that there were eight employees that tested positive in the last week.

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He stated that the library would have to go back to curbside services and continue virtual programming. He stated that operationally the city was still conducting business with not any negative feedback from the public. Mr. Mattis stated that operationally the city may be looking at staying at this level of Covid response until there is a wider distribution of the vaccine. Mr. Mattis recommended having the next couple of Council meetings virtually.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2020.

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE I IN GENERAL; CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2 – R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT; CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3 – R-2 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND DUPLEX DWELLING DISTRICT; CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 4 – R-3 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT; CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2 – OPEN SPACE; AND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5. – OFF STREET AUTOMOBILE AND VEHICULAR PARKING AND LOADING; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES FOR ALL CITY ACCOUNTS WITH THE CITY BANK DEPOSITORY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF ELGIN, TEXAS.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Distribution of Community Non-Profit Support Funding as included in the FY2020-21 Annual Operating Budget

Council Member Gonzalez moved to accept the fiscal year 2021 ranking and recommended funding as presented. Council Member Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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Mayor Ramirez stated that they would go into Executive Session for items 4 and 5 and come back and take action.

Mayor Ramirez convened into Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: To Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee To-Wit: Possible Interim Appointment(S) to Vacant Ward 3 Council Seat(S).

RECONVENE

Mayor Ramirez reconvened into the regular meeting at 9:06 pm.

4. Discussion of and/or Possible Action on Interim Appointment(S) to vacant Ward 3 City Council Seat(S).

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to appoint Thomas Ibis and Alvis Prince for the interim Ward 3 seats. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Appointment/Re-Appointment of Members to various City Commissions, Boards, and/or Committees including the Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustments, Library Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board of Directors, Historic Review Board, Main Street Board of Directors, and Building Standards Commission.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there were three people that wanted to be re-appointed to the Board of Adjustments.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to re-appoint Franklin Boettcher, Ruby Simms, and Shifton McShan to the Board of Adjustments. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there were no re-appointments, vacancies or applications to the Building Standards Committee.

Council Member Penson moved to approve that there were no re-appointments, vacancies or applications. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Bryan Bracewell and Molly Alexander wanted to be re-appointed to the Economic Development Corporation Board. He stated that Mayor Pro Tem Brashar would like to be re-appointed Council Member Dennis would like to be appointed.

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Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to approve the re-appointments, and to appoint Council Member Dennis. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Robert Ryland would like to be re-appointed to the Historic Review Board and that there were two vacancies. He suggested Barry Barker and Sherry Richardson.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to re-appoint Robert Ryland and appoint Barry Barker and Sherry Richardson. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there were three vacancies on the Library Advisory Board and suggested Yenifer Ibarra, Janet Gudenkauf, and Jordan Brunes.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the appointments of Yenifer Ibarra, Janet Gudenkauf, and Jordan Brunes. Council Member Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Theresa McShan, Stacy Wilhite and Marla Jensen would like to be re-appointed to the Main Street Board, and that there were two vacancies and suggested Sarah Gudenkauf and Monica Nava.

Council Member Bega moved to approve the re-appointments of Theresa McShan, Stacy Wilhite and Marla Jensen, and appoint Sarah Gudenkauf and Monica Nava to the Main Street Board. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Sonya Rangel would like to be re-appointed to the Parks Board and that there were four vacancies. He suggested Carlos Gandia, Cara Farnsworth, Katherine Salmon and Randall Krapf.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the re-appointment of Sonya Rangel and the appointments of Carlos Gandia, Cara Farnsworth, Katherine Salmon and Randall Krapf. Council Member Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there were four members that would like to be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Antonio Preet, Dorothy McCarthur, Jason Tatum and David Langford.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to approve the re-appointments of Antonio Preet, Dorothy McCarthur, Jason Tatum and David Langford. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Mayor Ramirez stated that there were four members that would like to be re-appointed to the Municipal Court Security Commission, Amanda Carter, Patrick South, Yadi Duque and Susie Arreaga, and that Sue Brashar and Alvis Prince would be nominated.

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Council Member Penson moved to approve the re-appointment of Amanda Carter, Patrick South, Yadi Duque and Susie Arreaga and the appointments of Sue Brashar and Alvis Prince. Council Member Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

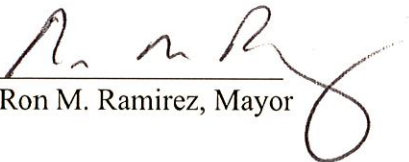
Mayor Pro Tem Brashar amended the motion to include appointing Charles Stone to the Municipal Court Security Commission. Council Member Dennis seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Penson mentioned that there was a virtual MLK walk on January 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:20 pm.


Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary