

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
JUNE 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Arthur Gibson, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Mathew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez stated there was a quorum and that Council Member Dennis was not present.
Council Member Dennis arrived at 6:38 pm

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Pamela Sanders, HR Director
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Chris Noble, Police Chief

INVOCATION

Council Member Bega gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

Mayor Ramirez stated that typically the Public Hearing would be next, but they would come back to that after 7:00pm and would now move to Public Comments.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Trevino spoke and stated that from 2019 until now the spending was not showing up on paperwork and they were not getting answers and asked if they needed to keep doing their own investigations and finding out more stuff. She stated that her investigation included local news channels to figure out what is going on here.

Stephanie Lippke spoke and stated that the Council consider this a formal and final complaint on continuing issues with new red flags. She stated that the City Manager failed to comply with several public information requests and that the Attorney General had ruled that the city must release former Chief Patrick South's location services and had failed to do so. She stated another concern were severely erroneous quarterly financial statements and that the first and second quarter 2021 quarterly investment reports in their packet had been revised but were just figures added back to make final numbers add up right. She stated that the fourth quarter 2019 financials do not match the first quarter 2020 financials and that this is where goes off the rails. She stated that this has been happening for years and the report is riddled with date typos as well as millions of dollars missing, and no one noticed. She stated that the auditors missed all of this, and these were poor financial reports that need to be fixed. She stated that they were requesting an external independent investigation to City Manager Tom Mattis's actions for mismanagement and failure to maintain accurate financial records and failure to comply with order to release public information by Texas law and the Attorney General and overall mismanagement and actions unbecoming a City Manager. She stated that voters could petition the recall of City Council Members who refuse to take action over the serious issues they have presented for over a year.

PRESENTATION

1. Winter Storm Appreciation Letters – Mayor Ramirez

Mayor Ramirez read the names of citizens that were nominated for their help during the winter freeze and stated there was certificate of appreciation for each person.

Recognized were the following: Michael Gonzalez and team, Monica Nava, Dodie Navejas, Tom Mattis, Amy Miller, Elizabeth Marzec, Guillermo Nieavas, Donna Snowdon, David Glass, Sue Beckwith, Molly and Gary Alexander, Roland Nava, John Smith, Veronica and Brad Seever, Steph, Tiffany, and Deklan Finley, Erin and Zack Tatro, Charlotte Swenson, Tim Swenson, Lysa Hillestad and Danny Geer.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Revised Quarterly Investment Reports – 1st And 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Charles Cunningham, Finance Director presented the Revised Quarterly Investment Reports, 1st and 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-21

Mayor Ramirez stated they would move back to the Public Hearing as it was after 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Elgin, Texas Adopted in Chapter 46, Section 46-3, Revised Code of Ordinances, City of Elgin, Texas, 2013 and Making this Amendment a Part of said Official Zoning Map, To Wit: To Rezone as R-3 Single Family, Two Family, And Industrialized Housing District, the Property being Approximately 0.48 Acres of Land and being Described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and Providing a Savings Clause and Repealing Conflicting Ordinances and Resolutions.

Deyanita. Rocha, the property owner, spoke and stated this property had been in her family for a long time, from her grandfather to her father, who had built the home that was there now, to her uncle and now to her. She stated she was a single mom of four children and wanted to make the house a little bigger for her family and to keep the property in the family. She stated she was told she could not do that because the property is zoned commercial, and she would need to zone it back to residential.

2. Public Hearing on a Specific Use Permit for the Continuation and Enlargement of a Childcare Center at Property Located at 1512 & 1520 N. Ave. C (FM 1100).

Jackie Mabry, the property owner spoke and stated she opened in 2004 and was given five-year permits for specific use, but that she owned the property next door with each lot being over an acre. She stated that she decided that if she wanted to enlarge, she should go ahead and do the specific use permit for both at the same time. She stated that with all the city growth more daycare centers would be needed so she thought she should go bigger, which is why she was trying to include both properties to have enough land to do that if she chose to.

NEW BUSINESS

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS ADOPTED IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-3, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, 2013 AND MAKING THIS AMENDMENT A PART OF SAID OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO WIT: TO REZONE AS R-3 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, THE PROPERTY BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.4800 ACRES OF LAND AND BEING DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

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3. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE CONTINUATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF A CHILDCARE CENTER AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1512 AND 1520 N. AVENUE C (ELGIN WEST COUNTRYSIDE, LOT 10, ACRES 1.105 & LOT 11, ACRES 1.076), CITY OF ELGIN, BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS BEING MORE DISCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to grant the special use permit with the stipulation to not include limitations on the lot as proposed. Council Member Ibis seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

2. Presentation of the Proposed 2021 City of Elgin Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that this was an update as it is every year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and copies would be available to the public and would be posted on the city website. Mr. Mattis provided a presentation of the Proposed 2021 City of Elgin Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

3. General Activity Report and/or Project Update.

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that on the Budget Adoption Schedule there was a planned work session next Tuesday but had since been asked by the EISD Superintendent to meet in a joint work session with the school board next Tuesday, so they would be rescheduling the five-year capital plan work session. Mr. Mattis spoke about a City Council planning retreat now that a new Council is seated after the election, so they would be working on scheduling that and hoping to do it before the budget presentation in August. Mr. Mattis mentioned that the city was implementing the neighborhood traffic and safety projects that the Council had been discussing for a while. He stated that changes had been made on Avenue A and new stop signs at Houston and Madison were up, with barricades on order for Ramirez as well as signage.

Mr. Mattis mentioned that the General Activity Report is on every agenda to give Council Members an opportunity to ask questions about anything.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular and Special Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2021, and May 17, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to approve the Consent Agenda with two typo corrections provided to the City Secretary. Council Member Dennis seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

1. Election of the Mayor Pro-Tem by City Council.

Council Member Callahan moved to nominate Council Member Ibis as Mayor Pro Tem. There was no second. Motion failed. Council Member Dennis moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem

Brashar. Council Member Maldonado seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Council Member Callahan voting no.

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Council Member Dennis moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Arreaga seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY "COUNTY" TO SUPPORT THE 9-1-1 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DATABASE MANAGEMENT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A MASTER SIGNAGE PLAN FOR WALMART LOCATED AT 1320 W. U.S. HIGHWAY 290 (FRONTIER CROSSING SUBDIVISION, LOT 1, ACRES 17.9877).

Council Member Bega moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Maldonado seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Council Member Callahan voting no.

7. County Line Road Safety – Councilmember Ibis

Council Member Ibis stated that at the approaching the northern end of the city limits there are still no speed limit signs after the high school going north on County Line Road. He stated that there needed to be speed limit signs on northbound County Line Road as there have been crashes into the neighborhood at the entrance to Eagles Landing. He stated he knew there was some of these developer funds and the city got grant money for sidewalks further south on County Line Road and some of his neighbors and he wondered what options there are with those funds and what kind of safety improvements can be made. This item was for discussion only and no action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Miller reminded everyone about the sidewalk sale on Saturday.

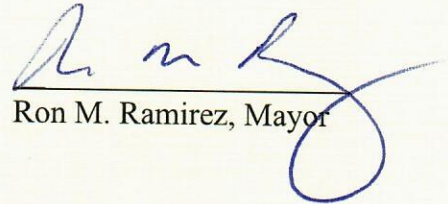
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:05 pm.

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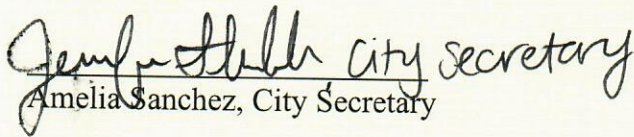
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Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary