MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
January 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member

Absent: Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez stated Mayor Pro Tem Brashar, Mr. Dennis and Ms. Arreaga would not be in attendance. Mr. Gibson made a motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Brashar, Mr. Dennis, and Ms. Arreaga. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. Mayor Ramirez stated there was a quorum.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Mysty Nauck, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Pamela Sanders, HR Director
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Beau Perry, City Engineer
David Harrell, Dev. Services Director
Owen Rock, ED Director

INVOCATION

Mayor Ramirez provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramirez led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grant Hennig, 1116 Robin Road, thanked the Council for their service and recommended postponing this Council meeting as there is nothing pressing.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Introduction Of New Hires Oct – Jan

Ms. Sanders introduced the new employees.

2. 1st Qtr FY2022 Investment Report

Ms. Nauck provided comments and answered questions of the Council.

3. Monthly Reports By Department

Mr. Mattis stated that the Rec Center is closed this week and there are two free COVID testing sites. One is located at Walmart and the other at ACC.

4. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

There was no discussion on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2022

The item passed on the consent agenda.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRC ENGINEERS INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO COUNTY LINE ROAD WIDENING PHASE II PROJECT; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRC ENGINEERS INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PISTOL HILL

WATER STORAGE TANK AND BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, APPROVING AND SUPPORTING A PROPOSAL FOR CERTAIN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BASTROP CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

The resolution was removed from the consent agenda and moved to the top of new business.

Ms. Bega made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-3. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, APPROVING AND SUPPORTING A PROPOSAL FOR CERTAIN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BASTROP CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Mattis stated this is a building expansion project and the request for funds is divided amongst the cities within Bastrop County. Bastrop County must receive approval from each entity. This is not currently in the city's budget for this year. Mr. Ibis made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Callahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN RETAIL WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM THE AQUA WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mayor Ramirez invited Ms. Lippke up the podium. Ms. Lippke, 1112 N. Main, stated we have a zero-sum budget and asked where we get this money. Ms. Lippke asked where we make up the funds and asked why we are bailing Aqua water out. She stated if the Council approves this tonight, this means that the project is already behind. Ms. Lippke stated this project was not planned for and more bonds will be needed to pay for this infrastructure.

Mr. Mattis stated that this will help manage the growth and that this is the master agreement on how the city can achieve this. Mr. Mattis stated that this does not commit to any costs, and it is important to move forward in a timely manner. He stated this agreement only spells out the terms and conditions. Mr. Perry stated this has taken a long time and makes sense from an engineering standpoint. Discussion followed. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AQUA WSC MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE HOMESTEAD ESTATES WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM AQUA WSC TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated these are amendments to the original agreement. He stated that Homestead has purchased more land for new homes to build. Discussion followed. Mr. Ibis made a motion to approve the resolution with the exception to that this item be brought back to the Council. Mr. Callahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AQUA WSC MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE HARVEST RIDGE MUD WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM AQUA WSC TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated Harvest Ridge is a MUD. He stated Harvest Ridge has already decided on an agreement with Aqua Water. Mr. Mattis stated the impact fees are used for upgrades and access to the system. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AQUA WSC MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE ELGIN BUSINESS PARK III WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM AQUA WSC TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated this is the donut hole property that was developed into the business park. He stated this is city owned property that is designed for future expansion of the business park. Discussion followed. Mr. Callahan made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Bega seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AQUA WSC MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE LARSON TRACT PDD WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM AQUA WSC TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated this is on the Northside of FM 1100. This concept plan is annexed and the PDD will be coming to Council soon. Mr. Maldonado made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

7. RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF THE ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND WISEPADS LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT

Mr. Rock stated this is for 200 multi-family units on a 5-acre tract of land. He stated the EDC voted unanimously. He answered additional questions of the Council. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

8. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND SUSTAINMENT FUNDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF ELGIN TO BECOME A PARTNER CITY WITH THE AUSTIN REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (ARIC).

Chief Noble stated this allows cities to participate in communications with one another. He stated we are one of the last cities to participate. Mayor Ramirez stated that this is a step in the right direction. Discussion followed. Mr. Ibis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Discussion And Possible Direction To Staff Regarding The Distribution Of Community Non-Profit Support Funding As Included In The FY2021-22 Annual Operating Budget

Mr. Mattis stated this is an annual item that approves funding to support Non-profits. He stated an Ad Hoc committee was formed to go through the applications and make selections. Discussion followed. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the recommended figures as presented and discussed. Mr. Ibis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

10. 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

Joseph McCarron, 306 E. Brenham Street, stated that he was surprised to see this on the agenda before the February meeting. He stated he believes strongly that it is time to update the Boards Ordinance. He stated some Board members have served on the board for many years, some members are Council members, and members are not required to live within the city limits. He stated he worked with Ms. Paris to draft an ordinance that will increase transparency, inclusivity, and civic engagement within the City of Elgin.

Courtenay Paris, 506 Lexington Rd, stated she thinks the community is growing and we should support those who want to serve. She provided a rough draft of an Ordinance for the Boards and Commissions. She stated that she wanted the members to live within the city limits and limit households to one seat per resident.

Mayor Ramirez stated this item was to provide a brief update on the Boards and Commissions. Mr. Mattis stated that the EDC bylaws are required to have two Council members serve on their board. Discussion followed. Ms. Bega made a motion to table the item. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The Council agreed to look at some dates for a worksession.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting at any time during the meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on the agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Ramirez stated the Council would not be retiring into Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ramirez stated that Elgin supports the City of Bastrop during this time. Mr. Mattis reminded of the COVID clinics open 7 days a week 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary