

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2016 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jeff Tambrella
Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett
Councilmember Pat McCrary
Councilmember Joe Carothers
Councilmember Charles Coleman
Councilmember Corey Jannett
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

- a. The minutes of 3/10/16 were approved as presented.
- b. Congratulations were extended to the Bayou Animal Services for their coordinated effort resulting in the recent animal seizure activity at the feed store on Hwy. 6

Citizens' Comments: Mr. Rusty Schroeder addressed Council to inquire about a Go Fund Me account for animal expenses.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Consideration and possible action:** Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Highway Commercial (HC) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 1.68 acres located at 4700 Avenue L, being part of Outlot 237 (237-7), Alta Loma Outlots, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas
Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this request is for a zone change from HC to R1 in order for this property to be subdivided for residential use for Santa Fe Fire and Rescue's Fire Chief Tommy Anderson's children to build homes. She said this property was zoned highway commercial originally because it was part of a larger lot fronting the highway. The property now fronts on Ave. L with no highway frontage. Public water and sewer is available and the Planning and Zoning unanimously

recommended approval. Mayor Tambrella opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. and closed the public hearing upon no comments. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Highway Commercial (HC) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 1.68 acres located at 4700 Avenue L, being part of Outlot 237 (237-7), Alta Loma Outlots, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Awarding bid and authorizing execution of agreement for walking trail upgrades at the Joe A. Tambrella park

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said she has had difficulty getting bids for this project at the park, but we now have five companies that have submitted bids for these upgrades. She said the current walking trail is 4 feet wide with a combination of crushed granite and red cinder. The plastic edging has buckled in some places and this has caused a tripping hazard. Staff is proposing to remove the edging and widen the trail from 4 feet to 6 feet for \$19,166. Ms. Steelquist said the area adjacent to the trail will be easier to mow even though the crushed granite would need to be replaced periodically without a border. City Manager Joe Dickson said this is a safe method and should serve the purpose for several years. Staff can stay on top of maintenance until we decide to look at it again. Councilmember Coleman said he prefers that we wait until we have enough funds to asphalt the trail so we have reduced maintenance issues. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to award the bid for walking trail upgrades at the Joe A. Tambrella park to Whatley's Asphalt Paving for crushed granite in the amount of \$19,166 and to authorize execution of an agreement for the project. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution finding that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application for approval to amend its distribution cost recovery factor pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.243 and to reconcile Docket No. 44572 revenues to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel

City Manager Joe Dickson said legal counsel for the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities has suggested we adopt this resolution denying CenterPoint Energy's application for an annual rate increase for over \$49 million the first year and over 60.5 million each year thereafter. The Coalition will then review the Company's filing and identify adjustments that should be made to their request. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to adopt the resolution finding that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application for approval to amend its distribution cost recovery factor pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.243 and to reconcile Docket No. 44572 revenues to increase distribution rates within the

city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Discuss hiring process for Public Safety Director and authorize execution of a recruitment selection agreement with outside consulting service

City Manager Joe Dickson said Chief Campbell has resigned from his position effective May 6 and has accepted a position with the City of Nassau Bay. This item is to discuss the process Council wishes to use to recruit and select a new Chief. Mr. Dickson said a former chief retired from the profession has offered to help us with the search or help us in the interim. We also have a proposal for \$9,500 from an outside consultant to handle the recruitment and selection process. Mr. Dickson said he feels staff and volunteer help from the law enforcement professionals in the community can handle this process in house. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to use the in-house process, with volunteer help, to search, recruit, and select a candidate for Public Safety Director. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.072, Government Code, to discuss the value of the real property at 4925 Main Street, Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, under Section 551.072, Government Code, to discuss the value of the real property at 4925 Main Street, Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas, and reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Announcements: None

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary