

# CITY OF SANTA FE

City Council Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2009  
Council Chambers at 7:00 PM  
12002 HWY 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ralph Stenzel  
Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett  
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella  
Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
Councilmember Pam Schwertner  
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.

The minutes of 1/8/09 and 1/22/09 were approved as presented.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution supporting and endorsing the efforts of the Santa Fe SETH-DMA Housing, LLC to obtain HOME Funding and Housing Tax Credits to construct Heritage Crossing at the northwest corner of 11th Street and FM 646 and to act on the city's behalf to apply for TDHCA HOME funds for Heritage Crossing  
Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said we have received a resolution request from SETH and DMA Housing Development Co. to build and develop a 76 unit senior housing project at FM 646 N and 11th Street on this 4.75 acre site. This project will also house a community room, media room, library, laundry facilities, and a fitness room. The entrance to the project will be on 11th Street behind the Big Chief Shopping Center. Prior to development, the project will need a zone change to multi-family and probably a variance for some parking requirements. A large portion of the site will be used for drainage and detention. This resolution in support of the project will allow the developers to apply for tax credits and HOME funds. The

construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 with the units available by 2011. There is a growing need for affordable senior housing in our community, and staff supports this project as a positive impact on the community. City Manager Joe Dickson introduced Ms. Diana McIver, President of DMA Housing, and Mr. Ron Williams and Mrs. Winnie Corsaro of SETH. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adopt the resolution supporting and endorsing the efforts of the Santa Fe SETH-DMA Housing, LLC to obtain HOME Funding and Housing Tax Credits to construct Heritage Crossing at the northwest corner of 11th Street and FM 646 and to act on the city's behalf to apply for TDHCA HOME funds for Heritage Crossing. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution establishing park rules for the Joe A. Tambrella Park, establishing enforcement authority, and establishing the intent to prosecute criminal mischief, vandalism, nuisance violations, and the abuse of the facilities  
Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the Joe A. Tambrella Park, located next to the library, is growing in popularity with its 2 pavilions, walking trail, and restrooms. Increased use brings vandalism, criminal mischief, and nuisance issues, such as dogs running loose. This resolution would establish hours the park is available for enjoyment, among other rules, and provides for enforcement authority by city staff. City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego recommended that if we move forward with this resolution establishing rules and informing the public, then we should establish criminal consequences by ordinance to enforce violations of activities not allowed but not covered under the state law. Councilmember Schwertner suggested that we adopt rules and apply them to all parks owned by the city rather than have a different set of rules for each park. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adopt the resolution establishing park rules for the Joe A. Tambrella Park, establishing enforcement authority, and establishing the intent to prosecute criminal mischief, vandalism, nuisance violations, and the abuse of the facilities. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Park and Recreation Board for a two-year term to expire February, 2011  
Councilmember Services Director Diana Steelquist said there are seven members of the Park Board and each member serves a two-year term. There are three members up for reappointment, Joe A. Tambrella, Ronnie Schultz, and Lori Ward, and they are all very involved in the park activities and are interested in continuing to serve. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to reappoint Joe A. Tambrella, Ronnie Schultz, and Lori Ward to serve on the Park and Recreation Board for a two-year term to expire February, 2011. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution ordering the General City Officers' Election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, and establishing procedures for the election  
City Manager Joe Dickson said the positions of Mayor, Council Place 2, and Council Place 3 are up for election on May 9, 2009. This resolution orders the election and establishes procedures for the election. Staff is proposing the use of only electronic voting machines this year with paper ballots being used only for mail ballots. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Darden to adopt the resolution ordering the General City Officers' Election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, and establishing procedures for the election. The motion

passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving a Joint Election Contract between the City and Santa Fe Independent School District

City Manager Joe Dickson said this resolution approving a joint election contract with the school is the same as last year. Conducting a joint election last year was very successful, convenient for the voters, and cost effective for the two entities. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adopt the resolution approving a Joint Election Contract between the City and Santa Fe Independent School District. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Mark Kilroy Foundation Dinner on Saturday, February 14. Blood Drive at the Mae S. Bruce Library on Friday, February 13, between 12 and 4:30 p.m. Councilmember Schwertner announced that over 60 seniors attended the valentine social and luncheon yesterday at the Webber Center.

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

The Charter Review Commission and the City Council will hold a joint workshop on Monday, February 16 at 6 p.m. at the Webber Center to discuss proposed charter amendments.

Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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