

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012      6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Ralph Stenzel Mayor Pro-tem Jim Abney Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Jeff Tambrella City Manager Joe Dickson City Secretary Janet L. Davis
	Absent:	Councilmember Bubba Jannett, excused Councilmember Pat McCrary, excused City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Business:

**a. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance ordering a Special Election to be held on May 12, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, a proposition for the issuance of public improvement bonds for various purposes; and making other provisions related to the subject**

City Manager Joe Dickson explained that staff met with the architecture firm, Brinkley Sargent, who specializes in public safety building designs. They said our proposed building would cost about \$7,000,000, which is the original estimate of \$6.6M plus about another \$350,000 for technology and related equipment specific to police departments. Mr. Dickson said our financial advisor has estimated that a \$5M bond would increase the tax rate by 7 cents and a \$7M bond would increase the tax rate by about 9.75 cents. He said Brinkley Sargent will refine the proposed budget for our building, taking into account that we are considering a metal building with a brick façade and have already done some of the survey and topography work. Mr. Dickson said we do not have a revised proposal for a total bond tonight. Our deadline to call a special election is Monday, March 5. Police Chief Kenneth Campbell briefly discussed the technology needs for the new facility, including a computer server, fiber, transfer of data, card-activated security, poplocks on jail doors, etc. Councilmember Tambrella elaborated on the estimated costs of technology infrastructure needed in a new building. Mr. Dickson asked Council what tax rate they would feel comfortable supporting for this bond proposition, and the consensus was more bond money than previously but less of a tax increase than previously. A tax rate in the neighborhood of about 8 cents could be supported. Motion by Councilmember Abney, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to table this item until a special meeting can be called for Monday, March 5. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**b. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Termination Notice to RBC Capital Markets Corporation for financial advisory services for bond obligations**

City Manager Joe Dickson said that John Robuck has been our financial advisor for the previous proposed bond obligations. He said Mr. Robuck has changed companies from RBC to BOSC, so if we want to continue working with him we need to terminate this agreement with RBC and enter into a new agreement. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to authorize the Mayor to execute the Termination Notice to RBC Capital Markets Corporation for financial advisory services for bond obligations. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**c. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with BOSC, Inc. for financial advisory services for bond obligations**

Motion by Councilmember Abney, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with BOSC, Inc. for financial advisory services for bond obligations. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary