

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2012 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 Ralph Stenzel.

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

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: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to advertise and solicit bids for sewer rehabilitation funded by TDRA CDBG Disaster Recovery Non-Entitlement Grant Program Contract No. DRS 010168

City Manager Joe Dickson said this \$2.7 million project is for 4765 linear feet of sewer rehab. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids for sewer rehabilitation funded by TDRA CDBG Disaster Recovery Non-Entitlement Grant Program Contract No. DRS 010168. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Approval of City of Santa Fe, Texas, Fair Housing Activity Statement -- Texas

City Manager Joe Dickson said we are required to have a fair housing ordinance in order to be eligible to receive CDBG Round 2 monies and this activity statement is the first step in developing those regulations. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to approve the City of Santa Fe, Texas, Fair Housing Activity Statement – Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule II in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to add a stop sign on South Elm at Cedar

Public Safety Director Kenneth Campbell said there is an unprotected intersection at this location on Elm at Cedar and it was brought to staff's attention that it was not safe. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Abney to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule II in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to add a stop sign on South Elm at Cedar and to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule III in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to remove a stop sign on South Elm at 8th Street from the inventory list and to add a stop sign on South Elm at Fir

Public Safety Director Kenneth Campbell said there was some confusion when the stop sign was placed on Elm in 2003 due to the offset in the road intersection. Staff is requesting to clean up the ordinance to reflect the actual location of the signs. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule III in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to remove a stop sign on South Elm at 8th Street from the inventory list and to add stop sign on South Elm at Fir and to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule III and Schedule II in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D and Subsection C, respectively, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to move two-way stop sign locations on 3rd St. at Peck from Schedule III to the four-way stop sign inventory known as Schedule II and to add stop signs on Peck at 3rd Street

Public Safety Director Kenneth Campbell said he received a petition from residents in the area requesting a four-way stop intersection at Peck and 3rd Street. They said the traffic on Peck increased with construction of the Family Dollar and they have requested additional stop signs on Peck at 3rd. Motion by Councilmember Abney, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory – Schedule III and Schedule II in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 2, Subsection D and Subsection C, respectively, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, to move two-way stop sign locations on 3rd St. at Peck from Schedule III to the four-way stop sign inventory known as Schedule II and to add stop signs on Peck at 3rd Street and to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Code of Ordinances, Section 2, Traffic Control Devices, Subsection G, by designating a portion of Avenue S as one way in the southbound direction during school days, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Director Kenneth Campbell said he, the City Manager, and the Street Superintendent were invited to a meeting with school officials regarding the traffic congestion Avenue S by Wollam Elementary. Several suggestions were entertained, some very costly and not feasible, and it was determined that the

most realistic option was to make this road one way in the southbound direction on school days during certain hours. The school would be responsible for notifying the public about the new traffic flow plan. Chief Braun said they plan to send letters and emails, make phone calls, and erect signage to educate the public. This is in an effort to relieve congestion and allow homeowners in the area easier access to their homes. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Code of Ordinances, Section 2, Traffic Control Devices, Subsection G, by designating a portion of Avenue S as one way in the southbound direction during school days, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011

City Manager Joe Dickson said staff is requesting to move funds from administration to community services to purchase a new large format printer. He said formal Council action is required to amend the budget to move funds from department to department. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 12, 2012, and establishing procedures for the election

City Manager Joe Dickson said this resolution calls the election for May 12, 2012. He said February 4 is the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot and March 5 is the last day. Early voting will be held at City Hall from April 30 to May 8 with extended early voting hours on April 30 and May 1. Staff is also requesting to move the election day polling place to City Hall from the Santa Fe Jr. High School cafeteria since the school has moved their elections to November and we will not be conducting a joint election. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 12, 2012, and establishing procedures for the election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Mayor Stenzel and Councilmember Tambrella announced they will seek re-election in May. Councilmember Abney said he will not seek re-election but will be supporting Wanda Wagner who will be filing for position 2. The Kilroy Dinner is scheduled for February 11, 2012.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The next meeting is scheduled for February 9 at 7 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary