

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2009 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 Jeff Tambrella
Councilmember Bubba Jannett
Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden
Councilmember Jim Abney
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: Councilmember Joe Carothers, excused

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Abney.

Reports:

The minutes of 6/11/09 and 6/25/09 were approved as presented.

City Manager Joe Dickson presented the proposed 2009/10 general fund operating budget, inclusive of the capital improvement program and the initial budget message.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Code of Ordinances, Section 2, Traffic Control Devices, Subsection A, by updating the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways from the 1980 Edition to the 2006 Edition

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the second reading of the ordinance to update the Traffic Control Manual to the 2006 Edition. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Code of Ordinances, Section 2, Traffic Control Devices, Subsection A, by updating the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways from the 1980 Edition to the 2006 Edition. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Mae S. Bruce Library Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire July, 2011

Library Director Brenda Cheatham said this is a five-member board and the term of three members will expire this month. She said Sue Johnson, Linda Courtney, and Kim Holliday have all agreed to continue to serve for another term. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to reappoint Sue Johnson, Linda Courtney, and Kim Holliday as members to serve on the Mae S. Bruce Library Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire July, 2011. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution supporting and endorsing the application of the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force for continued grant funding

Police Captain Wayne Kessler said this resolution is to support the application of the Auto Crimes Task Force for continued grant funding. The city's match is about \$18,000 and consists of benefits for the officer assigned to the task force, fuel, and auto insurance. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Darden to adopt the resolution supporting and endorsing the application of the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force for continued grant funding. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Ratification of execution of Agreement between the City and Harris County for participation in the Southeast Texas Crime Information Center (SETCIC) to cooperate with other participants in serving outstanding criminal warrants

Court Administrator Cheryl Hopf said we began this program in 2004 as an inquiry-only agency. Our data base has finally been cleaned and we are ready to participate in this program as a full-access agency. She said our cost to participate is \$3,000 annually, \$3 to the locating agency, and 20 cents per warrant entered into the system. We will also receive \$3 if we locate someone for another agency. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Abney to ratify the execution of the Agreement between the City and Harris County for participation in the Southeast Texas Crime Information Center (SETCIC) to cooperate with other participants in serving outstanding criminal warrants. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County of Galveston to partially fund improvements to various city streets within the city limits

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Galveston County bond election included funds for street improvements in the County. Our portion of those funds will mainly be used for property acquisition for the FM 646 widening project. The remaining amount, about \$442,000, will be used to improve about four streets within the city with a good base but a poor driving surface. The streets we have identified for improvement are Avenue Q ½, Avenue T, Avenue M, and 28th Street between FM 646 S and Avenue G. This agreement will authorize release of those funds. Motion by Councilmember Abney, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County of Galveston to partially fund improvements to various city streets within the city limits. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Minutes (cont.)

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5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Temporary Easement between the City of Santa Fe and the County of Galveston for the purpose of constructing and laying pipe on 4th Street at FM 646 N in conjunction with the FM 646 Road project

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council previously approved a 10' by 500' temporary construction easement for the FM 646 N expansion project, but it is not large enough. This new easement enlarges the area to approximately 15' by 1300'. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Abney authorizing the Mayor to execute the Temporary Easement between the City of Santa Fe and the County of Galveston for the purpose of constructing and laying pipe on 4th Street at FM 646 N in conjunction with the FM 646 Road project. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Letter of Amendment to the Engineering Contract for engineering and surveying services for additional design work for the water distribution system improvements to serve the Runge Park area

Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood said the additional water line extension to the Runge Park area needs Council approval for the engineer to design this additional work. The bids for the original project came in low, so we have extra funds and are able to extend the water line further. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Darden to authorize the Mayor to execute the Letter of Amendment to the Engineering Contract for engineering and surveying services for additional design work for the water distribution system improvements to serve the Runge Park area. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: None

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

A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed bond issue and the rezoning of annexed properties. Workshops were tentatively scheduled for July 16 and August 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed general fund operating budget.

Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary