

# CITY OF SANTA FE

City Council Regular Meeting  
March 26, 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 Pam Schwertner  
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella  
Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
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.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code of Ordinances, by updating the Building Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Energy Conservation Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, Fuel Gas Code and Plumbing Code from International Codes 2003 Edition to the 2006 Edition; by deleting portions of the Electrical Code referencing the licensing of master electricians

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this will update our current International Codes from the 2003 editions to the 2006 editions. It will also remove the bond requirements for electricians because we no longer license electricians at the local level. Electricians are licensed at the state level. The codes are updated about every three years, so the 2009 editions will be coming out soon. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 3, Building Regulations, Code of Ordinances, by updating the Building Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Energy Conservation Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, Fuel Gas Code

and Plumbing Code from International Codes 2003 Edition to the 2006 Edition; by deleting portions of the Electrical Code referencing the licensing of master electricians. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 18, Supplementary Regulations to the Building Codes, amending windstorm certificate of compliance requirements for accessory buildings; providing for penalties and severability. Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said we currently exempt accessory structures with a value of \$2,000 or less from obtaining a windstorm certificate. Staff feels the value should be increased to \$3,000 before a windstorm certificate is required because inflation has increased the cost of building materials and supplies. Building Official Benny Davis said accessory structures less than 120 square feet are not required to be permitted, but they are required to meet appropriate setback requirements and they may be required to obtain windstorm certification depending upon the value of the structure. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 18, Supplementary Regulations to the Building Codes, amending windstorm certificate of compliance requirements for accessory buildings; providing for penalties and severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 5, Fire Protection, Code of Ordinances, by updating the International Fire Code (IFC) 2003 Edition to the 2006 Edition, adopting the 2006 Edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; deleting portions of the IFC Code referencing residential sprinklers; amending the powers of the Assistant Fire Marshal; allowing any law enforcement officer to confiscate illegal fireworks; having a severability clause. Fire Marshal Charlie Tuttoilmondo said this is an update of the Fire Code from the 2003 Edition to the 2006 Edition. This ordinance will also adopt the NFPA 101, used by the state, which will supplement the IFC. In addition, this ordinance will delete the requirement for sprinkler systems in residences and will authorize law enforcement officials, in addition to the Fire Marshal, to confiscate fireworks. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 5, Fire Protection, Code of Ordinances, by updating the International Fire Code (IFC) 2003 Edition to the 2006 Edition, adopting the 2006 Edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; deleting portions of the IFC Code referencing residential sprinklers; amending the powers of the Assistant Fire Marshal; allowing any law enforcement officer to confiscate illegal fireworks; having a severability clause. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of Sections 545.356 and 545.353 of the Texas Transportation Code, on certain streets and highways or parts thereof within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Fe, Texas; establishing a construction speed zone on FM 646 from the intersection of the northern edge of FM 1764 to the intersection of the northern edge of Second Street, a distance of approximately 2.3 miles to reduce the speed limit to 45 miles per hour; authorizing the installation of signage in accordance

with this ordinance; providing for the alteration of the prima facie speed limit of said street to increase to 55 miles per hour upon completion of construction; providing a penalty not to exceed \$200 for the violation of this ordinance; providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date

City Manager Joe Dickson said TxDOT has outsourced the widening project on FM 646 north of FM 1764. Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation has been contracted to prepare plans for the construction, and they have requested a reduced speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph during construction. The speed limit would return to 55 mph upon completion of the construction. The letting date for this section of FM 646 is scheduled for August, 2009. TxDOT is handling the section of FM 646 between Hwy. 6 and FM 1764 and the letting date for that portion is scheduled for 2011. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of Sections 545.356 and 545.353 of the Texas Transportation Code, on certain streets and highways or parts thereof within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Fe, Texas; establishing a construction speed zone on FM 646 from the intersection of the northern edge of FM 1764 to the intersection of the northern edge of Second Street, a distance of approximately 2.3 miles to reduce the speed limit to 45 miles per hour; authorizing the installation of signage in accordance with this ordinance; providing for the alteration of the prima facie speed limit of said street to increase to 55 miles per hour upon completion of construction; providing a penalty not to exceed \$200 for the violation of this ordinance; providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Mr. Dickson said the Public Safety Director finalists have been interviewed and he gave Council a written summary of those interviews. He will make a recommendation at the next regular meeting.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2009.

Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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