

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 13, 2010 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

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

Reports:

- a. Mayor Stenzel presented a proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to representatives of the Bay Area V-Twins Motorcycle Riders Club of Galveston County;
- b. The minutes of 4/8/10 were approved as presented; and
- c. City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the financial statement and investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2010

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Public hearing and First reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) for six tracts totaling 6.165 acres located in the 13000 block of FM 1764 described as Abstract 1, Page 10, Part of Lots 223 (223-5) and 224 (224-3), (224-4), (224-5), (224-6), & (224-7), Thamans 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said there are four property owners in the 13000 block of FM 1764 that are requesting a zone change from R1 to HC. Past rezoning requests for this area have been approved following removal of the deed restrictions for residential use only. There are two lots remaining that have not been discussed. Ms. Steelquist said Bilmar Developers, an adjacent property owner, has no objection and Mr. Dennis Fielder, who lives north of the area, voiced his concerns about uses permitted in the HC zone. Mayor Stenzel opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. and then closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. following no comments by the public. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Abney to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) for six tracts totaling 6.165 acres located in the 13000 block of FM 1764 described as Abstract 1, Page 10, Part of Lots 223 (223-5) and 224 (224-3), (224-4), (224-5), (224-6), & (224-7), Thamans 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Storm Water Management Contract to amend the FY 2010 operating budget**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the city is required to have storm water regulations and we have contracted with the health district to perform some of these tasks to avoid duplication of efforts and to share expenses. The contract amendment changes some of the personnel costs but the bottom line amount remains the same. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Storm Water Management Contract to amend the FY 2010 operating budget. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of an Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of a General City Officers' Election**

Mayor Stenzel said the responsibility of the Council is to review the returns and declare the results official. The early voting, election day, mail ballots, and qualified provisional ballots have been tallied and those returns have been summarized for Council review and acceptance. All three incumbents were unopposed. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adopt the Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of a General City Officers' Election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of an Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of a Special Election**

Mayor Stenzel said the early voting, election day, qualified provisional ballots, and mail ballots have been tallied and those returns have been summarized for Council review and acceptance. The bond proposal failed. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of a Special Election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of an Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 General Election**

Mayor Stenzel said the canvass of the election is a ministerial duty of the City Council to accept the results of the election on behalf of the drainage district who contracted with the city to conduct the election. The City Council should certify that the figures on the unofficial cumulative report correspond and have been correctly noted on the order canvassing the returns. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adopt the Order Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 General Election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire May, 2013**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the term of two members of the Commission are expiring this month and both are longtime members and willing to continue to serve. Motion by Councilmember Abney, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to reappoint Winnie Corsaro and Dorothy Bello as members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire May, 2013. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**6. 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 Chief Kenneth Campbell said this resolution supports the continuation grant application of the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force and there are no revisions and no amendments to the joint application for funding. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney 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.

Announcements: Santa Fe Area Historical Foundation second annual homes tour this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Heritage Crossing groundbreaking ceremony on property behind Big Chief on May 26 at 11 a.m. Councilmember Abney stated his disappointment in the failed bond proposal and his commitment to pursuing other avenues because our police deserve a better facility. City Secretary Janet Davis extended thanks to Mr. Carl Hallows and Ms. Sally Diaz of the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 for their help with election activities, including ballot proofing and transporting equipment and supplies.

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

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary