

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2015 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 Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Jeff Tambrella Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett Councilmember Pat McCrary Councilmember Joe Carothers Councilmember Corey Jannett Councilmember Charles Coleman 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:

a. The minutes of 9/10/15, 9/24/15, and 9/29/15 were approved as presented.

Citizens' Comments: Mr. Don Johnson, our representative to the Harris Galveston Subsidence District, presented a report of groundwater pumped by city utilities and public area water providers for 2014. Mr. John Newton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alta Loma, said they are celebrating their 120th year of ministry on November 7 and 8, 2015, between 5 and 8 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of 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 Agricultural Residential (AR) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 30.904 acres located at the west end of Maple behind the Santa Fe High School, being Abst 610, Section 20, Lots 14 thru 21, Stepchinski Unrecorded Subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the final reading of the ordinance changing the zoning district for the Meadows of Santa Fe subdivision from AR to R-1. This action reduces the lot size requirement from

10,000 sq ft to 7,500 sq ft with a 60 feet frontage. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of 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 Agricultural Residential (AR) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 30.904 acres located at the west end of Maple behind the Santa Fe High School, being Abst 610, Section 20, Lots 14 thru 21, Stepchinski Unrecorded Subdivision, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute agreement for retail recruiting services

City Manager Joe Dickson said we have been in negotiations with Retail Coach but they have rescinded their offer because they are working with the City of La Marque. He said that although La Marque has no issue with Retail Coach also working with Santa Fe because of the two different corridors, I45 and Hwy. 6, Retail Coach has stood behind their decision to not work with us at this time. Mr. Dickson said our economic development advisor, Fred Welch, said there is another company, Retail Strategies, that provides a similar service but we have not heard from them yet. He said Buxton is a larger company and are very responsive, but their fee is \$50,000 the first year, \$20,000 in year 2 and 3, and the fee is not negotiable. Mr. Welch said he will have something ready for us to take to the ICSC conference in November so we can meet with the retailers there. Councilmember Coleman said he would like to receive a proposal from Retail Strategies. He said his research shows that they all provide a similar service; however, some may be more attentive and the prices for such services varies. The consensus of Council is that we need to do something, but we do not want to just jump into something and spend that much money without being comfortable with a retail recruitment provider. Council agreed that we do not want to be in a position in the future where one company can leave the city and cripple our budget. Council consensus was to work with our economic development advisor, Mr. Welch, on a brochure for the November conference, and continue to work towards a retail recruiting strategy. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to table this item for further research. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Zoning Board of Adjustment is comprised of five regular members and two alternate members, all of whom hold office for a two-year term or until their successor is appointed. In

reviewing our records, it was noted that reappointments were not made in 2014 and the term of four members expired in July, 2015. At this time, Alternate #2 is still vacant. Staff recommends reappointment of all of the current members. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to reappoint Scott Eckenrode and Robert Watts for a one-year term to expire July, 2016, and to reappoint Jason Tabor, Johnny Morris, Mark Mazoch, and Alternate 1 member Wayne Bacot for a two-year term to expire July, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution submitting nominees for the 2016-2017 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

City Manager Joe Dickson said there are five directors on the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board and we can submit one nominee for each position. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to adopt the resolution submitting Roney McCrary, Victor Pierson, Scott Brast, Clay Morrison, and Kevin Holland as nominees for the 2016-17 Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution appointing and designating an animal control officer and an officer to act as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the city and providing for other requirements related to such appointments

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Galveston County Health District previously provided rabies control services to the city so we need transfer local authority to our new provider, Texas Animal Control Services (TACS). Mr. Scott Packard of 5722 Avenue F and the County Public Information Officer, expressed concerns about the new animal services contract. He stated that the facility was supposed to be open on October 1 but it is still not open to date. Mr. Packard also stated that the new provider has established a Go Fund Me page for themselves and are requesting \$25,000 for improvement to the new shelter and another \$50,000 for kennels. He said that the new provider has stated that they are in desperate need of funds and other donations for operational costs, and they are not providing the same level of services as the Galveston County Health District. Mr. Packard requested Council postpone transferring rabies control authority to TACS until these issues have been corrected. Mr. Dickson said there have been some glitches, but most start-up companies, including the County Animal Resource Center (ARC), have issues in the beginning. Mr. Dickson reminded Council that our new shelter is not a million-dollar shelter like the ARC, but it is nice and clean and we are on the right track to work through those issues. Councilmember Corey Jannett said it is not unusual for private corporations to solicit donations. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adopt the resolution appointing and designating Texas Animal Control Solutions as the animal control officer and officer to act as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the city and providing for other requirements related to such appointments. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving an agreement for confidentiality of information associated with animal control and sheltering services by and between the City and Texas Animal Control Solutions; providing incorporation of preamble; authorizing execution of the agreement by the Mayor; and providing an effective date

City Manager Joe Dickson said we requested records from Galveston County animal control and some of that information is confidential and can be released only to a governmental entity. He said in order to provide the information to our new provider, we need to enter an agreement with Texas Animal Control Solutions for confidentiality of that information. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adopt the resolution approving an agreement for confidentiality of information associated with animal control and sheltering services by and between the City and Texas Animal Control Solutions; providing incorporation of preamble; authorizing execution of the agreement by the Mayor; and providing an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with the purchase of an excavator, police vehicles, video cameras and server system, used pickup truck, and electronic ticket writers and to seek proposals for the lease-purchase financing

City Manager Joe Dickson said we are requesting authorization to purchase certain items authorized in the 2015/16 general fund operating budget. He said with additional information received recently, staff is requesting removal of the electronic ticket writers for purchase authorization this year. Councilmember Coleman said he visited with a governmental surplus vendor this year at the TML conference and they have some good items available for municipalities, specifically police departments. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of an excavator, police vehicles, video cameras and server system, and used pickup truck and to seek proposals for the lease-purchase financing. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2015/16

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is our annual agreement with the county for water pollution control services and our cost has decreased slightly with a change in the cost formula. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2015/16. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to seek proposals for floor maintenance services for city facilities

City Manager Joe Dickson said he received a call from Mr. Bob Atkins of the maintenance department at Santa Fe I.S.D. notifying us that they can no longer provide floor maintenance services for the City. He said they have provided quarterly buffing and polishing floor services and annual stripping and waxing floor services for many years but they no longer have the staff to continue to provide that service, especially with our recent addition of the much larger Justice Center facility. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize staff to seek proposals for floor maintenance services for city facilities. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements:

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings Santa Fe Education Foundation Gala is upcoming, and Dr. Bonnen will be speaking at the next Chamber meeting. The next meeting will include a continued presentation from Mr. Johnson of the Subsidence District, the resale deed for the property next to the Santa Fe Chiropractic Center, and the marquee sign replacement bids.

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary