

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016      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 Joe Carothers  
   Councilmember Corey Jannett  
   Councilmember Bill Pittman  
   Councilmember Charles Coleman  
   City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego  
   City Manager Joe Dickson  
   City Secretary Janet L. Davis

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 8/9/16, 8/11/16, 8/16/16, 8/23/16, and 8/25/16 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Tambrella presented a congratulatory proclamation to College of the Mainland for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in providing educational opportunities to the community.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Granting/denying request by Tommy Anderson for a variance from Chapter 8, Subdivisions, Code of Ordinances, Subsection 6.1.1.B. and 6.2.2, and from Article 4, Zoning Districts, Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, Subsection 4.02.04.B, Lot Width, requesting a reduction in the lot frontage requirements from 60 feet to 30 feet for 1.68 acres located at 4700 Ave. L, Santa Fe, Texas**

Councilmember Pittman recused himself because of a potential financial conflict of interest. Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this request is a modification of a subdivision plat for Mr. Anderson's family members to potentially build three homes. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission voted three to three so the motion to not approve the variance failed. Ms. Steelquist said the proposed middle lot would have 30 feet of road frontage to basically serve as a driveway, and she read the ordinance requirements for variance requests. Ms. Steelquist said he has enough property to comply with

our regulations, but that would require him to reduce the size of the other two lots. Mayor Tambrella said Mr. Anderson is out of town and unable to attend this meeting so Council may want to table this item until he can attend to explain his reasons for the request. Mr. Anderson was available by phone and said this is a unique situation in that the property is a triangular design on the south side. He said he has met the intent of the law by not making small lots trying to make more money, as he only wants this for his daughter, his son, and his son's in-laws to build homes on the site. Mr. Anderson said he could alternately provide the 60 feet road frontage and then reduce it down to 30 feet as the driveway goes west off Avenue L, but he would prefer not to do that. Councilmember Bubba Jannett said we previously granted a request for a similar situation when the property was going to remain in the family. Ms. Steelquist said variances should only be granted for unique situations and she cannot recommend approval for a self-imposed hardship. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to grant the request by Tommy Anderson for a variance from Chapter 8, Subdivisions, Code of Ordinances, Subsection 6.1.1.B. and 6.2.2, and from Article 4, Zoning Districts, Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, Subsection 4.02.04.B, Lot Width, requesting a reduction in the lot frontage requirements from 60 feet to 30 feet for 1.68 acres located at 4700 Ave. L, Santa Fe, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously, with Councilmember Pittman abstaining from the discussion and vote.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Casting ballot for members to serve on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees for a six-year term**

City Manager Joe Dickson said he has not received communication from any of the candidates but he does know three of the candidates personally and as colleagues and would recommend them for the TML-IRP Board of Trustees. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to vote for Kyle Jung in Place 6, Richard Jorgensen in Place 7, and Andres Garza in Place 9, as recommended by the City Manager, and to leave Place 8 blank. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. 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 2016/17**

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual contract with the county for water pollution monitoring in the city, in compliance with state law. The expenditure has been included in the proposed budget. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to authorized the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2016/17. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Agreement between Galveston County and the City for use of the West County Annex Pole Barn on Avenue H for storage of police vehicles**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the county presented staff with an agreement for storage of seized police vehicles at their pole barn. Staff had concerns about the indemnity portion of the agreement and those concerns have been discussed with the County, although the agreement has not yet been revised by county legal. Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to table this item. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Review and approval of Mae S. Bruce Library 2017-2019 Strategic Plan**

Library Director Brenda Cheatham said this 2017-2019 Strategic Plan is very similar to the previous plan. She reviewed the sections of the plan, noting that this does not include any plans for expansion of the library. Councilmember Pittman asked which of the previous goals have been met. Ms. Cheatham said we consistently strive toward our goals, but this is just a useful tool to help us in the application of grant funds, to help us meet some of these objectives, and to show Council and community support. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to approve the Mae S. Bruce Library 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Chief Powell said Stroll with Patrol is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Jr. High track from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and Coffee with a Cop will be at La Frontera on September 22 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. The Wounded Warrior project will be presented to the family on September 15 at 9:30 a.m. on Donna Lane in the Rain River Estates subdivision.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings  
The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary