



City Council Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Members present were:

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian
Council Member Place 2 Wade King
Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua
Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

Council Member absent was:

Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
City Attorney Laura Mueller
Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham
IT Director Jason Weinstock
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan
Planning Director Tory Carpenter
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad
Special Counsel David Tuckfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Crow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the City Council that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are

not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

Tom Crawford, representing Vintage Soul, spoke regarding the lack of public restrooms on Mercer Street.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations and Presentations are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken.

- 1. Presentation of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Committee's Conservation Award to the City of Dripping Springs.** *Presenter: Gigi Sanchez, Regent, Sarah Pound Chapter*

Gigi Sanchez presented the award to the City Council and an additional award for Michelle Fischer recognizing her outstanding commitment to conservation and environmental awareness.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.

- 2. Approval of an Amendment to a Drainage Easement for Heritage Phase 2.** *Applicant: Adam Davis, Kimley Horn*
- 3. Acceptance of real property located on Mercer Street dedicated by Hays County to the City of Dripping Springs.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*
- 4. Approval of form and amount of City Treasurer's public official bond.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*
- 5. Approval of the January 2024 Treasurer's Report.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 – 5. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 6. Applicant introductory presentation and possible Council Member appointment to the Development Agreement Working Group for the ATX RR12 Planned Development District request located at 26700 Ranch Road 12.** *Applicant: Joe Grasso, PE Doucet*

Jorge Canavati introduced the item and Joe Grasso gave a presentation which is on file.

Mayor Foulds Jr. appointed Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and Council Member Crow to the Development Agreement Working Group for the ATX RR12 Planned Development District request located at 26700 Ranch Road 12.

7. **Discuss and consider acceptance of an Annexation Petition and direction to staff to negotiate an Annexation Agreement with owners to annex approximately 18.1 acres in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction located at 26160 Ranch Road 12. Applicant: Jon Thompson**

Tory Carpenter presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the petition.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to accept an Annexation Petition and direction to staff to negotiate an Annexation Agreement with owners to annex approximately 18.1 acres in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction located at 26160 Ranch Road 12. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

8. **Public hearing and consideration of approval of an Ordinance amending the Fee Schedule as it relates to Site Development Permits in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

- a. **Staff Report** – Tory Carpenter presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

- b. **Public Hearing** – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

- c. **Ordinance** – A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve an Ordinance amending the Fee Schedule as it relates to Site Development Permits in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Filed as Ordinance No. 2024-16

9. **Discuss and consider approval of an Amended and Restated Water Agreement with the West Travis County Public Utility Agency Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds**

Via unanimous consent, this item was moved for consideration to after the Closed Session.

10. **Discuss and consider a Wastewater Service and Impact Fee Agreement with 215 Old Fitzhugh Limited Partnership Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Ginger Faught presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve a Wastewater Service and Impact Fee Agreement with 215 Old Fitzhugh Limited Partnership. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Via unanimous consent, the City Council heard Business Item 13 out of order, and concurrently with Business Item 11.

11. **Discuss and consider approval of the bid from Southwest Monument & Sign and the authorization for the City Administrator to execute an agreement for the construction and installment of the Park System Signage Phase 2 signs.** *Sponsor: Council Member Wade King*

13. **Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

- a. **Staff Report** – Andy Binz and Shawn Cox presented the staff reports which are on file. Staff recommends approval of the bid and execution of the agreement, and ordinance amending the budget.

- b. **Public Hearing** – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve the bid from Southwest Monument & Sign and the authorization for the City Administrator to execute an agreement for the construction and installment of the Park System Signage Phase 2 signs, and approval of an Ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget subject to presentation of item at the March 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting and their support. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Filed as Ordinance No. 2024-16

12. **Discuss and consider approval of a Declaration of Disaster related to the April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Laura Mueller presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the declaration.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to approve a Declaration of Disaster related to the April 8, 2024, Total Solar Eclipse. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Filed as Declaration No. 2024-D01

13. **Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

This item was considered earlier in the agenda.

REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

14. **Planning Department Report**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn into Closed Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney, and regarding Closed Session Agenda Item 15 and Business Agenda Item 9. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

Council Member Crow recused from Closed Session regarding Business Agenda Item 9, stepping off the dais and exiting the Council Chambers.

- 15. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service, Wastewater Fees, and related items.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 9. Discuss and consider approval of an Amended and Restated Water Agreement with the West Travis County Public Utility Agency.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds*

The City Council met in Closed Session from 6:33 p.m. – 7:09 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during Closed Session. Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

Council Member Crow did not return to the Council Chambers for the remainder of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

The City Council returned to Business Agenda Item 9 for consideration.

- 9. Discuss and consider approval of an Amended and Restated Water Agreement with the West Travis County Public Utility Agency.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve an Amended and Restated Water Agreement with the West Travis County Public Utility Agency with additional revisions discussed in Closed Session, and that the City Council allows Mayor Foulds and the Deputy City Administrator to make changes prior to execution if that is helpful. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

March 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

March 21, 2024, Farmers Market Committee at 10:00 a.m.

March 21, 2024, Emergency Management Committee at 12:00 p.m.

March 21, 2024, Utility Commission at 4:00 p.m.

March 25, 2024, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

March 25, 2024, Founders Day Commission at 6:30 p.m.

March 26, 2024, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

March 27, 2024, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

April 4, 2024, Historic Preservation Commission at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED ON: *April 2, 2024*

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary