



## **CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH**

### **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Public Safety Training Room in the Police Station

7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch

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## **MINUTES**

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### **OPEN MEETING**

1. Roll Call - Declaration of a Quorum

Council Present: Mayor Maxton and Council Members: Stroup, Elizondo, Bliss, Koerner, Parker and Muenchow

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM**

3. Citizens to be heard

Garry Manitzas spoke against reduction in property taxes for qualifying disabled or over age-65 homesteads. Mr. Manitzas pointed out that the City relies on ad valorem property taxes for almost 70% of its revenue and poses a substantial risk due to the city being a bedroom community. He believes this would defer the tax burden from older families to younger families.

David Delaranko spoke in favor of the reduction in property taxes for qualifying disabled or over age-65 homesteads as one of the original 10 founders of the City who helped incorporate and form city government. Mr. Delaranko asked Council to grant financial relief to Fair Oaks residents who could benefit from the tax exemption.

Julie Bray Patterson introduced herself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Pct 3 in Bexar County's Runoff Election.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Mayor Maxton presented a Recognition Letter thanking young resident, Jack Bower, for his participation in the State of the City by providing the invocation.
5. Mayor Maxton read a Proclamation in recognition of City Clerk's Week, May 1 – May 7, 2022.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Approval of the April 7, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes.
7. Approval of Council Member Muenchow's absence from the April 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stroup, seconded by Council Member Elizondo, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: 7-0; Motion Passed.

**CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. **Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Aid for Information Technology Services.**

MOTION: Made by Council Member Muenchow, seconded by Council Member Koerner, to authorize the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Aid for Information Technology Services with the City of Boerne.

VOTE: 7-0; Motion Passed.

9. **Consideration and possible action declaring excess City property surplus and authorizing disposal.**

MOTION: Made by Council Member Elizondo, seconded by Council Member Parker, to authorize the City Manager to sell, auction, donate, or dispose of personal property declared as surplus by the most practical and profitable means.

VOTE: 7-0; Motion Passed.

10. **Discussion on approving a reduction in property taxes for qualifying disabled or over age-65 homesteads.**

Scott Huizenga, Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services, provided a presentation on Property Tax Relief Scenarios followed by a discussion of Council. Staff was directed to bring back additional information at a future meeting. The possibility of an election was introduced.

11. **Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute a fee proposal with Strategic Government Resources, Inc. (SGR) for a City Council Strategic Visioning Retreat.**

MOTION: Made by Council Member Koerner, seconded by Council Member Elizondo, to authorize the City Manager to execute the attached fee proposal with SGR for a City Council Strategic Visioning Retreat.

MOTION TO AMEND: Made by Council Member Elizondo, seconded by Council Member Koerner, to amend the motion by adding the words "at a date to be determined" after the word Retreat.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: 7-0; Motion Passed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: 7-0; Motion Passed.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COUNCIL**

12. **Scott Huizenga, Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services, provided to Council a presentation of the FY 2023 Budget Calendar and Planning Process.**
13. **Grant Watanabe, P.E., Director of Public Works & Engineering Services, presented the Public Works & Engineering Services Department Quarterly Report.**

**REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****14. Announcements and reports by Mayor and Council Members.**

Council Member Muenchow informed everyone that her and Council Member Parker had another successful “Coffee with Council” event. Council Member Parker echoed her sentiment that they had good conversations with residents.

Council Member Stroup reminded everyone that early voting begins on Monday.

Mayor Maxton announced that there will be a JBSA Airshow celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Air Force April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day at JBSA Randolph. The event is open and free to the public and more information can be found at [www.greattexasairshow.com](http://www.greattexasairshow.com).

**15. Announcements by the City Manager.**

Scott commended Grant on his presentation and asked Council for direction on future presentations and their format.

**16. Requests by Mayor and Council Members that items be placed on a future City Council agenda.**

Council Member Bliss asked for a future agenda item to discuss the emergency response strategy system.

**CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council convened into Executive Session at 9:24 PM regarding:

*Pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code, a quorum of the governing body hereby convenes into closed session:*

**Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)** the City Council will meet in private consultation with legal counsel to seek the advice of its attorneys about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code; to wit:

17. To receive legal advice from Special Counsel and the City Attorney regarding the City's ground water rights.

City Council did not convene regarding:

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18. Cause No. 2022CI011978; Boerne Ranch Estates, LLC v. The City of Fair Oaks Ranch.
19. Case No. 22-090-451; Vincent A. Caldarola, MD vs. City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas.

**Sec. 551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)**

20. The City Council will meet in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property that may be considered for future location of water and wastewater system improvements.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:54 PM. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Maxton adjourned the meeting at 9:55 PM.

ATTEST:

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Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor

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Christina Picioccio, TRMC, City Secretary