



## CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2024  
6:00 PM

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the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, 3144 Meridiana Parkway Iowa Colony, Texas 77583

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 12th day of February 2024, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Worksession at 6:00 P.M. at the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Wil Kennedy  
Mayor Pro Tem Marquette Greene-Scott  
Councilmember Arnetta Murray  
Councilmember McLean Barnett  
Councilmember Tim Varlack  
Councilmember Kareem Boyce  
Councilmember Sydney Hargroder

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kennedy called the work session to order at 6:01 P.M.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion on the possible creation of the Iowa Colony Municipal Development District.

City Manager, Robert Hemminger provided information regarding the potential municipal development district. A municipal development district is an economic development mechanism for communities to develop and offer economic development incentives to attract business growth to the community. They can be in all or part of the city limits, all, or part of the ETJ, or combination of the areas. The PowerPoint presented to the City Council is attached. The City Council discussed mailing an informational pamphlet to the registered voters in the ETJ as well as posting it on the website.

2. Discussion on a Taxes and Fines Collection Report.

Michael Darlow with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott spoke to the City Council regarding their role in representing taxing authorities in Brazoria County. They have represented Iowa Colony since October 2014. They work for the city to collect delinquent taxes as well as outstanding court fines and fees. He provided an overview of their role. In April the unpaid property tax lists are provided to them and in July the real property taxes are given to them to

collect. They mail out notices to those people who have not paid their property taxes. They have a call center to reach out and receive calls from those who need to pay their property taxes. They also work out payment agreements to get these handled. Those that are not handled by letters and phone calls are handled in court. He provided a report to the city council stating that Iowa Colony does not have a delinquent tax problem. He stated they get paid only when the delinquency is received. The city does not pay them directly for this service.

3. Discussion on a proposed development near the future government center.

Desiree Waraksa with EXP Commercial along with the real estate investor spoke to the City Council about replating, rezoning, building commercial in the front and residential in the back of the 40 acres across from the old City Hall and asked council their thoughts before they move forward with the process.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The worksession was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024

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Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

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Wil Kennedy, Mayor

