CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2023, 6:00 PM





Mayor Muir called the work session to order at 6:02 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Thomas Muir
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2 Gary Bilyeu
Councilmember, Place 1 Marissa Barrett
Councilmember, Place 3 Dennis Dillon
Councilmember, Place 5 Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember, Place 4 Allen Chick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, City Attorney Hugh Coleman, and Chief of Police Waylan Rhodes.

OVERVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Muir moved to executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, the City Council Will Meet in a Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code:

Section 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS

For deliberations regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Attorney

Council convened into executive session at 6:03 p.m.



RECONVENE INTO THE WORK SESSION

Reconvene into Work Session - No action will be taken. Any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session will be made during the Regular Session.

RECONVENE INTO THE WORK SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION

There being no further business, Mayor Muir adjourned the work session at 7:35 p.m.

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Muir called the work session to order at 7:35: p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Thomas Muir
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
Councilmember, Place 1
Councilmember, Place 3
Councilmember, Place 5
Thomas Muir
Gary Bilyeu
Marissa Barrett
Dennis Dillon
Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember, Place 4 Allen Chick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, City Attorney Hugh Coleman, Finance Director Clayton Gray, Municipal Court Clerk Christy Dyer, Chief of Police Waylan Rhodes, Fire Chief David Pennington, and Fire Marshal Casey Welborn.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Dillon gave the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Barrett.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No one addressed the Council.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. American Legion Post 268 presenting the awards for Police Officer and Firefighter/Paramedic of the year for 2022.

Mr. Clint Smith announced that Jacob Lewis was nominated Firefighter/Paramedic of the year for 2022 and read a letter of recommendation.

Mr. Clint Smith announced that Officer Reece Dunn and Detective Justin Lewis were nominated Police Officers of the year for 2022 and read about an operation completed by the officers.

REPORTS

2. Presentation and update on Municipal Court.

Mayor Muir moved to **Item 3** of the agenda.

Director Dyer provided a presentation and overview of Municipal Court.

Councilmember Bilyeu said he would like to visit and tour the Municipal Court offices.

3. Construction update from DEC Engineering, Dannenbaum, regarding the IH-35 / FM 455 Expansion Project.

Joe Garcia provided an update regarding the project providing the locations of bores completed at the QuikTrip location and on 3rd Street, testing and staking for the fire hydrant, the site of the concrete batch plant for the project, the tentative date scheduled for the Pre-construction meeting, mobilization, reimbursements, and providing as-builts.

Mayor Muir moved back to **Item 2** of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the January 3, 2023, meeting.
- 5. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 01-01-23, Calling and ordering the May 6, 2023, General Election to elect three Councilmembers for Places 1, 3, and 5, for a two-year term.
- 6. Consideration and possible action on a 6.6% rate increase from Waste Connections, Inc. for solid waste and recycling services.
- 7. Consideration and possible action on an Encroachment Agreement with QT South, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Bilyeu requested **Item 7** of the consent agenda be removed for discussion.

Councilmember Dillon asked about recycling collection pertaining to **Item 6** of the consent agenda.

Motion to approve **Items 4, 5, and 6** made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barrett and Councilmember Councilmember Gann. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve **Item 7** made by Councilmember Bilyeu Seconded by Councilmember Gann.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barrett and Councilmember Gann. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8. Atmos Rider GCR Rate Filing Docket No 10170 December 16, 2022
- 9. Financial Statements October 2022 and November 2022
- 10. Disbursement Report October 2022
- 11. Disbursement Report November 2022
- 12. Disbursement Report December 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into executive session.

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RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session.

Motion to approve an employment agreement with the City Attorney and a four percent (4%) increase as discussed in executive session made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barrett and Councilmember Gann. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Muir adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.	
	Thomas E. Muir, Mayor
Kelly Edwards, City Secretary	