

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNSEL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2020
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The Regular City Council Meeting on April 8, 2020 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Member Ronnie Parker was present, with Council Members present via Zoom Meeting: Council Member Steve Diehl, Council Member Stewart Wilson, Council Member John Schack, and Council Member Ben Tucker present via Zoom Meeting. Council Member Dennis Knippa was absent. Council Member Kody Fahrenthold joined via Zoom Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Three city staff were present, several city staff and guests present via Zoom Meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Comments and Announcements

No citizen comments or announcements.

4. Presentations

No Presentations.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and consideration of minutes from the March 25, 2020 regular meeting.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Mayor Ronnie Parker, to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on March 25, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

No consent agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Ronnie Parker, opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. There were no Public Hearings. Mayor Ronnie Parker ended the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

8. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND ACTION ITEMS

- a.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-16**, to designate authorized signatories for the Hurricane Harvey Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 20-065-086-C247.

City Manager announced the Resolution allows the signatories for the CDBG Grant received, allowing the Mayor and City Manager as signatories. Sarah West clarified the Resolution. Council Member Diehl asked if there were any changes since the February 5, 2020 execution. The City Manager confirmed there were no changes. Council Member Diehl asked to move forward with the resolution and made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Roll was called and the resolution was passed unanimously.

- b.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-17**, Adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights Policies.

Michele Goerke from Grantworks explained that these are standard start up resolutions required by the grant. One resolution covers separate policies which are listed at the bottom of the resolution, Citizen Participation Plan, Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy, Limited English Policy, Limited English Proficiency Standards Plan, Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct Policy and Fair Housing Policy. Council Member Schack asked if we were

meeting any of the policies. Michele Goerke stated these were standard federal policies. Council Member Schack asked the City Manager if we were meeting these policies. The City Manager clarified that the city was meeting them with the possible exception of proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month, which he was not sure that the City had proclaimed that in the past. Mayor Parker commented that these resolutions have to do with the CDGB grant to get the grant approved. The City Manager explained that this would mean that the City would adopt the federally mandated policies. Council Member Diehl commented he had worked with federal grants and he did not want the city to not be in compliance. The City Manager explained that we would have to adopt these policies in order to accept the grant. Michele Goerke with Grantworks stated that you adopt the policies in order to receive the grant. These are policies required by the federal government. Council Member Diehl asked Grantworks if the city was meeting these policies. Michele Goerke said it is at this time. Council Member Schack asked how many people would the city have to employ to meet these policies. Tyler from Grantworks stated you would not have to hire anyone, Grantworks put a plan together so the city would be in compliance. Council Member Diehl asked the City Manager if staff is comfortable that Grantworks will keep the city in compliance. Council Member Fahrenthold made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Member Diehl. Roll was called and the resolution was passed unanimously.

- c.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-24**, Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Parker proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month and made the motion, Council Member Diehl 2nded the motion. It was then open for discussion. Council Member Diehl stated we had previously discussed this resolution. Mayor Parker asked for roll call. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

- d.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-18**, to designate authorized signatories for the Hurricane Harvey – Buyout/Acquisition CDBG Disaster Recovery Program Contract 20-066-030-C224.

Mayor Parker announced this was executed February 21, 2020. Council Member Diehl asked if these were the same numbers from February. Council Member Diehl made a motion to adopt, 2nded by Council Member Wilson. Council Member Schack asked if the City Manager had done research on the houses that would be in the flood plain. The City Manager said there were 10 to 11 houses that are in the flood plain. The proposed RFQ will be advertised. Several things will have to happen and this is the first phase. Roll was called, the resolution was carried unanimously.

- e.) Discuss, consider, and take action approving a CDBG Engineering Contract for Storm Water, Houghton Subdivision.

The City Manager stated this was another step within the DCBG. Sarah West stated the project and the numbers were the same. Council Member Diehl made a motion to authorize the execution of the contract, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Roll was called, the authorization was approved unanimously.

- f.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-23**, to suspend the effective date of the rate increase (GRIP) by 45 days by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex-CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas-South Texas Division.

Council Member Schack made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Roll was called, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

- g.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Ordinance 2020-17**, to Rezone the M (Multi-Family) and C-2 (General Commercial) to M (Multi-Family): 3.55 acres of land out of LTS 14-16, BLK G, Burton & Danforth Subdivision fronting FM 361, Ingleside, TX (Final Reading).

Council Member Tucker made a motion to discuss, seconded by Council Member Diehl. Council Member Wilson asked if the entrance was off of Avenue A and if so, wasn't Avenue A going to be rebuilt. Should we put the rebuild of Avenue A until completion. Mayor Parker stated there would have to have a contract that Avenue A would be brought to original shape or get access from the property owner. The City Manager said there was a second access from FM 361. Jeb Brown stated there is an entrance from FM 361. He stated if there was any damage to Avenue

A, it would be repaired. Council Member Diehl stated if we could start on Avenue A on the opposite end. The City Manager stated the water and sewer was on the opposite of the street. Council Member Diehl stated this is strictly the zoning phase. Council Member said he would support the zoning change. Roll was called, the Resolution carried unanimously.

h.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-14**: Declaration of unsafe structure located at 2791 San Antonio Street.

Mayor Parker stated this had been to council two different times and it had been extended. The owner brought a bill of sale for ten dollars yesterday. He commented that there is still an unsafe structure. If the resolution passes, the owner will have 30 days to appeal. Council Member Diehl asked if this was the same structure where he asked the owner if he had enough time and the finances to get this done in the allotted time, where the owner said this was enough time. This was confirmed. Council Member Diehl commented the City Council had gone above and beyond what it is required. Council Member Tucker made the motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Roll was called, motion was carried unanimously.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a.) None scheduled.

All items on the agenda are for possible discussion and/or action. The Ingleside City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorneys); 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about gifts and donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberations about security devices); and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations).

10. STAFF UPDATES

a.) Finance expenditures over \$3,000 dollars.

No questions.

11. COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Diehl commented to the mayor regarding the remote meeting. He asked that he would prefer that at the next City Council meeting in person with personal spacing. He asked that the mayor take this in consideration. Council Member asked if this meeting was being broadcast on Boxcast. Dave Clark from the IT department stated it was being broadcast and at one time in the meeting it was being followed by 27 citizens. Council Member Diehl commented that the mayor was being transparent, and asked to keep politics out of decisions and the safety of the citizens was most important. Local businesses were for the most part practicing social distancing. Council Member Schack asked if the declarations page could have bullets. He asked for a good list on the website. The City Manager said that any time the declaration was modified, it was being highlighted in yellow. Council member asked if footnotes could be added with dates. The City Manager commented he understood what he was requested and it was a good idea. The Mayor said he will continue to post on the City of Ingleside website and Facebook. Council Member Diehl commended the Chief of Police during the emergency declarations. Council Member Fahrenthold agreed with the timestamping the amendments to the emergency declarations. He commented that he would like to see more reporting regarding the COVID-19 case activity, including zip codes of where the active cases are. The mayor said he has contacted the county to get better case information. Council Member Schack agreed with Council Member Schack.

Council Member Diehl asked the Mayor to respond to the Cove Park closure. The Mayor stated the boat ramp is closed. He commented his goal as a city is to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. He did not want to close the boat ramp, but he did so to protect our citizens. Council Member Schack asked about the construction sites, how are out of town workers not spreading the COVID-19. There was a request that the Chief of Police responded to regarding leaving the county over the long weekend. They were told that if a worker goes to a hotspot, they should self-quarantine for 14 days upon return. If they do not self-quarantine, the job site will be shut

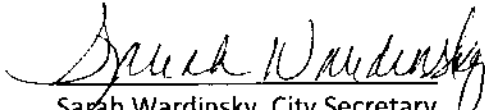
down. Council Member commented maybe to open the boat ramp and place a police officer to monitor.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to speak with the Chief of Police appointing an Assistant Chief of Police. The City Manager said he would speak with the Chief of Police. Council Member Diehl commented on the Mayor's request. He said there was a position that the council authorized for assistant Chief of Police. If he is incorrect, he supports the position of a second in command. He reminded the council that hurricane season is right around the corner. Council Member Schack asked the City Manager to produce a turnover rate of police officers.


12. Adjourn

The Regular City Council Meeting held on April 8, 2020 was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Ronnie Parker