

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor  
Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman  
Councilmember IV Hoke  
Councilmember Jason O'Brien  
Councilmember Melanie Collins  
Councilmember Fidencio Leija

The invocation was given by Pastor Lucas Campbell with Santa Fe Baptist Church. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

- a. The minutes of 5/11/2021, 5/13/2021, and 5/27/2021 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Tabor, Police Chief Philip Meadows, Police Captain Robert Shores, and City Manager Glen Adams presented, on behalf of the entire City Council, a Certificate of Appreciation to Charlie Cino for his extra work on the city's 5-ton military truck

Citizen's Comments: None

**Planning and Zoning Business:** None

**City Business (Other):**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement with Galveston County and neighboring cities for participation in the Law Enforcement Task Force**

Police Chief Philip Meadows said this is a formal agreement authorizing the city's participation in the multi-agency organized crime task force. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize the Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement with Galveston County and neighboring cities for participation in the Law Enforcement Task Force. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Coordinated Response VOCA grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for continued operation of the Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center**

Mayor Tabor said this resolution will approve submission of the application for continued VOCA grant funding for an additional year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. He said we will have to fully reapply next year for subsequent funding and we should plan to pursue anti-bullying programs in that request. Motion by

Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember Collins to adopt the resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Coordinated Response VOCA grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for continued operation of the Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of a member to serve on the Police Officer's Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire June, 2024**

Community Services Director Stacey Baker said Richie Pearson does not wish to continue to service on the Civil Service Commission and we have not received any applications for service on this board. Councilmember Collins said she received an inquiry and nominated Marcy Braun who is a school police officer. Staff will check her eligibility to serve on the Commission with our legal counsel and bring it back at the next meeting. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to table this item until the next meeting. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation for a two-year term to expire June, 2023**

Councilmember Leija recommended we reappoint all current board members to continue the work that is already in process. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to reappoint all the current members, Matt Crable, Ashley Carner, Blu Baillio, Gregg Vicknair, Robert Bracknell, Bobby Wylie, and Fidencio Leija, for a two-year term to expire June, 2023. Mayor Tabor said we have to take ownership to grow our community and he said he has the experience in business and he is familiar with our current bids and grants so he feels he would be a true asset to the board with his leadership and ability. Councilmember Leija said appointment of the Mayor to the Board would be a conflict of interest and he fully supports the composition of the current board. Mayor Tabor said the board can be comprised of up to four councilmembers or employees of the city. Councilmember Leija said the Mayor can still provide leadership and input to guide the board and build new leadership and vision in the community. Mayor Tabor said he invests in the city, employs local residents, is readily available, and can provide the necessary leadership to move us forward. The motion passed the roll call vote four to one. Those voting for: Councilmember Leija, Councilmember Hoke, Councilmember Collins, and Councilmember Pittman. Those voting against: Councilmember O'Brien.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Master Equity Lease with Enterprise Fleet Management Trust for leasing fleet vehicles for city operations**

City Manager Glen Adams said this item is to consider leasing public works vehicles under an equity lease agreement through Enterprise Fleet Management. He said the police vehicles have been removed from the proposal at this time. Council discussed the fleet synopsis including the lease pricing proposals and case studies from other entity partners, submitted by Mr. Jeff Koerner of Enterprise. Mr. Adams said we need to order vehicles now in order to have them for our use sometime next year. Council discussed the proposal, concerned about its affordability in the current year and future years. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to table for further discussion in a workshop. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**6. Consideration and possible action: Selection of firm to prepare the Comprehensive Plan 2040 and authorizing staff to draft an agreement for proposed services**

Community Services Director Stacey Baker said the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors met and heard presentations from two companies for preparation of a comprehensive plan. She said the board tabled action on making a recommendation to the Council until they could check out references from both

companies. Mayor Tabor asked Councilmember Leija who is the President of the SFEDC, if the board supports a comprehensive plan. Councilmember Leija said the board is concerned about the scope and community partnerships to fund the plan. Councilmember Collins said during her campaign for Council, citizens voice their support for the SFEDC expansion in support of a comprehensive plan. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to table action on this item. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**7. Consideration and possible action: The GCAD Board would like the City's support in approving a resolution to amend their 2021 Budget in the amount of \$358,799, which will increase their legal fees from \$600,000 to \$958,799**

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to disapprove the request by the Galveston Central Appraisal District to amend the 2021 budget to retain excess funds in the amount of \$358,799 from the previous year audit and increase the current budget for legal fees. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Fundraiser event to save the old gym; Aspen will be running fiber throughout the city for Frontier Communications.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021. A budget overview was scheduled for July 7, 2021, at 1 p.m. and budget workshops were scheduled for July 27, 2021 at 1 p.m. and July 28, 2021, at 6 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary