

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 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, arrived at 7:20 p.m.
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Fidencio Leija

The invocation was given by Pastor Greg Lackey. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Leija.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report: Mayor Tabor complimented the police department on their two most recent traffic stops resulting in investigations, arrests, seizures, and confiscations.

Citizens' Comments: Mr. Scot Rice of 13410 Bob White addressed Council about the illegal discharge of firearms in the city and the trauma it causes for those dealing with PTSD.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use permit for apartments in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district for 1 tract totaling 2.03 acres described as Lot 1, Blk 1, St. John's Lutheran Congregation of Alta Loma (2020), Abst 47, located in the 4300 Block of Avenue Q ½, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

City Manager Glen Adams said this is the final reading of the ordinance to add a conditional use permit in the HC zoning district for apartments in the 4300 block of Avenue Q ½. He said the proposed development is for an apartment complex consisting of 12-1 bedroom and 36 2-bedroom apartments. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use permit for apartments in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district for 1 tract totaling 2.03 acres described as Lot 1, Blk 1, St. John's Lutheran Congregation of Alta Loma (2020), Abst 47, located in the 4300 Block of Avenue Q ½, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously. *(Councilmember Hoke was absent for the discussion and vote.)*

New Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, calling a special election to be held within the city on Saturday, May 1, 2021, to submit a proposition to the electors on the sole question of whether to authorize the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to use the current one-half of one percent (1/2 cent) local sales and use tax originally adopted by "Proposition 1" on May 5, 2001, for economic development projects designed to promote any new or expanded business enterprises and any other projects authorized under the law applicable to a Type B Corporation created under Section 505.003, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, making provision for the conduct of the special election; providing for other matters related thereto; and providing for an effective date

Councilmember Fidencio Leija said the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors has been working for over a year to expand the allowable use of the current sales tax for economic development projects and this is the final reading of the ordinance calling the special election on the measure. Councilmember Pittman said he feels the community will support this measure if a majority of the funding is reserved for water and sewer projects. City Manager Glen Adams said the Council has final approval of any project proposed by the Corporation's Board so that is how to control the use of those sales tax funds. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, calling a special election to be held within the city on Saturday, May 1, 2021, to submit a proposition to the electors on the sole question of whether to authorize the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to use the current one-half of one percent (1/2 cent) local sales and use tax originally adopted by "Proposition 1" on May 5, 2001, for economic development projects designed to promote any new or expanded business enterprises and any other projects authorized under the law applicable to a Type B Corporation created under Section 505.003, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, making provision for the conduct of the special election; providing for other matters related thereto; and providing for an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of Agreement for Public Improvement District Administration Services

City Manager Glen Adams said P3 was approved as the administrator for the Mulberry Farms PID development at the last meeting and this is the official agreement with P3Works for those services. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija to authorize execution of the Agreement with P3Works for Public Improvement District Administration Services for the Mulberry Farms PID. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Presentation and acceptance of the 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report

Police Chief Philip Meadows presented the 2020 annual racial profiling report and statistics as compared to 2019. He said we are in compliance and there are no department issues with racial profiling. Chief Meadows said the traffic counts for 2020 were on hold for much of the early year due to the pandemic. Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to accept the 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution formalizing declared intention to reimburse expenditures made from proceeds of a short-term lease-purchase financing obligation

City Secretary Janet Davis said the city temporarily advanced funds to purchase three pre-owned vehicles and this resolution declares the city's intent to be reimbursed for those expenditures from the short-term, lease-purchase financing obligation through Republic First National. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to adopt the resolution formalizing the declared intention to reimburse expenditures made from proceeds of a short-term lease-purchase financing obligation. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes

Councilmember Pittman said aerial spraying for mosquito abatement also kills pollinators so he was concerned if the city had other options for extermination. He said County Commissioner Giusti arranged for a presentation by the Galveston County Health District and Councilmember Pittman said he sees no other viable option to mass abate mosquitoes. Councilmember Pittman said the county staff notifies beekeepers in advance of a scheduled spray so they can take precautions to keep their bees safe. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to adopt the resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the evaluation and terms of employment agreements of the City Manager and the City Secretary

Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the evaluation and terms of employment agreements of the City Manager and the City Secretary and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Glen Adams

Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize the Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Glen Adams. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement between the City and City Secretary Janet Davis

Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to authorize the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement between the City and City Secretary Janet Davis. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce will conduct the raffle drawing for "Molly the Mule" this weekend. The clean up work along the north side of the railroad tracks should begin soon.

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

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary