

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022 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 Brandon Noto
Councilmember Fidencio Leija
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Melanie Collins

The invocation was given by a Pastor from the Santa Fe Ministerial Alliance. 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:

- a. The minutes of 12/9/2021 will be presented next month.
- b. Presentation of departmental reports by staff, specifically a recap of the activities performed during the previous month and a report of upcoming activities, events, and projects on the horizon
 - 1) Community Services – building permits issued, fees collected, inspections performed, plats reviewed, pre-development meetings
 - 2) Parks and Community Center –park maintenance and rental activities
 - 3) Municipal Court – no report
 - 4) Police – calls for service statistics, arrest statistics, traffic crash analysis, and use of force incidents
 - 5) Fire Marshal – no report
 - 6) Library – patron and program attendance, circulation material statistics, wifi user statistics, and library expansion update
 - 7) Street – drainage projects, street maintenance and improvement activities, and equipment maintenance
 - 8) Resiliency Center – no report
 - 9) Finance – budget and performance snapshot, sales tax collections, audit services, and PEG channel development

Citizen's Comments:

Mr. Rusty Schroeder of 11203 FM 1764 expressed concerns about use of SFEDC funds on housing development, the lack of fire hydrant in front of his home, and the absence of the city manager. Mr. Matt Robinson of 706 Tall Pine Dr in Friendswood announced his candidacy for Galveston County Commissioner Pct 4. Mr. Ken Burge of 11620 FM 1764 expressed concerns with the water district's revised grinder pump program ceasing maintenance of the equipment. Ms. Cheryl Klein of 3819 Shady Lane also concerned with water district's revised grinder pump maintenance program and the city's ditch maintenance program.

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 changing the zoning classification from Agricultural residential (AR) to Medium-Density Residential District (R2) for a portion of 42.4504 acres of vacant property described as Abst 604 & 613 I&G N RR Sur Sec 16 and Sec 19, part of lot 1 (1-1), Block 80, Angell Runge addition, Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas, leaving approximately 365 ft X 1475 ft on Highway 6 road frontage, described as the hard corner lot fronting Maple St, Elm Street, and Highway 6, as Highway Commercial

Community Services Director Stacey Baker said this is the final reading of the ordinance to change the zone for this property from AR to R2. She said if Council approves the zone change, the developer will return to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a preliminary plat for discussion and approval. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Pittman 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 changing the zoning classification from Agricultural residential (AR) to Medium-Density Residential District (R2) for a portion of 42.4504 acres of vacant property described as Abst 604 & 613 I&G N RR Sur Sec 16 and Sec 19, part of lot 1 (1-1), Block 80, Angell Runge addition, Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas, leaving approximately 365 ft X 1475 ft on Highway 6 road frontage, described as the hard corner lot fronting Maple St, Elm Street, and Highway 6, as Highway Commercial. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 7, 2022, and establishing procedures for the election

Mayor Tabor said this is our general Council election and the filing period for candidates to run for office begins January 19 and ends February 18. He said the early voting period is April 25 – May 3. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija to adopt the resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 7, 2022, and establishing procedures for the election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution ordering a special election on the question of removing Jason Tabor from the office of Mayor

Mayor Tabor said this is resulting from the recall petition filed and certified late last year. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Noto to adopt the resolution ordering a special election on the question of removing Jason Tabor from the office of Mayor. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of Contract for Election Services between the County Clerk, County Election Officer for Galveston County, and the City of Santa Fe for services and equipment for the May 7, 2022, general and special city election

Motion by Councilmember Noto, seconded Councilmember O'Brien to authorize execution of Contract for Election Services between the County Clerk, County Election Officer for Galveston County, and the City of Santa Fe for services and equipment for the May 7, 2022, general and special city election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution reviewing and approving the city's Investment Policy

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda said this annual review is required by state law and the investment officers have met the training required by law. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Collins to adopt the resolution reviewing and approving the city's Investment Policy. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Public hearing on the city's need to continue the curfew ordinance, review of the effects of the ordinance on the community, and adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, reviewing, approving, and revalidating the city's curfew ordinance #13-94 and amending ordinances #08-96 and #04-2004, establishing a curfew for minors and establishing curfew times in the City of Santa Fe

Police Captain Robert Shores said state law requires a public hearing on the need to continue the ordinance and a review of the effects of the ordinance. Captain Shores reviewed the curfew regulations as it pertains to minors under the age of 17. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Noto to adopt the resolution reviewing, approving, and revalidating the city's curfew ordinance #13-94 and amending ordinances #08-96 and #04-2004, establishing a curfew for minors and establishing curfew times in the City of Santa Fe. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance amending the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, to acknowledge and allocate the American Recovery and Prevention Act federal funding

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda said Council previously discussed a spending plan for the \$3.3 million in ARPA funding. He said we plan to replace the patrol fleet and related equipment in the amount of \$724,000, purchase PPE for the fire department in the amount of \$75,000, water and sewer improvements in the amount of \$1.3 million, and about \$1.25 million for drainage improvements, specifically the Highland B ditch and Ave P. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance amending the general fund operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, to acknowledge and allocate the American Recovery and Prevention Act federal funding.

7. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of member to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term through May, 2022, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dana Marks


Applicants Tim Clark and Anthony Mills expressed their interest in serving on this board to help manage the growth coming to Santa Fe. Community Services Director Stacey Baker reviewed the other applications received for appointment to this board. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to appoint Mr. Tim Clark as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term through May, 2022, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dana Marks. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

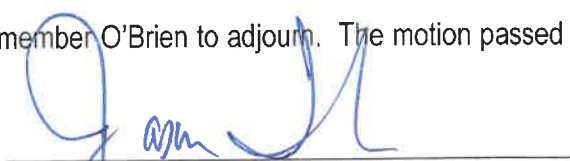
Announcements: SFEDC training 101 scheduled for February 17 at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Fire and Rescue

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
Special council meeting on Monday evening to discuss applicants for City Manager, Police Chief, and City Secretary and SFEDC meets Tuesday evening to discuss a prospective development.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


Janet L. Davis, City Secretary


JASON TABOR, MAYOR