

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 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
Absent: Councilmember Melanie Collins, excused

The invocation was given by Councilmember Noto. 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 reported that the committee will interview three applicants for the position of police chief next week and Council will schedule interviews with selected City Secretary and City Manager applicants.

Citizen's Comments: Mr. Frank Trochesset of 3605 Avenue F said he is concerned about the economic development corporation going into executive session to discuss ways to spend public tax dollars without the public's input.

Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

6. Executive Session, closed to the public, pursuant to Chapter 551.087, Texas Government Code, regarding economic development negotiations to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the SFEDC seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City of Santa Fe and with which the SFEDC is conducting economic development negotiations and discussion and deliberation of an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect

Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Chapter 551.087, Texas Government Code, regarding economic development negotiations to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the SFEDC seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City of Santa Fe and with which the SFEDC is conducting economic development negotiations and discussion and deliberation of an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

7. Consideration and possible action: Directing the City Attorney to prepare a Letter of Intent supporting Economic Development Incentive Terms for a business prospect

Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to direct the Mayor and City Attorney to prepare a Letter of Intent to support a medical development project introduced by the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

1. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Resiliency Center (SFRC) grant application #3702404 to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for the term beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023

Mayor Tabor said this is a subsequent application for VOCA grant funding of the Santa Fe Resiliency Center for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$470,178. He said there is no match required for this grant. Motion by Councilmember Noto, seconded by Councilmember Leija to adopt the resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Resiliency Center (SFRC) grant application #3702404 to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for the term beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Contract for Mental Health Service Delivery between the City and Innovative Alternatives, Inc. commencing on October 30, 2021, to administer the VOCA grant funding for the Santa Fe Resiliency Center

Mayor Tabor said this is a renewal contract with Innovative Alternatives to provide mental health counseling services at the resiliency center through VOCA grant funds. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract for Mental Health Service Delivery between the City and Innovative Alternatives, Inc. commencing on October 30, 2021, to administer the VOCA grant funding for the Santa Fe Resiliency Center. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Santa Fe, Texas, Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the system; providing the terms and conditions of said certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of said certificates; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase and investment letter, complying with the requirements of the letter of representations previously executed on file with the depository trust company; authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the city's financial advisors and/or bond counsel; and providing an effective date

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda said in November, 2021, Council approved the publication of a Notice of Intent to sell certificates of obligation in the principal amount of \$609,000 plus the costs of issuance. He said this amount was specifically intended to fund \$409,000 for Cemetery Road improvements and \$200,000 for general street paving projects for the current fiscal year. Mr. Zepeda said the new debt would be funded through the current I & S account with the principal and interest being paid out of the surplus in this existing fund. He said there will be no impact to the existing rate and the new debt is for a ten-year term. A representative from our financial advisor, SAMCO, said bids on the sale of the obligations from potential purchasers were received today and Texas First Bank presented the low bid with an interest rate of 0.99 percent. He said the total interest to be paid over the term of the note is \$43,000, and the other bids were in the range of 1.96 to 2 percent. Councilmember Pittman asked what happens to the bond money if Cemetery Road improvements are not funded because the bids come in too high. SAMCO said we can use the bond funds for other street improvement projects, as advertised in the notice of

intention, within a three-year period. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the first and final reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Santa Fe, Texas, Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the system; providing the terms and conditions of said certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of said certificates; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase and investment letter, complying with the requirements of the letter of representations previously executed on file with the depository trust company; authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the city's financial advisors and/or bond counsel; and providing an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution accepting the conveyance, from Bilmar Homes, LLC, of certain real property located at the southeast corner of Avenue J and 2nd Street in Santa Fe, Texas; providing for signatories; and establishing an effective date

Community Services Director Stacey Baker said a small sliver of land at Avenue J and 2nd Street was never conveyed to the city when the property was subdivided. She said the land was intended to be used for road widening upon future development. Ms. Baker said this resolution accepts the conveyance of the land and corrects the deed conveying the property to the city. Councilmember Pittman recused himself from the dais due to a potential conflict of interest. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija to adopt the resolution accepting the conveyance, from Bilmar Homes, LLC, of certain real property located at the southeast corner of Avenue J and 2nd Street in Santa Fe, Texas; providing for signatories; and establishing an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously with Councilmember Pittman abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Galveston County, superseding the previous agreement, for improvements to Cemetery Road

Mayor Tabor said this agreement for improvements to Cemetery Road was a tri-party agreement between the county, city, and City of Dickinson and was previously approved by Council. He said county legal preferred two bi-party agreements, one between the City of Santa Fe and the County and the other between the City of Dickinson and the County. Mayor Tabor said the remainder of the agreement remained unchanged from the previous version. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Galveston County, superseding the previous agreement, for improvements to Cemetery Road. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

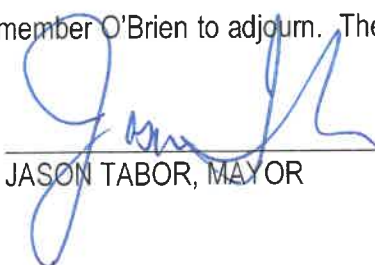
Announcements: The parliamentary procedure training session is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce Gala is tomorrow night. The Santa Fe Police Officers' Association cookoff and silent auction is scheduled for February 4 and 5 at Runge Park.

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 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Janet L. Davis, City Secretary


JASON TABOR, MAYOR