

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 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 Pro Tem Bill Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Pittman
Councilmember Fidencio Leija
Councilmember Jason O'Brien, arrived at 7:16 p.m.
Councilmember Melanie Collins

Absent: Councilmember Brandon Noto, excused

The Invocation was given by Pastor Lucas Campbell and the pledge to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Leija.

Citizen's Comments:

Mr. Jarrad Moore of 12334 Young Circle announced his candidacy for City Council Position 4 and introduced himself to those present.

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 Manufactured Housing District (MH) to Agricultural Residential District (AR) for the property addressed as 19011 McKay Rd, Alvin, Galveston County, Texas, being a 3.69 acre lot described as Abstract 601, Section 13, Part of Lot 44 (44-7)

Community Services Director Stacey Baker introduced the item, noting that it is the second reading of a proposed zone change from Manufactured Housing District (MH) to Agricultural Residential District (AR) for the property, which will allow the property to be subdivided into homesites. The applicant, Mr. Hartman, addressed Council and asked that his proposed replat of the property not be limited to a certain timeframe. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija, to remove the timeframe and approve the rezoning as described. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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

In response to public concerns raised during the February 10, 2022 City Council meeting, Galveston County Commissioner Joe Giusti provided an overview of the aerial spraying process and the types of chemicals that will be sprayed as part of the mosquito abatement program. He said that the County flies its spraying airplanes early in the morning, because bees are usually not out of their hives at that time of day, so are more protected. The County's website provides the public information about the next day's spraying and interested members of the public may also sign up to receive automated calls about the spraying in their area. Ms. Christine Villere of 3015 Ave F said that she was pleased to learn that many of the chemicals that she was concerned about are not used by the County.

Ms. Villere said that the County's website is not up-to-date, that it has some dead links, and that it should be updated. She concluded her remarks by saying that larvicide is the most acceptable way to abate mosquitoes and that aerial spraying does more harm than good.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pittman, to adopt the resolution approving the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of a City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Pittman said that the last applicant had accepted a job with another city, so the City of Santa Fe needs to continue its search. Staff will work on soliciting proposals for recruitment services and will repost the position for another 30 days.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing 1 in accordance with Sections 505.159 and 505.160 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Santa Fe EDC, a Texas non-profit 4B economic development corporation, will receive public comments related to the following proposed economic development project being considered by the Santa Fe EDC as follows:

- **Pursuant to Local Government Code Section 505.158, the Santa Fe EDC proposes to participate in economic development projects in the approximate amount of \$225,000 to the City of Santa Fe for production of a city-wide comprehensive plan and to contribute funds in the approximate amount of \$78,846 to the City of Santa Fe for the annual lease purchase payment of an excavator for drainage and street improvement projects a project generally referred to as a program to assist eligible and qualifying small businesses located in the City of Santa Fe with financial assistance during the COVID-19 state of disaster and time of social distancing. The Santa Fe EDC's participation in any such general or specific project or program is subject to the having or otherwise receiving the proper legal authorization to do so**

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda introduced the item and explained that there are three projects, in the approximate amounts of \$225,000, \$78,000, and \$150,000. Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation had posted notices soliciting comments from the public regarding the project but did not receive any.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Pittman opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Pittman closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

2. Consideration and possible action: Discussing ownership of Mulberry Farms drainage improvements installed in city right-of-way

Street Superintendent Billy Creppon updated Council on the status of the Mulberry Farms development and who is responsible for each part of the development. He noted that the Homeowners' Association will be responsible for the retention ponds and the pipes that connect the ponds, whereas the City will own and be responsible for the streets and the underground drainage ways. However, Mulberry Farms, and not the City, will be responsible for the first year of maintenance of the streets and underground drainage. Andrew Friedman, Senior Managing Director of SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., said that the Public Improvement District (PID) bonds are scheduled for sale on March 24. Mr. Friedman said that there would be no out-of-pocket expense to the City.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to seek proposals for grant administration services and to solicit requests for qualifications for professional services related to projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Community Services Director Stacey Baker explained the need for grant administration services, saying that staff needs professional assistance to ensure that the City follows all federal guidelines for procurement for the projects. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to authorize staff to seek proposals for grant administration services and to solicit requests for qualifications for professional services related to projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to postpone consideration of New Business Items 4 and 5 until a future meeting to allow for the second public hearing to be held on a separate date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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This Item was postponed until a future meeting.

5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing funding of proposed Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation projects for FY 2021 as presented in the public hearing


This Item was postponed until a future meeting.

Announcements: Santa Fe Little League will host a parade on March 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija, to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary



BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR PRO-TEM