

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bill Pittman
Councilmember John Dickerson
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Melanie Collins
Councilmember Dana Marks

Absent: Councilmember Brandon Noto, excused

The invocation was given by Pastor Jake Bigford, and Mayor Pittman then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

Mayor Bill Pittman wished Councilmember Dana Marks a happy birthday.

1. Proclamation honoring Judge Nelson's public service. Mayor Bill Pittman informed the council that Judge Nelson was unable to attend the meeting, so the Proclamation will be presented at the next regular meeting.
2. Presentation and approval of minutes: 8/9/2022 joint meeting, 8/9/2022 special meeting, 8/11/2022 regular meeting, and 8/25/2022 regular meeting were approved as presented.
3. 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
 - 2) Parks and Community Center – park maintenance activities, center rental statistics
 - 3) Municipal Court – cases filed, revenue collected, warrants issued and cleared
 - 4) Police – calls for service statistics, traffic crash analysis, use of force incidents
 - 5) Fire Marshal – burn permit issuance, inspection activities
 - 6) Library – patron and program attendance, circulation material statistics, fines and donations collected
 - 7) Street – drainage projects, street maintenance and improvement activities, equipment maintenance
 - 8) Resiliency Center – counseling statistics, including new and continuing clients, for individual and family sessions. Acting City Manager/City Secretary Alun Thomas said that the Resiliency Center's report was not yet ready due to data reporting dates, so will be presented to Council on September 22, 2022 instead.

Citizens' Comments:

Trudy Trochesset, who lives at 3605 Ave F, expressed concerns about the assistant living project located on FM 1764. She said that she was also frustrated that at the last Planning and Zoning meeting, she was instructed to express her concerns during the "citizens comments" at the beginning of the meeting instead of under the item itself after the contractor spoke on the development.

Frank Trochesset, who lives at 3605 Ave F, said he is adamant that he does not want a view of a three-story apartment complex in front of his home. He is also upset about the potential exit driveway directly in front of his home and having constant headlights shining through the windows late at night. Mr. Trochesset said he will continue to express his opinions and concerns about this development.

Business:

New Business:

Mayor Pittman asked Council to consider postponing items 1 through 4 until the next regular meeting. Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Marks, to postpone consideration of items 1 through 4 until the September 22, 2022 meeting. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Santa Fe, Texas, and the Santa Fe Police Officers' Association for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

This item was postponed until the September 22, 2022 meeting.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a Resolution of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Section 11, Observed Holidays, of the City's personnel policy to add Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Juneteenth, Presidents' Day, and Veterans Day as holidays observed by the City of Santa Fe; and providing an effective date

This item was postponed until the September 22, 2022 meeting.

3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a Resolution of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Section 11.01, Eligibility, of the City's personnel policy to establish that non-exempt first responders employed by the City who are not covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement and who are required to work on an observed City holiday shall be compensated at a rate equal to twice their usual pay; and providing an effective date

This item was postponed until the September 22, 2022 meeting.

4. Consideration and possible action: City of Santa Fe's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, discussion regarding the budget process, and discussion of items contained or to be contained in the budget

This item was postponed until the September 22, 2022 meeting.

5. Consideration and possible action: Approval of an engagement letter with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for financial audit services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the item for financial audit services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mr. Zepeda said that if the contract is approved the City's cost would be approximately \$49,000 and EDC's cost would be approximately \$9,500. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to approve engagement letter with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for financial audit services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

6. Consideration and possible action: Casting a ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Places 6, 7, 8, and 9 for a six-year term

Acting City Manager Alun Thomas presented the ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. Mr. Thomas informed the council that the staff did not have recommendations on for whom the ballot should be cast.

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to cast the City's ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Place 6 for Kimberly Meismer. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to cast the City's ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Place 7 for James Hotopp. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to cast the City's ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Place 8 for Louis R. Rigby. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien, to cast the City's ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Place 9 for Carl Joiner. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements:

Mayor Bill Pittman announced that the Pocket Market will be back September 24, 2022. Acting City Manager Alun Thomas informed everyone that the Comprehensive Plan Open House will be September 13, 2022 at the High School at 6:00 p.m. Trudy Trochesset invited everyone to come out to a benefit for Sergeant John Hamm on Saturday September 17, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Natalie Arnett, Assistant City Secretary



BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR