

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor  
Mayor Pro-tem Corey Jannett  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
Councilmember Jason O'Brien  
Councilmember Bill Pittman  
Councilmember Bubba Jannett  
City Manager Joe Dickson  
City Secretary Janet L. Davis  
Absent: City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

**Mayor's and City Manager's Report:**

Mr. Dickson updated Council on the status of the HOME Program stating we received 20 applications for assistance with home repair projects and of those received, 12 are eligible and 8 are not qualified because they are either over the income limits or are a non-resident of the city.

Mayor Tabor announced he will be attending a hurricane preparedness training workshop tomorrow with the Police Captain, and he will be attending the Rotary Club meeting on Thursday evening.

Citizens' Comments: None

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 changing the zoning classification from Highway Commercial (HC) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for one tract totaling 1.0498 acres located at 6910 FM 646 S, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is the second reading of the ordinance approving the requested zone change from HC to AR since the lot has been subdivided into two lots to separate the home from the business. The home has been sold but the buyer is having difficulty getting a mortgage loan because of the commercial designation, so Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs requested that the lot with the existing home be rezoned to Agricultural Residential. Both lots are developed and no new construction will be taking place. Motion by

Councilmember Carothers, 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 Highway Commercial (HC) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for one tract totaling 1.0498 acres located at 6910 FM 646 S, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of §545.356, Texas Transportation Code, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, upon certain streets and highways, or parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, as set out in this ordinance extending the 50 mph speed limit on FM 1764 from the old eastern city limits to include the area incorporated in 2008; and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200 for the violation of this ordinance**

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the second reading of the ordinance requested by TxDOT to update our speed zone ordinance on FM 1764 to extend the 50 mph speed limit to the eastern city limits following our 2008 annexation of additional area. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of §545.356, Texas Transportation Code, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, upon certain streets and highways, or parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, as set out in this ordinance extending the 50 mph speed limit on FM 1764 from the old eastern city limits to include the area incorporated in 2008; and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200 for the violation of this ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

**1. Discussion: Property tax exemptions for the 2018/19 fiscal year**

City Manager Joe Dickson said property tax exemptions must be adopted by July 1, and we currently offer the \$15,000 exemption for those over 65 and disabled, along with the tax freeze. He reviewed some of the other options available, but said we are not in a financial position to offer any additional exemptions at this time. Mr. Dickson said we are moving in that direction with increases in sales tax revenue but we are not there yet. Councilmember Pittman said we need to move in the direction of adding a homestead exemption but agreed we may not be there yet.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code**

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adopt the resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Coordinated Response VOCA grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division**

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council previously authorized submission of this grant application, but the granting agency requires a formal resolution from Council authorizing and supporting the grant request for the victims of crime assistance program. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adopt the resolution approving submission of the Santa Fe Coordinated Response VOCA grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Code of Ordinances, amending Section 10, Park Regulations, Subsection M, to require removal of pet waste and regulating pet waste in the city; and providing for severability**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said it's unfortunate that we have to ask people to pick up their animal's waste; however, our parks are used by community members so it's a health and safety concern and it's also an inconvenience when pet waste is allowed to remain on the park grounds and not disposed of properly. Councilmember O'Brien asked if we installed signage and Ms. Steelquist said we have. Councilmember Bubba Jannett asked if we will provide a waste receptacle and bag station for disposal, and Ms. Steelquist said we have looked into it but nothing has been installed. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Code of Ordinances, amending Section 10, Park Regulations, Subsection M, to require removal of pet waste and regulating pet waste in the city; and providing for severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Confirmation of City Manager's appointment of Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center Program Director**

City Manager Joe Dickson said he has interviewed applicants for Director of the Resiliency Center and he has appointed Ms. Carol Gaylord who has a strong financial background, has previously managed grant programs, and is connected to youth through the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Ms. Gaylord spoke to Council about her experience and motivation. Mr. Dickson said he is asking Council to confirm his appointment of Ms. Gaylord. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Carol Gaylord as the Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center Program Director. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: None

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings  
The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary