

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2019      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 Corey Jannett  
                                 Councilmember Jason O'Brien  
                                 Councilmember Bubba Jannett, arrived at 7:09 p.m.  
                                 Councilmember Joe Carothers  
                                 City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego  
                                 City Manager Joe Dickson  
                                 City Secretary Janet L. Davis  
                         Absent:      Councilmember Bill Pittman, excused

The invocation was given by City Manager Joe Dickson 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:**

- a. The minutes of 4/11/19 was approved as presented.
- b. Patsy Valenzuela presented the annual financial statement for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, reviewing the unappropriated fund balance, a change in the presentation of the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation from discreet to blended, and the uncertainty related to the water district's participation in the city pension plan.
- c. The presentation of the investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2019, was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Public Hearing and first 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 Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2) for one tract totaling 1.913 acres located at 4021 Ave. M, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said Mr. Tom Whitmore of Houston Money Makers would like to build a multi-family cluster home development on a 1.9 acre tract located at 4021 Ave. M, but this property is zoned for single family residential and this type of development is allowed in an R2 multi-family district. She said a drainage plan would be required, but there will be available green space. Ms. Steelquist said the developer is proposing a central roadway with individual driveways but no fencing between the units. She said the proposal is

to build 14 one-story units that are three bedroom, two bath, and ownership would be retained by the developer with the units rented to tenants. Comments at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were concerns about the traffic increase on Avenue M, a decrease in property values because of rental property, inadequate drainage for this type of development, transient nature for this type of housing tenants, and not an appropriate area for this type development. The Planning and Zoning vote was tied at 3 to 3. Mayor Tabor opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Numerous citizens voiced strong opposition to this zone change with concerns about atmosphere, drainage issues, flooding problems, property values, traffic and parking congestion, restricted access for emergency vehicles, inappropriate area for this type development, transient nature, burden on city resources, and lack of individual outside storage for tenants. Residents expressed their desire for open, green space, especially in the heart of the city, and their enjoyment of privacy. Those speaking at the public hearing: David and Cornelia Scher of 4006 Avenue M, Alice Cornish of 4010 Avenue M, Sherry Konecny and Doris Konecny of 4018 and 4014 Avenue M respectively, Doug Howard of 4017 Pecan Grove, and Earl Vicknair of 4002 Pecan Grove. Mr. Tom Whitmore, agent, investor, and developer for Houston Money Makers, said he has invested in the Santa Fe area for twenty years and he wants to provide affordable housing for the community. He said he has cleanup up the lot, plans to implement drainage that will move water to the public ditch, and many of his properties are long-term rentals that turn into property owners. He said the site has access to public utilities, including water, sewer, and electricity. Mayor Tabor closed the public hearing closed at 7:51 p.m. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to pass the first 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 Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Multi-Family Residential (R-2) for one tract totaling 1.913 acres located at 4021 Ave. M, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas, because we need affordable housing in Santa Fe and then other businesses will follow. The motion died for lack of a second, so the zone change request was denied.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of Interlocal Agreement with Santa Fe Independent School District for road improvements on Avenue G ½**

Mayor Tabor said the city is working with SFISD on options for improvements to Avenue G ½ which is adjacent to the new school being built on FM 1764. He said the school has a \$245,000 budget for improvements, but the city can oversee the project for more length and less cost, including curb and gutter for the first half of the project. Mayor Tabor said both entities have signed the agreement to get the project moving and completed by the end of July before school starts back, so staff is asking Council to ratify execution of the agreement. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to ratify execution of the Interlocal Agreement with Santa Fe Independent School District for road improvements on Avenue G ½. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to seek bids for road improvements on Avenue G ½**

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize staff to seek bids for road improvements on Avenue G ½. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreement for operating and engineering costs for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee for FY 2019**

Mayor Tabor said he is vice chair on this committee and we receive much collaboration from the group for the benefit of the community. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to authorize execution of the Interlocal Agreement for operating and engineering costs for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee for FY 2019. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution endorsing an appointment and reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city has not participated in endorsing these appointments and reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health since the issues with the animal control services and staff knows none of the nominees. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien that the city abstain from voting on appointments and reappointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2019 Click or Ticket Mobilization (CIOT) Incentive Grant**

Police Chief Philip Meadows said this is a seat belt enforcement grant that will reimburse the city for overtime expenses for officers who worked on the program between May 17 and June 5. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize the Mayor to execute the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2019 Click or Ticket Mobilization (CIOT) Incentive Grant. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with the purchase of a high water rescue vehicle**

Police Chief Philip Meadows said this is a 5-ton army personnel-carrying truck that we did use during Hurricane Harvey for high water rescues. He said the owner Cody Haley is present and he routinely maintained the vehicle for fluid changes and has rebuilt the air brake system. Chief Meadows said he feels the city would benefit from owning this vehicle and adding it to our motor pool. He said we did look at the government surplus program comparable vehicles, but stated that we do not know the history of the vehicles' care. Mayor Tabor said the intake is above the vehicle so it can drive in water up to 9 feet in depth. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of a high water rescue vehicle. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Day of Remembrance events coming up the weekend of May 18.

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

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary