

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 30, 2019 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor
 Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman
 Councilmember Corey Jannett
 Councilmember Jason O'Brien
 Councilmember Fidencio Leija
 Councilmember IV Hoke, arrived at 6:45 p.m.
 City Manager Joe Dickson
 City Secretary Janet L. Davis
 Absent: City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

Also present were Director of Administrative Services Stacey Baker, Municipal Court Administrator Lisa Snider, Public Safety Director Philip Meadows, Fire Marshal Tony Dauphine, Library Director Brenda Cheatham, Street Superintendent Billy Creppon, and Santa Fe Strong Resiliency Center Director Carol Gaylord.

Workshop: Council/staff Goal-Setting Worksession

City Manager Joe Dickson said this workshop is to review and set goals for the new 5 year capital improvement plan. He reviewed last year's goals and the accomplishments made, and reminded Council that tonight is about programs and projects, not budget and numbers. Street department goals and objectives discussed include additional funds for road improvements and drainage projects, additional personnel, and replacement equipment. Council discussed milling roads instead of overlaying them causing drainage issues, and perhaps contracting with the county or a third party for this service rather than the city purchasing and maintaining the necessary equipment. Police department goals and objectives discussed include improved police presence, including an additional K9/officer duo, and an additional officer to free up current K9/officer duo to work a rotating shift. Other improvements discussed were an increase to the dispatch pay scale to reduce employee turnover to other higher-paying agencies, technology improvements (cellebright and firstnet), increase retirement match, and recruitment of female officers. An annexation plan for growing areas was briefly discussed, before the regulations become too stringent to do so, to regulate building development in the city's ETJ. Resiliency Center objectives discussed were relocating therapeutic sessions away from the church facility, offering virtual therapy sessions, and improving dissemination of information and availability of video therapy sessions and informational videos. The current library addition was briefly discussed, along with a need for professional, library-trained personnel and improvements to the current pay scale. Other goals and objectives included increased funding for children's programs, kid activity center, and programs for after-school students, and a security officer or after-school monitor at the library facility. Building security and privacy was again noted for city hall, along with increased use of technology for paperless agendas, permit applications, credit card and online payments, and other board packets and correspondence. Water and sewer expansion is still an ongoing priority, as well as affordable medical insurance for employees and dependents. It was also noted that any change to the economic development funding must go back to the voters for expansion approval.

After discussion, priorities were established as follows:

1. security for City Hall
2. additional police officer, K9/officer duo, vehicle
3. increased street improvement funding
4. technology advancements – city-side
5. increased retirement benefits
6. water and sewer on FM 646 N
7. annexation plan
8. professionally-trained library staff

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary