

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 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  
Councilmember Jason O'Brien  
Councilmember Fidencio Leija  
Councilmember IV Hoke  
Councilmember Corey Jannett  
City Manager Joe Dickson  
City Secretary Janet L. Davis  
Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman, excused

The invocation was given by City Manager Joe Dickson. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Lily Gandy and Hunter Mach of Boy Scout Troop 628.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report: Mayor Tabor presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rebecca Penuel and Kathy Moody for cleaning up the recycling bins along Hwy. 6.

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 Agricultural Residential (AR) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 9.797 acres located at 3429 Ave. S, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas**  
Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is the second reading of the ordinance approving a zone change from AR to R1 for the proposed 36-lot subdivision at 3429 Avenue S with the entrance off FM 1764, not Avenue S. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Jannett 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 Agricultural Residential (AR) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) for one tract totaling 9.797 acres located at 3429 Ave. S, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

**1. Discussion: Presentation and review of annual activity reports from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist presented activity reports for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for the fiscal year 2018/19.

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 6, International Electrical Code, by amending title of reference text, removing revisions provision, allowing aluminum wiring, and providing for penalties and severability**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is the second reading of the ordinance to approve revisions to the electrical code, including allowing aluminum wiring. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 6, International Electrical Code, by amending title of reference text, removing revisions provision, allowing aluminum wiring, and providing for penalties and severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution nominating candidates to serve on the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2020**

City Manager Joe Dickson said Councilmember IV Hoke expressed interest at the last council meeting about becoming a candidate for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and Councilmember Hoke said he is still interested. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adopt the resolution nominating IV Hoke as a candidate to serve on the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2020. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

**1. Public Hearing 1 on proposed annexation of a portion of Tower Road (1.8 acres in Block 3100)**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the city received a request to annex the subdivision outside the city limits on Tower Road but the area is not contiguous to the current city limits. She said we have initiated annexation proceedings for Tower Road to make the property contiguous and the Galveston County Commissioners' Court has authorized the city to annex a portion of Tower Road. Ms. Steelquist said Mr. Scott Houston of TML provided counsel to the city on these annexation proceedings. Mayor Tabor opened public hearing 1 at 7:16 p.m. on the proposed annexation of a portion of Tower Road (1.8 acres in Block 3100) and closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. with no comments from the public.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution designating representatives to the Houston Galveston Area Council 2020 General Assembly**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city's designated representatives to the HGAC General Assembly are typically the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Leija said he is interested in representing the city even though he is not the Mayor Pro-tem. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to table this item to check with Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman about serving as the alternate representative. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution approving the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation's 2019/20 budget**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the SFEDC proposed 2019/20 budget has been revised to increase the sales tax revenue estimate by \$12,000. He said on September 24 the SFEDC board approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,791,881 with a projected ending fund balance of \$958,375. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to adopt the resolution approving the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation's 2019/20 budget. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution amending the Personnel Policy, Section 19.02, Medical and Hospitalization Insurance, to change retiree benefits offered by the city**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city's employee insurance benefit provider was changed from the TML Health Benefits Pool to United Healthcare effective October 1, 2019, and this resolution will update the personnel policy to remove the reference to TML and to update coverage options for early retirees, including conditions to be eligible for a premium subsidy upon retirement. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adopt the resolution amending the Personnel Policy, Section 19.02, Medical and Hospitalization Insurance, to change retiree benefits offered by the city. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Code of Ordinances, Section 18, Claims for Damages Against City, Subsection C, to change the address for serving notices**

City Manager Joe Dickson said this ordinance will correct the address for serving notices to the city for damage claims. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Code of Ordinances, Section 18, Claims for Damages Against City, Subsection C, to change the address for serving notices and to dispense with the second reading. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2019/20**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city contracts with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services and the projected cost for the upcoming 2019/20 fiscal year is \$7,203. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Leija to authorize execution of the Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2019/20. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**7. Public hearing 2 on proposed annexation of a portion of Tower Road (1.8 acres in Block 3100)**

Mayor Tabor opened public hearing 2 at 7:32 p.m. on the proposed annexation of a portion of Tower Road (1.8 acres in Block 3100) and closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. with no comments from the public.

Announcements: Ribbon cutting for the new school on Saturday, September 28, at 9:45 a.m; the Girl Scouts are donating picnic tables to the city for the Joe A. Tambrella park on Saturday, September 28, at 4 p.m.; and the Santa Fe Junior High School needs male mentors for 30 minutes one day each week.

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

Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary