

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor
 Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman
 Councilmember Fidencio Leija
 Councilmember Corey Jannett
 Councilmember Jason O'Brien
 Absent: Councilmember IV Hoke, excused

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman, and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman.

Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, calling a special election to be held within the city on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to submit a proposition to the electors on the sole question of whether to authorize the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to use the current one-half of one percent (1/2 cent) local sales and use tax originally adopted by "Proposition 1" on May 5, 2001, for economic development projects designed to promote any new or expanded business enterprises and any other projects authorized under the law application to a Type B Corporation created under Section 505.003, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, making provision for the conduct of the special election; providing for other matters related thereto; and providing for an effective date

Mayor Tabor said this ordinance would call the special election to allow for the expanded use of the existing sales tax for economic development projects. Councilmember Pittman said we should do this but his reservation was to try to ensure that water and sewer infrastructure is still a priority and continued to be pursued in addition to other projects for economic development. Mayor Tabor said the Council would still have the ultimate authority for approval of proposed projects. Councilmember Leija said the SFEDC is proactive and ready to move the city forward and that first step would be to fund a comprehensive master plan in addition to continuing to fund infrastructure expansion. City Manager Glen Adams said he supports this proposition to un-restrict the EDC to fund projects, other than street, drainage, water, and sewer, that are beneficial to economic development, such as a comprehensive master plan. Councilmember Leija said the previous town hall meeting to discuss this measure proved successful and future town hall meetings are being planned to provide information about projects that are authorized under the full Type B economic development statute. Mr. Adams said the SFEDC attorney has said that funding the election would fall upon the city since this is not an approved expense under the current list of authorized projects. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, calling a special election to be held within the city on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to submit a proposition to the electors on the sole question of whether to authorize the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to use the current one-half of one percent (1/2 cent) local sales and use tax originally adopted by "Proposition 1" on May 5, 2001, for economic development projects designed to promote any new or expanded business enterprises and any other projects authorized under the law application to a Type B Corporation created under Section 505.003, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, making provision for the conduct of the special election; providing for other matters related thereto; and providing for an effective date

Citizens' Comments: Ms. Amber Thurmond of 11754 – 25th Street said she was approached by city staff after Hurricane Harvey to provide pictures of the area to help the city get funding to improve the drainage. She said had she known the city planned to open the right-of-way to allow ingress and egress to area residents while the drainage improvements are being constructed, then she never would have shared those photos.

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary