

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2020 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 Bill Pittman
 Councilmember Fidencio Leija
 Councilmember IV Hoke
 Councilmember Jason O'Brien
 Councilmember Corey Jannett

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 628.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

- a. The minutes of 1/23/20 and 2/4/20 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Tabor presented an appreciation plaque to George Crayton on behalf of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church for opening its doors and heart for the Santa Fe community.
- c. Mayor Tabor read a tribute for Parkland's 2nd anniversary and paused for a moment of silence honoring the victims of 2/14/18.
- d. City departmental reports provided by staff.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final 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 applicable 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

City Manager Glen Adams said the EDC needs to change in order to be able to support a comprehensive plan or the wave of development heading south will take us over if we don't have a plan for development. Councilmember Leija distributed a Frequently Asked Questions flyer about EDC authority for economic development to promote new and expanded business enterprises. He said we need to update our 2002 Master Plan and investing in a long-

term comprehensive plan would build upon our recent Utility Plan. Councilmember Leija further stated that unrestricting the existing sales tax use would allow the SFEDC to find creative ways to help existing businesses grow and expand and would also provide more opportunities to benefit our community. Councilmember Pittman said he is in favor of it but suggested Council develop a checklist to provide guidance to the Council when projects are brought forth for approval. Mr. Dennis Wagner, Drainage District #1 Commissioner, said he is concerned about how existing funds would be spent and how we would ensure that our water and sewer infrastructure projects continue to expand. Mr. Rusty Schroeder of FM 1764 said he is in favor of helping this town expand business but has concerns about how this proposition will accomplish that purpose without taking money from infrastructure projects for other projects. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the second and final 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 applicable 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. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of member to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term to expire May, 2021

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said Wanda Wagner has submitted an application to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacant position. Ms. Steelquist said we will still have another vacancy because Mr. Barker, who was appointed last month, cannot serve since he is not a resident of the city. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to appoint Wanda Wagner as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term to expire May, 2021. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Santa Fe Park and Recreation Board for a two-year term to expire February, 2022

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said staff recommends the reappointment of Joanne Woolsey and Jeanne Theilemann and the appointment of new applicants Chris Bozeman and Bill Pittman. She said TML has confirmed that Councilmember Pittman can serve on this board since it is an advisory board. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to reappoint Joanne Woolsey and Jeanne Theileman and to appoint Chris Bozeman and Bill Pittman as members of the Santa Fe Park and Recreation Board for a two-year term to expire February, 2022. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously with Councilmember Pittman abstaining from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest as a board appointee.

3. Consideration and possible action: Approval of rental fee reduction for the Runge Park indoor and outdoor facilities benefiting Mission Santa Fe – Arcadia First Baptist Church

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said the Arcadia First Baptist Church sponsors an annual one-week event benefiting Mission Santa Fe and they are requesting a reduction in the rental rate for Runge Park indoor and outdoor facilities similar to what the county approved in the past when they controlled the facility. She said staff is

recommending an 80 percent reduction from \$2,780 to \$556. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to approve a 90 percent rental fee reduction for the Runge Park indoor and outdoor facilities benefiting Mission Santa Fe – Arcadia First Baptist Church. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Presentation and acceptance of 2019 Annual Racial Profiling Report
Police Chief Philip Meadows presented the 2019 racial profiling report detailing traffic stops and arrests by ethnicity. He said we are in compliance with our policies and no complaints have been received. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to accept the 2019 Annual Racial Profiling Report. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution appointing City Manager Glen Adams as the successor representative of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to the Public Power Pool (P³)
City Manager Glen Adams said this is a housekeeping item to change the city's representative with the Public Power Pool from retired City Manager Joe Dickson to him as our new City Manager. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adopt the resolution appointing City Manager Glen Adams as the successor representative of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, to the Public Power Pool (P³). The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes
Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Leija to adopt the resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Section 3, Speed Limits, Subsection E(3), FM 1764, by adding Subsubsection (b), to establish a school zone near Avenue G ½ by 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 as set out in this ordinance; and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200 for the violation of this ordinance
Police Chief Philip Meadows said that TxDOT has completed an engineering and traffic study and has recommended establishing a school zone in front of the new elementary school on FM 1764 at Avenue G ½. Chief Meadows said the law allows a 20 mph drop in the speed limit for a school zone. Mrs. Amber Thurmond Cappadona of 25th Street said the proposed school zone is already posted. Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 9, Traffic Code, Section 3, Speed Limits, Subsection E(3), FM 1764, by adding Subsubsection (b), to establish a school zone near Avenue G ½ by 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 as set out in this ordinance; 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.

8. Consideration and possible action: Discuss and authorize the purchase of new excavator for street department maintenance and operations and authorize staff to seek proposals for lease purchase financing
Street Superintendent Billy Creppon said a new 2020 excavator costs approximately \$376,000 and has a life expectancy of about 15 years. He said our maintenance costs this year so far exceed \$12,000 and we lose digging time when the machine is in the shop for repairs. City Manager Glen Adams said the vendor has offered \$5,000 to trade in our old equipment but he is recommending selling it in a public auction later this year. Councilmember Pittman said he agrees we need a new piece of equipment, but he stated we work so hard each year to produce a balanced budget and we are just six months away from that process. He said we are paying off several pieces of equipment this year which will free up \$80,000 to be used toward a new note in the upcoming budget. Councilmember Pittman asked if we could rent one to make it a few more months. Mayor Tabor said leasing this type of equipment is not financially beneficial to the city for this day-to-day routine operation. Motion by Councilmember Leija to follow through with finance options and leasing options. Councilmember Leija withdrew his motion. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to table this item to give staff time to gather lease-purchase financing proposals and leasing proposals and bring back to Council for further discussion. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action: Discuss and authorize the purchase of vehicles for use in the community services department

City Manager Glen Adams said staff recommends purchasing one 2014 F150 truck for use in code enforcement to replace a vehicle that was handed down from the police department and is proving to be unreliable and undependable causing staff to use their personal vehicles for city business. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to authorize the purchase of one vehicle for use in the community services department. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

10. Consent Agenda – (All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.)

a. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of Agreement between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City of Santa Fe for the Community Development Fund Contract No. 7219399 for water improvements

b. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution designating authorized signatories for contractual documents between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City for the 2019 Texas Community Development Block Grant for water improvements and for documents requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) Contract Number 7219399

c. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution adopting Civil Rights' policies for standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of employees engaged in the TXCDBG contract

d. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month

e. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Engineering Services Agreement with John D. Mercer & Associates for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG)
Director of Administrative Services Stacey Baker said these items relate to the \$350,000 grant for water improvements. She said this work would be completed prior to the \$1.3M grant previously discussed for road and drainage improvements in the same area. Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to pass all items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: The City is receiving an award from HGAC for the Therapeutic Garden, under the direction of Keep Santa Fe Beautiful. Kickball tournament memorial at Runge Park on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 2 p.m. Fundraiser at Cruzer's Ice House on February 27, 2020, beginning at 11 a.m. benefiting Tommy, the barber, who is battling cancer.

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

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary